

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

April - Mike and Judy Duley

May - Sonny and Pat Ingle

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Cindy Williams * April 14 - Bonnie Jones

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 - 145
Contribution - 4924

FOOD PANTRY

APRIL ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

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

Happy Birthday:

- April 11 - Levi Thompson
- April 12 - Maura Thomason
- April 13 - Casey Karnes
- Keyonna Shipman
- Skylar Shipman



Bible Trivia:

What Bible character ate a book and thought it was sweet like honey?

Last Week's Answer:

In 1 Chronicles 11:20, Abishai, brother of Joab, killed 300 men with his own spear



Our sister **Sue Flowers** has made the move from Gideon Care Center to the nursing home at Winchester in Bernie. She would love to have visits from her Bernie family.

SERVING TODAY

April 7, 2019

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

LORD'S TABLE

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

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....David Burleson
Scripture.....Rodney Williams
Matthew 24: 32-35

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Jon Neely
Dismissal.....Wayne Reams

April 14, 2019

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Opening Prayer.....David Burleson

LORD'S TABLE

Justin Allen.....David Carson
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner
Ben Martin.....Mike Duley
Scripture.....Jonathan Simmons
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Announcements.....Jon Neely
Dismissal.....Bud McKuinn

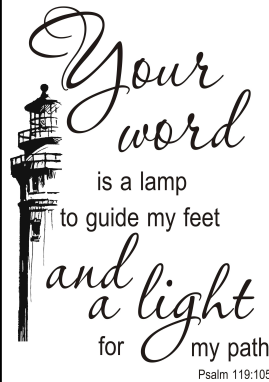
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Matthew 24: 36-37

Dismissal.....Ronnie Mays

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 7, 2019

NOT MOLDED BY OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

You know the story. You probably heard it as a child. But this story is certainly not just a child's story. We need to know this story because it reminds us that we can refuse to be ruled by the unfairness we face. We can live productively even if we began immaturely. We can choose to write our story based on our allegiance to God and how we finish our life's journey. No one does this better in the Bible than the person who is today's focus. Here's his story.

As a boy, he was a bit of a spoiled brat. His doting father enabled his bratty behavior. His brothers deeply resented him. Even more, they detested his arrogance. He told his brothers his dreams of being their superior. All the while, he was oblivious to his petty arrogance. They then plotted to kill him. At the last minute, however, an older brother mediated his sale into slavery to avoid having the murder of his bratty and favored brother on his hands.

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Slave traders sold this boy into the most significant household in the world at the time. He grew in favor in that environment until his resistance to a sexual advance landed him in prison - it seems, no righteous deed he did went unpunished during this time in his life. Steadily, over time, he grew in favor with the jail keepers and his fellow inmates. One fellow prisoner forgot him when he was released from prison. Another fellow prisoner did remember him, so he was returned to favor in the eye's of the world's most important leader when he prophesied and interpreted this leader's dreams.

The leader of the land put him in charge of famine preparation that gave him great power and saved untold thousands of lives. Some of those lives were his own family, even his brothers who had sold him into slavery. Now, the second-most-powerful man in the land, he forgave his brothers and brought them to live in this new land, just as it had been prophesied years earlier. This seemingly happy ending to such a horrible beginning took a dreadful turn years later, but then, that's the beginning of another story that leads us to another leader.

We have told a very short version of the Joseph story in Genesis - the Joseph story cycle is the longest in the Bible outside of the gospels telling the story of Jesus. Through all the intrigues, twists, turns, and challenges in Joseph's personal story, one thing remained true of Joseph: He remained faithful to the compassion and character of God.

Joseph's three virtues are the characteristics of God throughout his dealings with people - faithfulness, gracious compassion, and righteous character. God wants his people to display these virtues, these traits of his godliness. God wants his people to be like him in who they are and what they do.

Joseph was faithful. He was a man of righteous character. Joseph was a person of gracious compassion! From the moment he was sold into slavery until the day he forgave and saved his brothers, Joseph consistently lived these characteristics of God. No matter what the circumstances, Joseph was faithful. No matter the temptations, Joseph maintained his righteous character. In the face of horrible situations, Joseph practiced gracious compassion toward those around him.

As God promised Abraham, he blesses those who maintain faithfulness, righteous character, and gracious compassion.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY: Potluck following morning services

TODAY: Our 6 p.m. evening service resumes

TODAY through April 10: Our Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton. Make plans to be in attendance every night and bring a friend

TODAY through April 10 - Annual Bible Lectureship at Crowley's Ridge College. A schedule is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Wednesday Fellowship Meal - Catfish, chicken and the fixins. Desserts will be needed

April 13: Work Day at BYC at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided

April 14: Congregational shower for Chris and Kim Barnes following evening services. Gift cards for shopping and dining out, as well as monetary gifts appreciated. Please bring finger foods - cake and drinks

Looking Ahead

Mary and Martha meeting April 15 at 6:30 in the fellowship room. We will be working on our service project.

Ladies Lunch Out April 16 at 11:30 at China Buffet/Mongolian Grill in Sikeston

Easter Dinner April 21 in the fellowship room, following morning worship. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend

Senior Night at Bernie April 28 following evening worship. Our seniors this year are Maddie Jacques and Sadie Hosfelt, both graduating from Dexter

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

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

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

BYC session 3 July 7-12.

Continued from front: He also blesses those who bless them. Even more, he blesses the world through their actions. Joseph is a reminder of God's great promise. Remember the promise?

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. (Genesis 12: 1-3)

But, what about you? Did you start your story well, or did you mess up your life and your relationships? While we all want to start our story well, Joseph is a reminder that we can re-write our story. Circumstances don't have to define us, but our allegiance to godliness can. Even when we fall short in portions of our story to the person we want to be, our faithfulness to be a person who reflects God's values, his gracious compassion, and his righteous character, can lead us, and many others because of us, to be blessed by God.

Your story, our stories, matter to God. We might never be in the same position to change the world as Joseph did. However, we all are in a place to bless the lives of those around us. As we find our story caught up into God's great story, let's choose to be someone like Joseph. We can change our world for the better rather than having our values eroded by our circumstances!

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Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

LaRhonda Billingsley was released from Southeast Hospital Friday after becoming seriously ill Thursday. All test results came back good * Renee Goldman (Phyllis Howard's sister) has been diagnosed with some serious medical issues and Phyllis has requested prayers on her behalf * Darrell Zimmerman was recently hospitalized with pneumonia but is home now * Curtis McClard was recently hospitalized with dehydration and diverticulitis, but has been released * Curtis McClard's hip replacement surgery scheduled for tomorrow * Gayle Rodgers has been ill * Goldie Kirkpatrick (Mary Barnett's sister) was released from the hospital Tuesday and is improving * Jerel Jester (Amy's dad) is doing well following surgery *

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 * 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 *

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

Other Health Issues

Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)
Renee Goldman (serious health issues)
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 McKuין #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

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