

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

April - Mike and Judy Duley

May - Sonny and Pat Ingle

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - LaRhonda Billingsley * April 28 - Loretta Carson

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 - 142
Contribution - 4748

FOOD PANTRY

APRIL ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

Canned tomatoes, pork n beans. Cash donations also gratefully accepted

Happy Birthday:

- April 23 - Pauline Allen
- April 24 - LaRhonda Billingsley
- April 25 - Jonathan Simmons
- April 27 - Amelia Garner



Happy Anniversary:

- April 21 - James and Janet Wood
- April 23 - Jeff and Karen Martin

Bible Trivia:

During what event in the Bible did dove manure sell for food?

Last Week's Answer:

Job is quoted as saying, "Is there any taste in the white of an egg?" (Job 6:6)

When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in his right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Matthew 27:29



SERVING TODAY

April 21, 2019

Song Leader.....Wes Howard

Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons

LORD'S TABLE

David Burleson.....Jerry Burleson

Jeff Rodgers.....Marty Howard

David Howard.....Rick Beard

Scripture.....Zachary Tanner

Prayer.....Justin Allen

Announcements.....Wayne Reams

Dismissal.....Darrin Shipman

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Tim Woods

Prayer.....Morris Karnes

Scripture.....Sam Garner

Matthew 24: 36-37

Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Song Leader.....David Carson

Prayer.....Jacob Clayton

Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

April 28, 2019

Song Leader.....Joe Watson

Opening Prayer.....David Carson

LORD'S TABLE

Ron Garner.....Justin Allen

Tim Flowers.....Jason Karnes

Jerry McCoy.....Jeff McGowan

Scripture.....David Burleson

Prayer.....Morris Karnes

Announcements.....Darrin Shipman

Dismissal.....Jon Neely

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ronnie Mays

Prayer.....Wayne Reams

Scripture.....Jacob Clayton

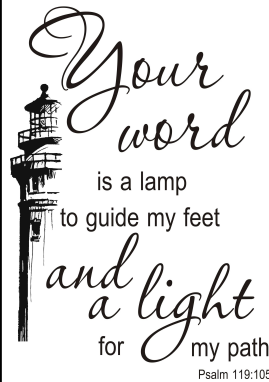
Matthew 24: 38-39

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

COUNT APRIL CONTRIBUTION

Wayne Reams.....Justin Allen

Joe Watson.....Johnny McGowan



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30AM

Worship.....10:15AM

Worship.....6:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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TRUE LIGHT

April 21, 2019

NO ROOM FOR DEATH

Gerard Lalanne has a problem. And the ordinance he's passed is not going to solve it.

Mr. Lalanne is the mayor of the village of Sapourenx, in the southwest of France. The problem he's facing is a lack of space. Not in City Hall, or in the retail district of his town - the lack of space he's trying to deal with is a bit more problematic than that. The cemetery of Sapourenx is full. And apparently - wait for it - the people are just dying to get in.

Mr. Lalanne has tried to be reasonable. He really has. But an administrative court ruled against his proposal to acquire private land adjoining the cemetery in order to increase its, uh, capacity. And so Mr. Lalanne took the only recourse open to a politician. In an ordinance posted in the city council offices, he informed the 260 residents of the town that they are no longer allowed to die. The ordinance reads, in part, "All persons not having a plot in the cemetery and wishing to be buried in Sarpourenx are forbidden from dying in the parish." "Offenders will be severely punished," it adds.



Something tells me Mr. Lalanne's ordinance isn't likely to be enforced. It isn't supposed to be, of course; it's intended as a statement to those who the mayor feels have put him in an impossible situation. "Oh, I can't expand the cemetery? Well, then, I'll just pass a law against dying. That should solve the problem."

Would that it were so easy, huh?

Odds are that some of the people reading these words right now would love to believe that passing a law could stop death. I know, in fact, of several families touched by death recently. A mother and grandmother. A husband, father, and son-in-law. A beloved uncle and friend. Funerals seem to occur in bunches in my life, and lately I've just been to too many. I know the families touched most deeply by those losses would agree, and wish with all their hearts that there could be, well, a moratorium on death.

And then there are those who haven't been touched by death yet, but who are being stalked. A young man, younger than me, with cancer. An elderly lady, another mother and grandmother. All of us, eventually, feel death closing in on the people we love. And sooner or later, on us. Remember the story of the servant who came to his master, terrified because he had seen Death in the marketplace? "Death made a threatening gesture toward me," the servant whimpers, and so the master makes arrangements to send the servant on an errand to another town, Samarra, so that Death won't be able to get to him. Then the master goes to the marketplace and tracks down Death. "Why did you threaten my servant?" he asks.

Remember Death's response? "I didn't threaten him," Death answers. "I was just surprised to see him here in the marketplace, because I have an appointment with him tonight in Samarra."

The moral, even for a people with the best medical care in history and an extended life expectancy, is that Death catches up with all of us eventually.

