

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

February - David and Loretta Carson
March - Sam and Nicole Garner

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Cindy Williams * February 17 - Bonnie Jones

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

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

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance - 132
Contribution \$3887

FOOD PANTRY

FEBRUARY ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

Cake mix, cereal, pork n beans. Cash donations also gratefully accepted

Happy Birthday:

- February 10 - Alexis Smith
- February 11 - Ronnie Moore
- February 13 - Chase Burch
Tim Woods
- February 14 - Helen McGowan
Jeff McGowan
- February 15 - Morgan Pfeffer
- February 17 - Derek Mays



Bible Trivia:

What is the name of the five-year-old boy who was dropped by his nurse and became crippled for life?

Last Week's Answer:

In Ruth 4:7-10, Boaz took off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor in order to bind a contract

Rejoice! Our brother Kevin Mays has asked to re-dedicate his life to the Lord. Let's be praying for Kevin and his family's physical and spiritual healing.

SERVING TODAY

February 10, 2019

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Opening Prayer.....David Carson

LORD'S TABLE

Justin Allen.....David Burleson
Rick Beaird.....David Howard
Wayne Reams.....Wes Howard
Scripture.....Morris Karnes
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Announcements.....Jon Neely
Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....Rodney Williams
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Matthew 24: 7-8

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Ronnie Mays

February 17, 2019

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....David Burleson

LORD'S TABLE

Ron Garner.....Jerry Burleson
Jeff McGowan.....Jonathon Simmons
Darrin Shipman.....Jason Karnes
Scripture.....Jon Neely
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Announcements.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Wayne Reams

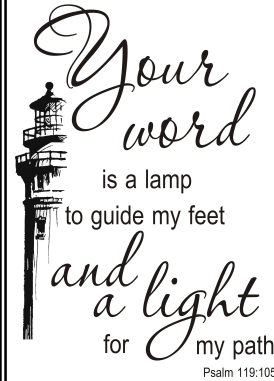
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ronnie Mays
Prayer.....Joe Watson
Scripture.....Rodney Williams
Matthew 24: 9-10

Dismissal.....Morris Karnes

COUNT FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTION

Wayne Reams.....Jerry Burleson
Jon Neely.....Joe Watson



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

February 10, 2019

Cyrus and Doral

When I was growing up, we had our hometown newspaper to keep us apprised of news large and small. Owning a small town newspaper requires a deft touch. If you report everything that happens, people won't talk with you. You have to be mindful of reputations. It's perfectly proper to report that Rebecca Lawson won first place in the Optimist Club speech contest. But in the "Courtroom News" section, you forego first names and use initials. It's a lot less interesting, but it makes for a peaceful community. Denial does a thriving business in most small towns.

If you wanted the real news in our town, you had to visit the card rack at the Rexall. It was the only card rack in town, so anyone wanting to placate or woo someone with a card would inevitably end up at Rexall pouring over the meager offerings of poetry and prose under the watchful gaze of the town's pharmacist. An observant citizen could learn a great deal by watching the cards people bought.

I was there one morning when Howard Barry walked in. He began reading cards in the "I'm Sorry" section. During the next six months, I kept an ear turned toward the Barry drama. Sure enough, Howard and Betty Divorced. H.B. and B.B.: dissolution of marital vows, it read in the "Courtroom News" section of the newspaper. Everyone else was caught unaware, but I had known all along something was amiss. Men like Howard Barry don't buy "I'm sorry" cards unless things have gone desperately wrong.

The card rack was also a good place to find out what was happening on the budding-romance front.

Cyrus and his wife, Earlene, lived down the street from us and would pass summer evenings on their porch swing. Cyrus was retired from the General Motors factory in the city, and Earlene worked part-time at the school as a cook. Two kids, both married. No grandchildren yet, but dropping hints and hoping. Then Earlene came down with cancer, left home for the hospital and never came back. Cyrus took to sitting inside, watching TV and eating TV dinners. After a while he even gave up his seat at church. When you've been sharing a pew with your beloved for 35 years, sitting in church by yourself holds a pain we can scarcely imagine.

After a few months, Cyrus' daughter waded in and took charge. She drove him to the doctor for a checkup and signed him up for Meals on Wheels. The next Monday a volunteer stopped by his house with a hot meal and a warm smile. Doral was her name. Sixty-two years old, big heart with energy to boot. Cyrus came to the door in a t-shirt and house slippers. Doral carried the meal inside, sat Cyrus down at the table, laid out the silverware, handed him a napkin and patted his sad shoulder.

