

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

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Bonnie Jones * February 24 - LaRhonda Billingsley

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

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

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance - 115
Contribution \$4239

FOOD PANTRY

FEBRUARY ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

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

Happy Birthday:

February 17 - Derek Mays
February 19 - Travis Cooper
Kasen Collier
February 20 - Gabe Smith
February 21 - Jarred Swindell
February 22 - Paige Mays
February 24 - Linda Jones
Wayne Reams



Happy Anniversary:

February 18 - Bill and Beverly Pruitt

Bible Trivia:

What woman gave a man butter and then killed him by driving a nail through his head?

Last Week's Answer:

Mephibosheth is the name of the five-year-old boy who was dropped by his nurse and became crippled for life (2 Samuel 4:4)

SERVING TODAY

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

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Jerry McCoy
Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

February 24, 2019

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Tim Woods

LORD'S TABLE

Zack Tanner.....Justin Allen
Sam Garner.....Tim Flowers
Marty Howard.....Alex Garner
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Announcements.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Bud McKuin

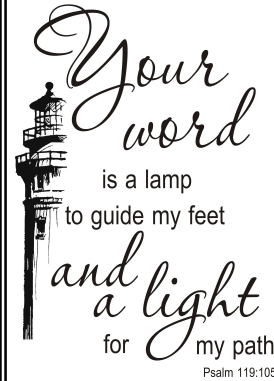
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Mike Duley
Matthew 24: 11-14

Dismissal.....David Carson

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 17, 2019

A FAMILY WITHOUT BORDERS

I sat in the packed and humid auditorium in Bangkok, Thailand. Tears streamed down my cheeks as I sang at the top of my lungs. The tears were not from the chicken, hot peppers and rice I had for breakfast from a street vendor - the two orange Crush sodas had taken care of that. What caused my tears, what held my heart, was the moment.

We were singing, "They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love, they will know we are Christians by our love!" I sang in English. Most around me sang in Thai. People from all over twelve nations were worshipping together. Each sang in his or her native language in four-part harmony. Rather than being confusing or merely noise, the singing was overwhelmingly beautiful. Even more touching, this was not a special occasion. Other than being the Lord's Day, what made it special was that though we were different in culture and language and skin color, we were one family. We were bound together by our shared love for Jesus. The Holy Spirit made us family without borders!

This experience was a miniature of heaven. John describes heaven in the book of Revelation with these words: *After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!* (Revelation 7:9-12)

So the real question for us is whether or not we are committed to both live out the mission of Jesus and the vision of Jesus

Jesus challenged his first followers to take his message of hope, new life, heavenly power, and one family to the whole world. The Lord explained his plan in these words: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth* (Acts 1:8).

This simple, but breathtakingly simple, yet inclusive, plan was used on a city level ("Jerusalem"), a regional level ("all Judea and Samaria"), as well as a whole world level ("ends of the earth"). The Lord wanted his followers to share their great news about Jesus and the kingdom of God using this strategy: 1. Here. 2. Near. 3. Far.

We see this plan in action as Luke traces the spread of the great news of Jesus from Jerusalem to all the areas around Judea and Samaria. Then, they reached out all over the Roman Empire. You can map the progress by the great cities of that time: The Jesus-message spread from Jerusalem to Antioch to Ephesus and then to Rome.

We can become so familiar with this story that we can forget how impossible Jesus' parting words had to seem. The Lord only had a small group from the backwaters of Galilee. These few followers watched their Lord leave them. They were not influential. They had few financial resources. They were powerless by the world's standards. They were simple, ordinary folks at best!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: barbecue, baked potatoes, coleslaw and baked beans. Desserts will be needed.

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

Looking Ahead

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

Daylight Savings Time begins March 10. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before bed March 9

Potluck and Early Evening Services March 31. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship, followed by a 1 p.m. evening service

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

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However, this little group of people knew, loved, followed, and trusted Jesus (Acts 4:13). Jesus' resurrection inspired their hearts to embrace their Lord's words as he left them (Acts 1:8). So, these ordinary people did the extraordinary: they lived Jesus' words into reality.

Two thousand years later, in a place so far from my earthy home, the beautiful country of Thailand, I experienced the reality of Jesus' grand vision. I was reignited in my motivation to continue carrying out the here, near, and far plan of our Lord. My world since that experience has been both bigger and smaller because I am part of a family without borders!

In a world frequently more fractured by race, political party, culture, language, country, and ethnicity, followers of Jesus have an incredible opportunity. With internet access, social media networking, and modern travel, our world is so much more accessible to us than it was to those few folks on the mountain watching Jesus return to the Father. So the real question for us is whether or not we are committed to both live out the mission of Jesus ("to the ends of the earth") and the vision of Jesus ("a great multitude ... from every nation, tribe, people and language") in our time. Yes, we must commit to this vision and go here, near, and far. Yes, we must commit to this vision and love all people in all places. Why? Two reasons crucial to our authenticity as followers of Jesus:

1. *For God so loved the world...* (John 3:16). If our Father loved the people of the world so much, how can we not love them and go to them with the message of Jesus?
2. *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another* (John 13:35). If our Father has called each of us - with all of our differences - into his family, how can we not love each one whom the Father has called into our family?

Hear, near, and far is our mission as we live out his vision for us to be his loving family without borders!

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Elwood Rush is in Southeast Hospital, room 404, with type A flu, dehydration and pneumonia * Kevin Mays had a procedure Tuesday in which his pacemaker was removed. He was scheduled to be released from the hospital Wednesday or Thursday * Darrell Zimmerman is at home, and is improving * Bud McKuIn saw a heart surgeon Wednesday for his thoracic aorta aneurysm * Curtis McClard will have a total hip replacement February 25 at Southeast Hospital * Mike and Judy Duley have been sick with a virus * Mary Barnett has been sick but is doing better

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 *

...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
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

Ridgeview Living/Malden:

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

Cypress Point: 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