

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

October - Allen & Garner  
November - Jerry and Pam Collier

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

**TODAY -** Loretta Carson \* October 13 - Pat Cooper

**CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS**

Hamburger Helper \* Paper Towels \* Trash Bags (13 Gallon)  
\* Cream of Chicken Soup \* Shampoo or Conditioner \*  
Ibuprofen \* pick up date December 16

**OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK**

Attendance - 135  
Contribution - 4342

**FOOD PANTRY**

**OCTOBER ITEMS: SPAGHETTI NOODLES**

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



**Happy Birthday:**

- October 6: McKenzie Beaird  
Jordan McGowan  
Judy Snyder
- October 8: Betty McGowan
- October 9: Bentley Collier  
Luke Ethan Mason
- October 10: Judy Duley  
Cason Karnes
- October 12: Kinley Frields  
Darlene McGowan

**Happy Anniversary**

October 8: Ken and Sharon Durham



**Bible Trivia:**

What is the name of the man who fed seventy kings at his table?

**Last Week's Answer:**

Jehu shot the arrow and Jehoram died (2Kings 9:24)

**SERVING TODAY**

**October 6, 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 McQuin

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....Morris Karnes  
**Prayer**.....Justin Allen  
**Scripture**.....Jacob Clayton  
Matthew 26: 10-13

**Dismissal**.....Rodney Williams  
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**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

**Song Leader**.....Wayne Reams  
**Prayer**.....Jon Neely  
**Dismissal**.....Darrin Shipman  
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**October 13, 2019**

**Song Leader**.....Morris Karnes  
**Opening Prayer**.....Tim Woods

**LORD'S TABLE**

Ron Garner.....Zack Tanner  
Marty Howard.....David Howard  
Jason Karnes.....Jerry McCoy  
**Scripture**.....Wayne Reams  
**Prayer**.....Jonathan Simmons  
**Announcements**.....David Carson  
**Dismissal**.....Jeff Rodgers

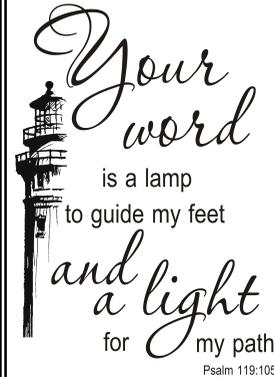
**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....Tim Woods  
**Prayer**.....Darrin Shipman  
**Scripture**.....Joe Watson  
Matthew 26: 14-16

**Dismissal**.....Sam Garner  
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**COUNT OCTOBER CONTRIBUTION**

Justin Allen.....Mike Duley  
Rodney Williams.....David Carson



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

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David Carson  
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**DEACONS**

Wayne Reams  
Joe Watson  
Rodney Williams  
Tim Woods

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# TRUE LIGHT

October 6, 2019

**ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

I grew up in a small church that sang long songs! If the author went to the trouble to write four, five or six stanzas, we felt obligated to cover them all - regardless of tune or tempo! And one song on our "Top 40" began with the phrase, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through..." The chorus repeatedly chimed, "And I can't feel at home in this world anymore." Although our small church was vocally challenged, we certainly sang it with all our hearts. But the problem I noticed was that we didn't really believe it - at least not by our actions.

At our worst, we were too comfortable with wordly ways. Many of us were trying to lay up lots of treasures down here *below* the blue! Surely, we needed more of a heavenly perspective! But most of the time, and at our best, we chose to violate our song's mantra because we were really trying to live into God's will and make life on earth as it is in heaven!

*But we keep praying. We long for the reversal of the curse. We yearn for the healing and hope of heaven to bind up the brokenness of our families, our cities, and our world.*

For now, our home was here, on this earth, and we were actively working to make it better. Although we sang as if we were all just sitting around and waiting to die and enter heavenly eternal glory, at our best, we were trying to live like heaven on earth!

The truth of the matter is that our Creator has placed us here on this earth. And the only life anyone of us knows to this point is lived out here with the rest of God's creation. Yes, the Holy Spirit indwells us, but the Spirit lives within us here, in our created bodies and on this earth! So maybe the goal of our life is not just to escape this world and flee to heaven?

The unified story of the Bible is a story of creation, fall, and redemption. And if we read it closely, we learn that our redeemer seeks to restore creation and not just write it off. This world is where the life we've been given exists, and it is where God wants his already, but not yet fully realized, kingdom to keep coming.

God challenges us to get on board and invest in the already coming kingdom in the here and now! May God's kingdom come, and God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. As Michael Wittmer says, "We are earthlings, for heaven's sake!"

To pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven admits that life on earth could be better - much better. The gap between the earth we know and the heaven we imagine often seems insurmountable. About the time we get a glimpse of God's glorious in-breaking kingdom, the evil, injustice, poverty, and pain that largely define life on earth obscures the heavenly vision. In those times, it's like life on earth as it is in hell.

But we keep praying. We long for the reversal of the curse. We yearn for the healing and hope of heaven to bind up the brokenness of our families, our cities and our world. We want to pray with eyes closed tightly, but his prayer keeps our eyes open to our world's suffering. It's a prayer for the vision to see what God sees - to be brokenhearted for what breaks God's heart. **Cont'd on inside**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**TODAY:** Kason Lawrence will be our guest speaker

**October 6-11:** Gospel Meeting at Lilbourn church of Christ. Ron Griffin is the guest speaker. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

**October 8:** Ladies Lunch Out at Sandy Ridge Smokehouse in East Prairie. We will take the van and depart from the church parking lot at 10:45. PLEASE make sure to sign up if you plan to attend

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

***Looking Ahead***

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***Hayride and Youth Rally*** October 19 at the Magill Farm, beginning at 1:30 p.m. 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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***Mary and Martha*** will not meet in October due to the Gospel Meeting at Bernie

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***BYC Ladies Retreat*** Oct. 25 & 26, hosted by the Advance congregation. The theme is "If the Shoe Fits." The cost is \$15 for Friday or Saturday; \$25 for both days. T shirts are available for \$12. Ladies are asked to bring a colorful pair of new socks to be donated to the children's home. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer - please sign up by October 16 if you plan to attend so a number can be sent in for food and t shirts

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***Thomason "Farewell Tour"*** Spooktacular Oct 25, from 6-9 p.m. This will be the final party before retirement!

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***Wednesday Night Ladies Christmas Party*** December 6 at the home of Trish Baldwin. More information to follow

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***Ladies Holiday Brunch*** December 12 at the home of Amy Thomason. More information to follow

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***Ladies Ornament Exchange*** December 16 in the fellowship room. More information to follow

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***Christmas Dinner*** December 25 at noon in the fellowship room. Everyone is invited

**Cont'd from front:**

One doesn't genuinely say this prayer without being drafted into the service of seeing God's will done on this earth. You cannot pray this prayer and be satisfied with the status quo. The way things are is not the way things will be. And the people who truly believe are the ones who will join in God's renewal and restoration project.

The priorities of heaven are at odds with the priorities of this fallen world. Therefore, God challenges us to pray our Lord's kingdom priorities into the here and now. The bottom line is that this is a radical and risky prayer. When you pray it, you are telling God, "You have a will. And I have a will. While they sometimes line up, too often they don't. And when they don't, **LET HEAVEN WIN!**"

Doug Peters, www.heartlight.com

**Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes off all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and scoops out the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. Last, He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see!**



***Lifting up in Prayer...***

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Pat Cooper will be having cataract surgery Monday \* David Carson had sinus surgery Tuesday and is doing fine \* Pansy Zimmerman is a little improved. She is having some physical therapy to help build her strength up \* Curtis McClard is waiting on results from his PET scan \* Reba Owens is dealing with circulation issues and infection in her toe \* Darlene McGowan will have additional breast cancer surgery Friday \* Alvin Miller (Judy Duley's dad) is doing better physically but declining mentally \* Helen McGowan will have another procedure Wednesday to prepare her for dialysis \* Gayle Rodgers has been ill but is doing better \* Lola Johnson had cath surgery Thursday in preparation for home dialysis \* Christy Mercado (Linda Jones' daughter) will have a laparoscopic hysterectomy Friday \* Jerry Don McGowan had three tumors removed from his bladder and the surgery went well \*

**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 McQuin \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Waynetta Rodgers \* Elwood Rush \* Jane Smith \* David Terrill \* Max Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Joy Watson \* Marty Watson \* Sharlette 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*

**OUR SHUT INS**

<b>Central Garden:</b>	Lois McQuin #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
<b>Winchester Nursing Home:</b>	Sue Flowers #208	<b>Crowley Ridge Nursing:</b>	Isaac Wheeler #201
			Fern Botsch, #103

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

**CONTINUING PRAYERS  
(non congregational)**

**Cancer**

Pauline Bratcher  
Roxanne Carson  
Sherry Chambers  
Jackie Cooper  
Bill Fitzpatrick  
Peggy Hampton  
Kristi Hargrave  
LeAnn Jacques  
Tommy Jacques  
Pam Jeralds  
Andy Kelley  
Connie Lemmons  
Annette Lumsden  
Phil McQuin  
Christy Mercado  
Betty Nicholson  
Donnie Rawlings  
Gerald Robertson  
Deanna Rogers  
Bobby Thornton

**Other Health Issues**

Megan Brenna  
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)