

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

March - Sam and Nicole Garner
April - Mike and Judy Duley

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Marietta Reams * March 24 - Millie Dauck

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Country Gravy Mix * Corn Chips * Pre-Wash Spray *
Evaporated Milk * Sandwich Bags * Summer Sausage
(Pick up June 10)

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance - 147
Contribution \$4807

FOOD PANTRY

MARCH ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

*Cake mix, cereal, pork n beans. Cash donations also grate-
fully accepted*

Happy Birthday:

March 17 - Brian Thomason
March 19 - Pansy Zimmerman
March 22 - Cindy Burleson
Brooke Smith
March 23 - Wes Howard
March 24 - Ashley Johnson



Happy Anniversary:

March 17 - Daniel and Sandra Moore
March 23 - Mark and Rita Clayton

Bible Trivia:

How long did Noah remain in the Ark?

Last Week's Answer:

The book of Job (19:17) mentions bad breath

Mark Your Calendar!

The family of Elwood Rush is planning a 95th birthday party for him June 1 in the fellowship room from 12-2 and would like as many of the congregation to attend as possible.

SERVING TODAY

March 17, 2019

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Opening Prayer.....Ron Garner

LORD'S TABLE

Darrin Shipman.....Jacob Clayton
Jerry McCoy.....Jason Karnes
Bud McKuin.....Rick Beard
Scripture.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers
Announcements.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Zack Tanner

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Prayer.....David Burleson
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Matthew 24: 22-24

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

March 24, 2019

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....David Burleson
LORD'S TABLE
Ron Garner.....David Carson
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner
Jerry Burleson.....Johnny McGowan
Scripture.....Morris Karnes
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
Announcements.....Mike Duley
Dismissal.....Justin Allen

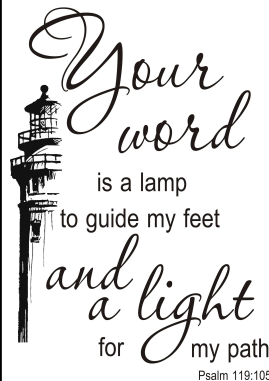
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Jerry McCoy
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton
Matthew 24: 25-28

Dismissal.....Ronnie Mays

COUNT MARCH CONTRIBUTION

Rodney Williams.....Jerry McCoy
Rick Beard.....Ronnie Mays



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

March 17, 2019

BEYOND OUR BLURRY VISION

When our kids were small, they were both avid TV learners. Our daughter loved Mr. Rogers .. and our son was the Sesame Street kid, for sure. One of the segments that he loved when he was very young had a song that would stick in your brain all day - sometimes to the point of wanting to beat your head against the wall because it became the incessant background noise of the day. That segment? "One of these things is not like the others..." (Yes, I bet some of you can hear that song now and will for the rest of the day!)

In that "not like the others" segment, kids were supposed to figure out which of the objects on the screen was not like the other ones.

At the first turning point in the Gospel of Mark, he tells us about a miracle of Jesus that was not like any other. NONE of the other three gospels has an account of it. Mark chose this miracle to emphasize what he was doing in his story of Jesus. See if you can determine what makes this miracle so perplexingly unique:

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

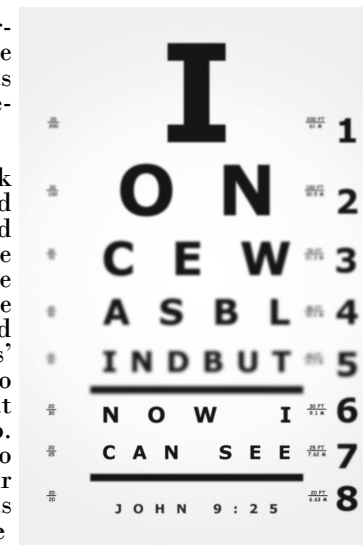
He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village" (Mark 8:22-26).

Did you catch the way this miracle is different? This man's blindness required a double dose of Jesus' healing power! What? Why was a double-dose of Jesus' healing power required? What was going on in this miracle?

Mark wasn't worried that we might think Jesus couldn't do the miracle. He had stilled storms and calmed raging winds. Jesus had cast out a legion of demons. He had raised the dead, restored sight to the blind, helped the lame to walk, cleansed those in advance stages of leprosy, restored shriveled arms, and fed the multitudes. The issue wasn't Jesus' power, but something that Jesus wanted to teach his closest disciples. Mark also saw that this lesson would be indispensable for us, too. Jesus chose to do the miracle in two moves to alert us to our need for deeper healing of our out-of-focus, wrong-sighted view of him as our Savior.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TONIGHT: Everyone is invited for soup and sandwiches after evening services for Brian O’Thomason’s St. Patrick’s Day birthday. No gifts, please.

