

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

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Cindy Burleson * February 10 - Cindy Williams

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

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

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance - 154
Contribution \$5761

FOOD PANTRY

FEBRUARY ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

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

Happy Birthday:

February 3 - John Barnett
February 4 - Angie Dobbins
February 9 - Bill Pruitt
 Luke Worley
February 10 - Alexis Smith



Bible Trivia:

In order to bind a contract, what Bible person took off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor?

Last Week's Answer:

Solomon is given credit for writing 1105 Bible-songs (1 Kings 4:30,32)

Due to lack of participation, monthly singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden is being discontinued.

SERVING TODAY

February 3, 2019

Song Leader.....Ronnie Mays
Opening Prayer.....Tim Woods

LORD'S TABLE

Zack Tanner.....Jonathon Simmons
Jeff Rodgers.....Marty Howard
Rodney Williams.....Joe Watson
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Announcements.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Bud McKuin

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Mike Duley

Matthew 24: 3-6

Dismissal.....David Carson

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

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

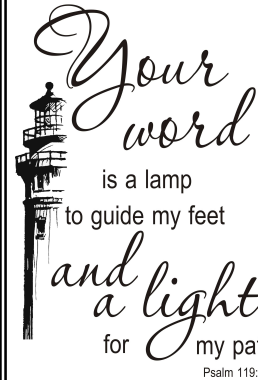
Sunday Evening

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

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

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 3, 2019

WHEN I AM AFRAID

Every morning, I roll over to find a tiny body lying between my husband and me. Sometimes I remember how he got there. Sometimes it's as if he magically appeared.

Some nights I'm lying there thinking about all of the things I need to do the next day (or the things I forgot to do that day) when I hear the swishing of his pajama pants across the tile floor, occasionally accompanied by a crash or two into a wall as he makes his way to us in his sleepy stupor. He pushes the door open and whispers, "I'm sca-yed. Can I way wif you?" And because I am putty in his hands, and because I am too tired to care, I hoist that three-year-old up and over and under the quilt.

I know it's gotten to be a habit, and I know all the good moms out there would tell me I need to break it before it gets out of hand (#toolatebro). But he's my last one. And there's something about him knowing that when he's "sca-yed" he knows exactly where to go to feel safe.

I was thinking about it one night while he was curled up next to me. He had just crawled in, yet was already asleep. It was as if he had never really been awake at all.

He knows that path well now, the one from his room to ours, because in the not-so-scary daylight he's walked it over and over again. He's worn a path to our room because he's come here often. Not always because he needed something, but just because he needs to be near us.

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me (Proverbs 8:17)

So at night, he follows that beaten path to our room. He knows all the turns, all the walls, all the furniture he needs to avoid. Even in the dark. Even when his eyes are half-open. Even when his brain is still snoozing away. It's muscle memory. His feet just take him where they know he needs to be because he's been there a thousand times before. It's the place his little feet know leads to security and comfort.

I wonder if I have worn a path to my Heavenly Father as our son has to us. Do I go to him often enough in the daytime, in the still, quiet, joyful moments, for my feet to blindly lead me there in the darkness? Or would I have a hard time finding him when I needed him because I haven't visited in awhile?

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near (Isaiah 55:6)

Am I seeking him enough in the daylight to find him in the night?

Of course, God will meet us in our darkness. Of course, he'll be there, waiting for us. He's longing to hold us and carry us and lead us. But if we haven't worn down that road to him, if we haven't walked it back and forth and back and forth, we might have a harder time finding our way to him. We might run into a few walls, stub our toes on a few door frames, hit our head against a lamp or two before our weary bodies finally collapse into his waiting arms.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Hot dogs, soups and chili. Desserts will be needed
February 8: Crafts at 2 p.m. at Malden Nursing and Rehab. Volunteer help is always appreciated

Looking Ahead

Ladies Lunch Out February 12th 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

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

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

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!

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I thought of all the times I'd neglected to walk that path just to spend time with my Father, how I'd waited until I needed him, until circumstances turned desperate and out of control, only to stumble my way around searching for Him. He was there all along, in the same place he'd always been. I'd just forgotten the path because I hadn't been walking it every day.

But the good news is we serve a God who sees us stuck in the corner banging our head against the wall in our lostness and throws down everything, leaves it all behind, and sprints to us. He looks at us not in frustration or disappointment but with JOY and COMPASSION.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him (Luke 15:20)

I'm thankful for a son who knows how to find me even in the pitch dark with his eyes half-open. I'm thankful he knows how much I love him and want to protect him.

And I'm thankful for the way the Lord teaches me about his character through the pitter patter of those little feet. I pray that I will grow to understand the heights and depths and lengths of his love for me.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart (Jeremiah 29:13)
Jordan Harrell, www.heartlight.com

Why the Teaching of Jesus Was So Effective

1. He treated people with respect (mark 10:46-52)
2. He spoke plainly (John 3:1-3 Matthew 13; Matthew 4:19; John 4: 1-4)
3. He spoke sympathetically (Mark 8:2; Luke 13:34)
4. He showed no partiality (Matthew 8: 2,3; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:21)
5. He appealed to the deepest human needs (John 9: 1-38)
6. He spoke as One having authority (Matthew 7:28,29; 4:4-10).
7. His own life was in perfect accord with his teaching (Isaiah 53:9; Hebrews 4:15 and 7:26, John 8:29,46; 1 Peter 1:19)

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Darrell Zimmerman continues to recover at home * Jane Smith was released from St. Francis Hospital Thursday and is improving * Bud McQuin will see a heart surgeon Feb 13 for his thoracic aorta aneurysm * Kevin Flowers is in Barnes Hospital and not doing well

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 * 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 Jerry McCoy in the loss of his brother, Charles. Charles passed away January 25, and his funeral was held Wednesday in Clinton, Arkansas

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him... James 5:13,14



CONTINUING PRAYERS

(non congregational)

Cancer

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

OUR SHUT INS

Central Garden: Fern Botsch #309
Mary Burke #303
Lois McQuin #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