

*****PREPARE COMMUNION*****

December - Jacob Clayton
January - Jerry and Rosemary McCoy

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - LaRhonda Billingsley * January 6 - Loretta Carson

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Cereal * Chocolate Chips * Tissues (ie, Kleenex) * Coffee *
Velveeta Cheese * Picante Sauce/Salsa

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance 142
Contribution \$3995

FOOD PANTRY

DECEMBER ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE
*pork and beans, tomato sauce and canned tomatoes of any
kind, saltine crackers. Cash donations also gratefully accepted*

Happy Birthday:

December 31 - David Howard
January 2 - David Carson
January 3 - Korey Adams
January 4 - Morris Karnes
- Brenda Wheeler
- Janet Wood



Happy Anniversary:

December 30 - Sonny and Pat Ingle

Bible Trivia:

Naomi had two daughters-in-law. One daughter-in-law, Ruth, went with Naomi and the other one stayed in the country of Moab. What was her name?

Last Week's Answer:

Eliphaz' hair stood up on end when he saw a ghost (Job 4:1,15)

The "Areas of Services" schedule for 2019 is available and posted on the bulletin board by the water fountain. Take a minute to check it out and see where you can help out in the coming year. Also, please check the master copy of the 2018 calendar located on the table in the foyer to make sure all of your family's names are on their correct birthdays and anniversaries. Please make additions, changes or revisions as needed. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY

December 30, 2018

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Wayne Reams

LORD'S TABLE

Zack Tanner.....David Burleson
Sam Garner.....Zachary Tanner
Ethan Flowers.....Alex Garner
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Prayer.....Tim Woods
Announcements.....Jon Neely
Dismissal.....Morris Karnes

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Matthew 23: 32-36

Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

January 6, 2019

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Opening Prayer.....David Carson
LORD'S TABLE

Justin Allen.....Darrin Shipman
Kason Lawrence.....David Howard
Marty Watson.....Johnny McGowan
Scripture.....Zachary Tanner
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Announcements.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Wayne Reams

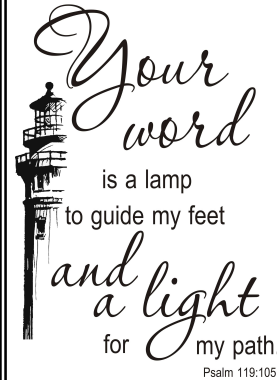
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....guest
Prayer.....Kason Lawrence
Scripture.....Joe Watson
Matthew 23: 37-39

Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

COUNT DECEMBER CONTRIBUTION

Jacob Clayton.....Wayne Reams
Joe Watson.....Justin Allen



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30AM
Worship.....10:15AM
Worship.....5:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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TRUE LIGHT

December 30, 2018

New Years and New Lives

In Cordoba, Argentina, where I used to live, there's a food court in the lowest level of the Nuevocentro mall. There you can find a small cake shop, with slices of cake ready to be sold to shoppers. On some days, they have a cake with a great name: "Empiezo El Lunes," which means, "I start on Monday."

There's something about Monday that makes it special for beginning a diet. It's the start of the work week, a chance to try and do all the things we didn't get done the week before.

Yet Mondays can't hold a candle to New Year's Day. That's the time that we really feel like we have a clean slate. Turning the calendar page to a new week feels like it has meaning; beginning afresh with a whole new calendar seems even more significant.

We like the idea of starting over, of being able to face life unencumbered by past mistakes and old bad habits. The possibilities for change seem endless.

Of course, tossing the calendar doesn't really achieve that. The person we are in January is pretty much the same person we were in December.

Only God can make us new. Only God can wipe out the past. Only God can let us start over.

The apostle Paul wrote: "We were buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:4). It's what Jesus called being "born again" (John 3:3), where our old self gets left behind and we start a new life.

Whereas Mondays and Januarys don't really change things, the new beginning that God gives cleans off all of our past mistakes and allows us to begin a new life. We aren't the same people that we used to be. We've been reborn, born into God's Kingdom, born into God's family.

I'm so glad that God gave me a new start. What about you? If you are living God's new life, I hope that you are living it the way God wants. If you haven't started over yet, 2019 is a perfect time to begin a new life.

