PREPARE COMMUNION

June -July - David and Cindy Burleson

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Bonnie Jones * June 16 - LaRhonda Billingsley

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Country Gravy Mix * Corn Chips * Pre-Wash Spray * Evaporated Milk * Sandwich Bags * Summer Sausage (Pick up TOMORROW) <u>OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK</u>

> Attendance - 135 Contribution - 3848

FOOD PANTRY

JUNE ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE Rice, canned fruit (no applesauce). Cash donations also gratefully accepted

Happy Birthday:



June 9 - Darri Thompson June 11 - Ethan Flowers June 12 - Kynlie Allen June 13 - Max Snyder June 16 - Judy Flannery Todd McGowan

Happy Anniversary:

June 12 - Joe and Sharlette Watson

Bible Trivia:

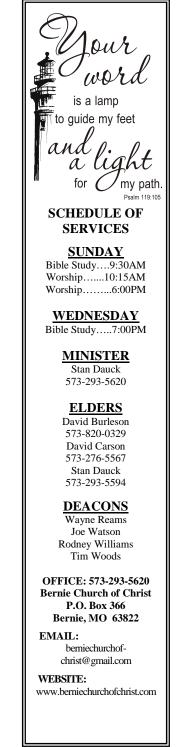
Who said, "Eli, Eli, Lama sabachthani" and what does it mean?

Last Week's Answer:

The name of the man who was killed by having a nail driven through his head was **Sisera**, the Canaanite captain (Judges 4: 18-21)

As of Friday, Amy has received 27 photos out of 87 families listed in our directory. Please let her know if you need a photo taken and arrangements will be made.





TRUE LIGHT

June 9, 2019

Airing Dirty Laundry

Recently while perusing social media, I happened upon a post that really made me stop and think. It was from an individual who was scolding his home congregation for not noticing that he and his wife had both been out sick the previous week. His comments were something like, "We were not at church last Sunday due to sickness and the only person who cared enough to call and check on us was my boss. Not one church member has checked up on us. I guess we can see who really cares."

At the onset, several things came to mind as I placed the man who made the comments in the position of the villain. "Man, what makes you feel so special?" "Issues much?" "Why would you bring reproach on the church on social media? We have enough criticism from the world, we don't need Christians adding to it." "Why didn't you Matthew 18 the situation and go to your brethren and share with them your frustration?" "I wonder how many people you call and check up on when they are

out?" "To have a friend you have to be a friend." "The only reason your boss called is to see when you were coming back to work."

After throwing a bit of internal, silent criticism his way, I began to sympathize with my "brother in Christ." I too have felt the sting of not being missed. I too have felt like I was – unappreciated and unacknowledged. I too have been sick and thought to myself how nice it would be for someone to call and check up on me.

Subsequent to these thoughts, rushed in a bit of self-examination. Have I done my best to show genuine appreciation to others? Have I done my best to acknowledge others when they miss assembly? Have I done my best to check up on others when they are

absent? Have I done my best to alleviate the pain and suffering of others as it has been in my realm of power and influence to do? Have I done my best "as the elect of God, holy and beloved" to "put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness and longsuffering" (Colossians 3:12)? Have I done my very best to allow the love of Christ show through in my life?

Although I think it best not to "air dirty laundry," but to take care of any issues we have with our brethren in the God-prescribed, Biblical way, I think the biggest tragedy comes in the feelings of rejection or disregard. How sad it is to feel like you are not loved. How sad it is to feel like no one cares. How sad it is to feel like no one notices. How doubly sad it is for Christians to experience the same emotions.

And I understand there is always the possibility of false perception and reality (I really am loved, cared for, missed, and appreciated; it just doesn't seem or feel like it right now). However, I hope to do a better job of communicating my love, care and appreciation to you all, because I really do love, care and appreciate you all. I miss you when you're gone, and pray for you when you're sick. And I know I'm not the only one. Chris Moran, Mars Hill Messenger



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY: CRC Day. A special contribution box will be in the foyer. The goal this year is \$100,000

June 9-12: Gospel Meeting at Matthews with guest speaker Kevin Lawrence. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

June 9-12: Summer Sermon Series at Central Church of Christ. The theme is "Jesus: Let Us Come to

Know You." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery June 10: Children's Home Fish Fry at 6 p.m. at the Dexter church of Christ fellowship building. More information is posed on the bulletin board by the nursery

June 10: Children's Home Grocery Pick-Up. Let's get the cart filled up

June 11: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Malden Country Club. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the fover if you'd like to attend

June 12-14: Battle of the Youth Groups at Crowley's Ridge College June 12: Our Summer Series Speaker will be Austin Holiman

June 15: One day VBS at Fisk church of Christ. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Congregational Birthday/Anniversary recognition June 23 in the fellowship building, following evening worship services. If you have a birthday or anniversary this year, this recognition is for YOU! If you would like to help provide refreshments, please see Amy Thomason

Doniphan church of Christ Youth Rally June 29 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The theme is "Be There" with guest speaker Joel Carey. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Fifth Sunday Potluck & Early Evening service June 30. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship, and have our evening worship service at 1 p.m. Make plans to stay for the potluck

Summer Youth Series at Bernie July 1. More information forthcoming

BYC session 3 July 7-12. There are some applications for camp on the table in the foyer. Also if you would like to help send a camper to camp, or you are in need of help sending a camper to camp, please see one of the elders

Vacation Bible School at Bernie July 21-25. Our theme is "Marooned." Dust off those cookie recipes! Volunteer help is always needed; please see Ginger Beaird if you can help in any way

Summer Youth Series at Sikeston July 29. More information forthcoming

Summer Youth Series at Green Forest August 5. More information forthcoming

Summer Youth Series at Dexter OR Kennett August 12. More information forthcoming

Post-Christian Culture

Americans live in a post-Christian culture today. What do I mean by that? I mean that Christianity has little impact on day to day life in America. The values of Christians are simply brushed aside and dismissed.

Want an example? Sports. When I was a boy growing up, no one would have ever thought to schedule a ballgame or practice on Wednesday night. Why not? Because that's when Christians had Bible study scheduled, and everyone knew they were going to be in church, not at the ball field.

Through the years society has changed. The world has learned that they can schedule games on Wednesday and everyone will be present, even the Christians. We have sold out our values, and the world knows it. Thus, Christianity is all but dismissed today, because the world knows we'll follow its lead.

Can things be changed? Can we reverse this trend? Certainly we can. Certainly we have the power to make a difference, but it will require Christians, in mass, to stand up for what is right and to quit compromising their values.

Instead of being led around by the world, and living by the values of the world, wouldn't you rather live in a society that upheld higher and nobler standards? If so, do your part in making it happen! Steve Higginbotham, www.glasgow-coc-org.

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Amy Green (David Carson's mother) has been moved back to Winchester Nursing Home from Southeast and is not doing well * Curtis McClard has a staff infection on his leg *

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 * Bet-tie 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

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 Gerald Robertson Deanna Rogers Norman Swafford

Other Health Issues

John Back (stroke) DeeDee Burch (auto accident) Harper Bruton (premature infant) Azlynn Dicus (seizures) Renee Goodman (serious health issues) Dakota Greer (Bell's Palsy) Clyde Jacques Beckie King (MS) Nikki Lawrence (migraines) Carter McGowan (premature birth) Alvin Miller (poor health) Tom Provance Gene Rowland Traci Suiter (poor health) Paige Tanner (congestive heart failure)

Central Garden:	Fern Botsch #309 Lois McKuin #117	<u>OUR SHUT INS</u> 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