

\*\*\*PREPARE COMMUNION\*\*\*

September - Rodney Williams  
October - STILL NEEDED

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Millie Dauck \* September 15 - Cindy Burleson

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Spaghetti Noodles \* Cookie Mixes \* Cooking Oil \* Cream of Mushroom Soup \* Butterscotch Chips \* Oatmeal  
Pick-up date: **TOMORROW**

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance - 120  
Contribution - 4187

FOOD PANTRY

**SEPTEMBER ITEMS: SPAGHETTI NOODLES**  
*Canned spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit (no apple-sauce). Cash donations also gratefully accepted*



**Happy Birthday:**

September 8: Darrell Zimmerman  
September 9: Alex Garner  
September 10: Steve Jones  
September 12: Jack Simmons  
Ishmael Smith  
September 14: Gaye Miller  
Mindy Pruitt

**Happy Anniversary:**

September 10: Sonny and Pauline Allen (70!)



**Bible Trivia:**

Who fashioned five mice out of gold?

**Last Week's Answer:**

Judges 8: 21, 26, talks about camels wearing necklaces

**SERVING TODAY**

**September 8, 2019**

**Song Leader**.....Tim Woods  
**Opening Prayer**.....Zack Tanner

**LORD'S TABLE**

David Carson.....Justin Allen  
Tim Flowers.....Jeff McGowan  
Jeff Rodgers.....Johnny McGowan  
**Scripture**.....Jonathan Simmons  
**Prayer**.....Jon Neely  
**Announcements**.....Ron Garner  
**Dismissal**.....Darrin Shipman

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....Wayne Reams  
**Prayer**.....Rodney Williams  
**Scripture**.....David Burleson  
Matthew 25: 41-43

**Dismissal**.....Jerry McCoy  
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**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

**Song Leader**.....Jacob Clayton  
**Prayer**.....David Burleson  
**Dismissal**.....Jerry McCoy  
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**September 15, 2019**

**Song Leader**.....Joe Watson  
**Opening Prayer**.....David Carson

**LORD'S TABLE**

Darrin Shipman.....David Burleson  
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner  
Mike Duley.....Jon Neely  
**Scripture**.....Jeff Rodgers  
**Prayer**.....Jerry Burleson  
**Announcements**.....Wayne Reams  
**Dismissal**.....Bud McKuin

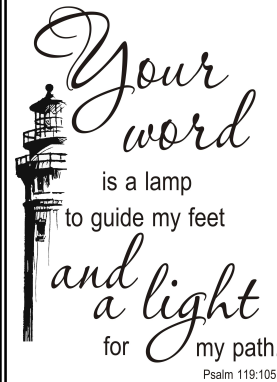
**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....Morris Karnes  
**Prayer**.....Justin Allen  
**Scripture**.....Jacob Clayton  
Matthew 25: 44-46

**Dismissal**.....Rodney Williams  
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**COUNT SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTION**

Wayne Reams.....Jerry McCoy  
Johnny McGowan.....David Howard



is a lamp  
to guide my feet  
and  
a light  
for my path.  
Psalm 119:105

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study...9:30AM  
Worship.....10:15AM  
Worship.....6:00PM

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00PM

**MINISTER**

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**ELDERS**

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David Carson  
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Stan Dauck  
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**DEACONS**

Wayne Reams  
Joe Watson  
Rodney Williams  
Tim Woods

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# TRUE LIGHT

September 8, 2019

**BEING OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE**

As one grows older, a major struggle of life is one's outlook - whether we chose to be optimistic or pessimistic. We all **want** to have a positive outlook on the future, but that is difficult for many. It becomes easier when we keep God in the picture. Solomon viewed life without God and determined, *Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity* (Ecclesiastes 12:8). Then he viewed it with God and saw a much brighter future: *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man* (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Life without God would have been dark indeed for the apostle John in exile on the Isle of Patmos. His vision of heaven and God on His throne (Revelation 4-5) kept God in the picture, which makes the future look much brighter. A pessimistic outlook is the direct result of looking at our world from a human perspective, seeing only gloom and doom. *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the*

*An optimistic outlook is the result of an obedient life.*

*abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death* (Revelation 21:8). A life without hope is the only view that the world has. Each person needs God in their life, and He must be kept in ours. Remember that God rules the world, we do not know **what** the future holds, but we know **who** holds the future. God is at work on the side of good in the lives of those who love and obey Him: *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love* (John 15:10). And so all things are possible, and we can look for good things to occur: *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose* (Romans 8:28).

The best is yet to be, and God's obedient children are on their way to heaven. These two things make for a bright and glorious future. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son* (Revelation 21: 4-7).