March 17-20: Gospel Meeting at Gideon with guest speaker Brent Newton. Meetings are at 7 p.m. nightly

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

March 18 Mary and Martha meeting at 6:30 in the fellowship room. We will be working on our service project and will be primarily cutting, so bring sewing scissors if you have some.

Looking Ahead

Gospel Meeting at Central church of Christ (Paducah) with guest speaker Dan Jenkins March 24-27. The theme is “Messages from Heaven.” More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Ladies Day at Doniphan church of Christ March 30. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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

53rd Annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship March 31-April 4. The theme is “Purer in Heart, O God.” More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Ladies Day at Brookland church of Christ April 6. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

6 p.m. Evening Service resumes April 7 at Bernie

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

Cont’d from front: The previous interactions of Jesus with his apostles and the crowds showed that they were not “getting him”: they had trouble understanding what Jesus did, why he did it, what he was about, and what he wanted them to learn. The episode that follows Mark’s account of the blind man’s healing is Peter’s confession. Peter confessed Jesus’ rightful identity (Mark 8:29), but he did not understand (or would not believe) that Jesus’ role as Messiah and Son of God required him to die on a cross (Mark 8:31-33).

Peter only partially saw Jesus! Like the rest of the apostles and the crowd that followed Jesus, Peter desired the all-powerful and liberating Jesus. He yearned for a Messiah who could do anything for him and the people. He wasn’t ready for nor did he want God’s Messiah, the one who would submit himself to death on a Roman cross as a ransom for all people (Mark 10:45). Peter, the other apostles, and the crowds wanted Jesus as the triumphant and all-powerful Savior; they didn’t want him as the Suffering Servant for all people (Isaiah 53:1-12). They sure didn’t want Jesus to be the Lord who called them to follow him in the way of the cross and sacrificial service to others (Mark 8:34-38; 9:33-37; 10:35-45). Like the blind man, Jesus’ followers needed a double-dose of healing to see completely.

Mark wanted all of us to recognize that “one of these things is not like the others”! Jesus’ definition of the Messiah, Son of God, is different from every other human definition. Mark wanted us to realize that this blind man and his story of a double-dose of healing is a series of episodes in Jesus’ ministry where he repeatedly spoke about the necessity of being rejected (betrayals and trials), reviled (crucified and mocked), and resurrected on the third day (Mark 8:31-32; 9:30-32; 10:32-34). All along the way, the disciples of Jesus said and did things that showed they still needed this second dose of healing. They refused to accept the way of the cross and sacrificial service. They argued over who would occupy the places of prominence. So, they had to journey with Jesus. They had to endure watching him being rejected, reviled, and resurrected before they could begin to see clearly.

Jesus’ way of coming as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior, meant that he lived as the one who was not like any others. He refused to be defined by the shallow human definitions of titles. Jesus chose to redefine those titles by what he did and what he sacrificed as he journeyed to the cross and through the empty tomb.

As we journey with Jesus down his way of the cross, something grabs our hearts. That drawing power reaches through the centuries. It brings a second touch of grace to our eyes and calls us to follow in the way of the cross. Why? Because God put his transforming power in his Messiah, the Son of God, the one who gave up his will to redeem us. Jesus is not just the one who is “not like the others;” Jesus is the first of many others who will choose to follow him in the way of the cross.
Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ronnie Mays will have a stem cell procedure tomorrow * Luke Tanner had surgery on his arm Wednesday and is doing well * Woody Woods’ test results were good * Pat Ingles had a carcinoma removed from her neck Monday and it went well * Pam Claeys is improving * Helen McGowan has been diagnosed with bronchitis * Roxanne Carson had a PET scan Wednesday and waiting on results * Jerel Jester’s (Amy’s dad) surgery has been rescheduled for March 25 * Goldie Kirkpatrick (Mary Barnett’s sister) remains in the hospital in Conway, AR, and her condition has worsened * Diane Wilder (Joy Greer’s sister) is in the hospital and not doing well * Mary Joy Uebelein (Harding college student) remains in critical condition at Barnes in St. Louis * Sherry Chambers (Malden, relative of Elwood Rush) diagnosed with breast cancer * LeAnn Jacques (niece of Louella Akers) was recently diagnosed with cancer

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 * Helen McGowan * 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 *

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jimmy Schrader, who passed away March 11. Jimmy was the son of Thelma Shrader, who worshiped at Bernie for many years. A memorial will be held at a later date.

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)
Nikki Lawrence (migraines)
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
Kay Wright (declining health)

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
Elwood Rush, #111

Gideon Care Ctr. Sue Flowers, #102

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