"Everybody dies in Adam." That's Paul's way of saying that we're not immortal. It's his recognition that the Fall was real and that God's warning was true: by going our own separate way, human beings would be the midwives that brought death into the world. We thought we'd be like God, but now we have a problem: **Cont'd on inside**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY: Easter dinner in the fellowship room following morning worship
Wednesday Fellowship Meal: BBQ, baked potatoes, coleslaw and baked beans. Desserts will be needed
April 28: Senior Night at Bernie. We will celebrate our two seniors this year: Maddie Jacques and Sadie Hosfelt, both graduates of Dexter High School, following evening services. Please bring finger foods and plan to attend.

Looking Ahead

Nursing Home Crafts at Malden Nursing & Rehab May 3 at 2 p.m. Volunteer help always appreciated

Singing at the River May 11 from 3-4 at Riverside Park in New Madrid. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the church building at New Madrid. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Ladies Lunch Out May 14 at 11:30 at Morinas in Dexter

Work Day at BYC May 18 at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided

Mary and Martha May 20 at 6:30. We will be working on our service project. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. Also, we will be needing approximately 50 new pairs of women's briefs in size small, 100 percent cotton, and in colors (no white, please). If you can help fill that need, bring them with you to the meeting.

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

Summit Youth Rally at North Heights Church of Christ in Batesville, AR May 31-June 2. The theme is "Ancient Words for a Modern Now." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

95th Birthday Party for Elwood Rush June 1 from 12-2 in the fellowship room. Lunch will be served

Summer Speaker Series starts June 5. Our first speaker will be Chase Almond

Battle of the Youth Groups at Crowley's Ridge College June 12-14

BYC session 3 July 7-12.

Cont'd from front: Death walks in our marketplaces and takes who he wants, whenever he chooses. To the extent that we share in the same human nature as Adam, we share in his death. And, sadly, there's nothing we can do about it. Might as well pass a law against dying, for all the good it'll do.

Happily, what we can do about it isn't the end of the story.

In the same way that we all share in death because of Adam's sin, we will share in resurrection because of Jesus' life. He identified with us by sharing in death, even though he was not guilty of the sin that brought it about. And he did this so that we can share in the victory over death that his resurrection brought about. As surely as he was raised to life, so will everyone who has trusted in him. As surely as his tomb was empty, so will be the tombs of everyone who identifies with him.

In effect, Jesus did what we only wish we could do. He passed a decree against death; he prohibited death from exercising its power over human beings. "The trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised up imperishable," Scripture promises. "Then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'" (1 Corinthians 15: 53-54 NIV). We still have to die, and we still have to mourn, but because of Jesus there is hope. We grieve for those we love while celebrating their new, eternal lives. We face our eventual death with peace, not fear, trusting in the promise that "Everybody comes alive in Christ."

So while there is no hope of a moratorium on death this side of Jesus' return, there is a solid guarantee that on the day he comes back, death will be dealt with forever. That guarantee is as solid as a rock rolled from the entrance of an empty tomb. It's as sure as the hope of those disciples who first saw him alive again.

On that day the decree will come down from on high that no one who belongs to Jesus is ever allowed to die again. Space in cemeteries, you can be assured, will no longer be a problem.

Patrick D. Odum, www.heartlight.com

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Darrell Zimmerman's recent CAT scan was not good, and another one has been scheduled * Dakota Greer (granddaughter of Pam Claeys and Joy Greer) has been diagnosed with Bell's Palsy * Dee Dee Burch is still recovering from an auto accident several months ago. She has an eye appointment May 1 related to that accident

CONTINUING PRAYERS

(congregational)

Louella Akers * John David Barnett * Mary Burke * David Burleson * Jerry Burleson * Pam Claeys * Billie Cooper * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Grant Howard * Sonja Mays * Curtis McClard * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Jane Smith * Max Snyder * David Terrill * Max Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * Woody Wood * Darrell Zimmerman * Pansy Zimmerman *

In Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Gary Corlew (Woody Woods' brother-in-law) who recently passed away. His funeral was held April 14.

...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

Roxanne Carson
Sherry Chambers
Jackie Cooper
Debbie Chrisman
Bill Fitzpatrick
LeAnn Jacques
Tommy Jacques
Connie Lemmons
Annette Lumsden
Phil McKuin
Betty Nicholson
Jessica Payne
Donnie Rawlings
Deanna Rogers
Norman Swafford

Other Health Issues

Renee Goodman (serious health issues)
Dakota Greer (Bell's Palsy)
Clyde Jacques
Beckie King (MS)
Nikki Lawrence (migraines)
Alvin Miller (poor health)
Tom Provance
Gene Rowland
Traci Suiter (poor health)
Paige Tanner (congestive heart failure)
Geraldine Tomah (poor health)
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

Cypress Point: Joy Watson # 8

Winchester Place:

Isaac Wheeler
Travis Cooper, #7
Elwood Rush, #6

Winchester Nursing Home:

Sue Flowers, #208

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