An optimistic outlook is the result of an obedient life. [www.twincitycofc.homestead.com](http://www.twincitycofc.homestead.com)



**Children's Homes grocery pick-up date is tomorrow!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**TONIGHT:** Willie Franklin will be our guest speaker

**TOMORROW:** Children's Home Grocery Run. The cart is very empty

**September 10:** Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Huddle House in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend

**Wednesday Fellowship Meal:** Taco Salad. Desserts will be needed

***Looking Ahead***

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*Mary and Martha* September 16 at 6:30 p.m. Trish Baldwin will be the hostess

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*Nursing Home crafts* September 20 at 2 p.m. at Malden Nursing and Rehab. Volunteer help is always appreciated

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*Spiritual Growth Seminar* September 20-22 at Green Forest church of Christ. Joe Wells is the guest speaker. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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*Ladies Day* September 21 at the Anna IL church of Christ. The topic is, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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*Children's Home Homecoming/Fish Fry* September 28. Let's get our change for children cans filled up

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*Ladies Day* September 28 at Central Church of Christ in Paducah. The theme is "Lessons From the Front Porch" with speaker Donna Faughn. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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*Harding Lectureships* Sept. 29 through Oct. 2. The theme is "Fan the Flame." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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*Gospel Meeting* at Bernie Oct. 20-23 with Alex Bayes. Be praying for a successful meeting

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*BYC Ladies Retreat* Oct. 25 & 26, hosted by the Advance congregation. The theme is "If the Shoe Fits." More information to follow

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*Thomason "Farewell Tour"* Spooktacular Oct 25. This will be the final party before retirement!

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** We are still waiting on pictures, updated information, or both for the directory from the following families: **Allen** (Justin), **Burch**, **Collier**, **Hardy**, **Howard** (David), **Jacques** (Karla), **Jacques** (Mark), **Mason**, **Mays** (Kevin), **McClard**, **McGarity**, **McGowan** (Celia), **McGowan** (Johnny), **Provance**, **Pruitt** (Bill), **Rodgers**, **Simmons**, **Smith** (Gabe), **Smith** (Jane), **Snyder**, **Summers**, **Tanner**, **Terrill** (David), **Thurston**, **Watson** (Marty), **Williams** (Beth), **Wood**. There are directory information sheets on the table in the foyer. If you need someone to take your photo, please see Amy Thomason.

*Lifting up in Prayer...*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Trish Baldwin will have an MRI tomorrow \* Sharlette Watson will have a hysterectomy Wednesday at 1 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital \* Curtis McClard had a PET scan Friday and is waiting on results \* Darlene McGowan's bloodwork came back good and she is waiting on a rescheduled date for a lumpectomy \* Karla Jacques and her mother have both been ill \* Elwood Rush isn't feeling well \* Gideon Guntert (the Thomasons' grandson) will have a decanulation procedure Sept. 17 in which his tracheostomy will be removed \* Kristy Mercado (Linda Jones' daughter) will have a laparoscopic hysterectomy Oct. 11 \*

**CONTINUING PRAYERS**

**(congregational)**

Louella Akers \* John David Barnett \* David Burleson \* Jerry Burleson \* Pam Claeys \* Billie Cooper \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Grant Howard \* Curtis McClard \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Donna McKuIn \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Waynetta Rodgers \* Elwood Rush \* Jane Smith \* 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**

Pauline Bratcher  
Roxanne Carson  
Sherry Chambers  
Jackie Cooper  
Debbie Chrisman  
Bill Fitzpatrick  
Peggy Hampton  
Kristi Hargrave  
LeAnn Jacques  
Tommy Jacques  
Lisbeth Jones  
Andy Kelley  
Connie Lemmons  
Annette Lumsden  
Phil McKuIn  
Christy Mercado  
Betty Nicholson  
Donnie Rawlings  
Gerald Robertson  
Deanna Rogers

**Other Health Issues**

Megan Brenna (brain tumor/pregnancy)  
Amy Green (poor health)  
DeeDee Burch (auto accident)  
Mary Burke (poor health)  
Renee Goodman (serious health issues)  
Clyde Jacques  
Lola Johnson (kidney)  
Beckie King (MS)  
Nikki Lawrence (migraines)  
Sonja Mays (poor health)  
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**

<b>Central Garden:</b>	Lois McKuIn #117	<b>Ridgeview Living:</b>	Shirley Johnson #225
<b>Cypress Point:</b>	Joy Watson #8		Bertha Skidgell #218
<b>Winchester Place:</b>	Travis Cooper, #7 Elwood Rush, #6		Max Terrill #207 Isaac Wheeler #201
<b>Winchester Nursing Home:</b>	Sue Flowers #208	<b>Crowley Ridge Nursing:</b>	Fern Botsch, #103

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