Tim Archer, www.heartlight.com



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today - Fifth Sunday potluck/early evening service. We will have a potluck meal at noon, followed by a p.m. evening service.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Get-Together at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Bring games and finger foods and help us ring in 2019

Wednesday Fellowship Meal - Soups, chili and hot dogs. Desserts will be needed

January 6 - Super Sunday with Willie Franklin. There are some flyers on the table in the foyer - pick up a few to give to family and friends, as well as a sign up sheet for refreshments for the meal following evening services. Make plans to stay for the potluck meal as well

Looking Ahead

Singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden January 13 at 2 p.m.

Ladies Lunch Out January 8 at 11:30 at Pizza Hut in Dexter

Mary and Martha meeting January 21st at 6:30. A hostess is needed. Please see Amy or Trish if you can help

Widow, Widowers and Seniors Luncheon February 14th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Room.

Challenge Youth Conference February 21-24 in Pigeon Forge, TN

Inspiration 2109 March 8 & 9 at the Dexter church of Christ. Joe Wells is the featured speaker and the theme is "Learn to Discern". A flyer is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Gospel Meeting at Bernie with guest speaker Brent Newton April 7-10. Make plans now to be in attendance every night!

FREE TO SERVE

Growing up, we all had our turn at jobs like cutting grass with that old mower that didn't cut very well, or cleaning the woodwork in the kitchen, or worse, cleaning the commode and the tub and the lavatory.

Those little, tough jobs kids hate doing just change as we grow up. Eventually they turn into larger, tougher jobs we still don't enjoy doing! But those who follow Jesus know that even the simplest, most disagreeable job can be meaningful when we do it for the Lord. As we do things out of love for Him, serving becomes a blessing whether anyone else thanks us or not - yes, even those little, tough jobs that nobody likes can become a blessing!

Paul reminds us that the Lord calls us to be free - free from law and free from sin and free to serve each other in love (Galatians 5: 1-6). We are to lovingly serve all people, especially those with whom we share Jesus (Galatians 6:10). Paul Faulkner, www.heartlight.com



...Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4: 22-24, ESV)

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Morris Karnes had a stent put in his left main artery Thursday at Southeast * Pansy Zimmerman is improving some * Woody Wood continues to have trouble with his feet * Helen McGowan was hospitalized last week with dangerously high blood pressure but is home now * Alvin Miller (Judy Duley's dad) fell last week and has some deep bruising and pain, but no breaks * Jerel Jester (Amy's dad) will have surgery Jan 2 in Chicago to move the stoma and reconnect his left kidney *

CONTINUING PRAYERS

(congregational)

Louella Akers * John David Barnett * Mary Burke * David Burleson * Jerry Burleson * Pam Claeys * Billie Cooper * Mike Duley * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Grant Howard * Sonja Mays * Jeff McGowan * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Max Snyder * David Terrill * Max Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * Cindy Williams * Darrell Zimmerman * Pansy Zimmerman *

...Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much..... James 5:16.

Prayer is a special blessing. Help us keep our prayer list up to date by letting Amy know of any prayer requests or updates you would like to have in the bulletin



CONTINUING PRAYERS

(non congregational)

Cancer

Ryder Boles
Roxanne Carson
Debbie Chrisman
Bill Fitzpatrick
Kevin Flowers
Tommy Jacques
Connie Lemmons
Annette Lumsden
Phil McKuin

Betty Nicholson
Jessica Payne
Donnie Rawlings
Deanna Rogers
Norman Swafford
Diane Wilder

Other Health Issues

Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)
Roy Greer (COPD)
Hannah Guntert (higher risk pregnancy)
Clyde Jacques
Tommy Jacques
Beckie King (MS)
Alvin Miller (poor health)
Tom Provance
Gene Rowland
Traci Suiter (poor health)
Geraldine Tomah (poor health)
Dean Williams

OUR SHUT INS

Central Garden: Fern Botsch #309 Mary Burke #303 Lois McKuin #117	Ridgeview Living/Malden: Shirley Johnson Bertha Skidgell #201 Max Terrill #207 Isaac Wheeler
Cypress Point: Bettie Thurston #12 Joy Watson # 8	Winchester Place: Travis Cooper, #7
Gideon Care Ctr. Sue Flowers, #102	

AT HOME: Pam Claeys, Scott & Judy Flannery, Gayle Rodgers, Elwood Rush