"There, there," she told him, "it gets a little easier every day." Doral was the voice of experience, having lost her husband two years earlier.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: Eddie Cloer from Truth for Today will be our guest speaker for Sunday School and morning worship

February 12 - Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Mary Ada's in Portageville. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer; if there is enough interest we will take the van, planning to leave by 10:45

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Smoked turkey, ham and the fixins. Desserts will be needed.

February 14 - Widow, Widowers and Seniors Luncheon at 11:30 in the fellowship room. If you are a widow, widower or qualify for AARP, you are invited for some food, fun and fellowship!

Looking Ahead

Mary and Martha meeting February 18 at 6:30 in the fellowship room. We will be working on our service project

Challenge Youth Conference February 21-24 in Pigeon Forge, TN. We will be leaving at 4 p.m.

Inspiration 2019 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!

Ultimate Youth Rally at Germantown church of Christ May 24-26th

A GOOD WITNESS

A good witness isn't like a salesman.

His emphasis is on a person rather than a product. A good witness is like a signpost. It doesn't matter whether it is young, old, pretty, ugly; it has to point the right direction and be able to be understood. We are witnesses to Christ, we point to him.



John White

Cont'd from front: By the next summer, Cyrus was answering the door in a new shirt, and Doral was staying through dessert.

I found all this out from Cyrus himself, down at the Rexall. I was there buying a card for my girlfriend when Cyrus came over to survey the "I love you" cards. We stood shoulder-to-shoulder, sixteen and sixty, searching for the just-right card to convey our affections.

He wished me well. "I was your age when I met my dear Earlene," he confided. "Thirty-five years of marriage we had together."

I told my girlfriend about Cyrus. Her family used to sit right behind Cyrus and Earlene at church. "Cyrus is back," she told me. "Sitting in a different pew. And the nicest woman comes with him."

Cyrus and Doral were married twelve years; then Cyrus died in his sleep. Doral still delivers Meals on Wheels, while Cyrus rests at the South Cemetery next to his beloved Earlene. That was Doral's idea.

Oddly enough, it was a bachelor named Paul who wrote the truest words about love, "*Love is not jealous ... it does not insist on its own way.*" The minister intoned those very words at Cyrus and Doral's wedding. It appears to me Doral took them to heart.

Philip Gullely, www.heartlight.com



Happy Valentine's Day



Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Zack Tanner had surgery on his elbow Monday in St. Louis and is doing well * Kevin Mays has been transferred to Southeast Hospital, room 402, and is struggling with MRSA * Darrell Zimmerman is at home, and is improving * Bud McKuin will see a heart surgeon Wednesday for his thoracic aorta aneurysm * Joe Watson had a knot removed from his finger Wednesday * Curtis McClard will have a total hip replacement February 25 at Southeast Hospital * Judy Duley has been sick with a virus

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 * Morris Karnes * Sonja Mays * Jeff McGowan * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Jane Smith * Max Snyder * David Terrill * Max Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * Cindy Williams * Darrell Zimmerman * Pansy Zimmerman *

In Sympathy:

Our sympathy is extended to Tim and Stan Flowers in the loss of their brother, Kevin, who passed away Feb. 2 after a long battle with cancer.. Kevin's funeral was held Wednesday in Dexter.



CONTINUING PRAYERS

(non congregational)

Cancer

Ryder Boles
Roxanne Carson
Debbie Chrisman
Bill Fitzpatrick
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)
Amy Green
Clyde Jacques
Tommy Jacques
Beckie King (MS)
Alvin Miller (poor health)
Brian Mitchell (stroke)
Tom Provance
Gene Rowland
Traci Suiter (poor health)
Paige Tanner (congestive heart failure)
Geraldine Tomah (poor health)
Josh Townsend
Dean Williams

OUR SHUT INS

Central Garden: Fern Botsch #309
Mary Burke #303
Lois McKuin #117

Cypress Point: Joy Watson # 8

Gideon Care Ctr. Sue Flowers, #102

Ridgeview Living/Malden:

Shirley Johnson
Bertha Skidgell #201
Max Terrill #207
Isaac Wheeler

Winchester Place: Travis Cooper, #7

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