

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

January - Jerry and Rosemary McCoy
February - Zack and Beckie Tanner

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Marietta Reams * January 26 - Millie Dauck

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Pancake Mix * Sugar * Hair Spray (non-aerosol) * Cream of Celery Soup * Men's Stick Deodorant * Snack Bars * pick up date March 23

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance - 127
Contribution - \$4773

FOOD PANTRY

JANUARY ITEMS: CRACKERS

*Canned vegetables and fruits (no canned applesauce, please).
Cash donations also gratefully accepted*

Happy Birthday:

January 20 - Sawyer Mayberry
Campbell Neely
January 25 - Rex McGarity



Bible Trivia:

How many pieces of silver did the Philistines promise Delilah if she could find out the secret of Samson's strength?

Last Week's Answer:

Cleopas (Luke 24: 13,18) was the name of one of the two friends that met Jesus on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection



Forever Family Recognition for the Colliers Sunday, January 26, following evening services. We will have soup, sandwiches and finger foods. Make plans to stay and celebrate God's answer to many years of prayer

SERVING TODAY

January 19, 2020

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

LORD'S TABLE

Darrin Shipman.....David Burleson
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner
Mike Duley.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jonathan Simmons
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson
Announcements.....Wayne Reams
Dismissal.....Bud McQuin

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton

Matthew 26: 57-58

Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

January 26, 2020

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Opening Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

LORD'S TABLE

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

Sunday Evening

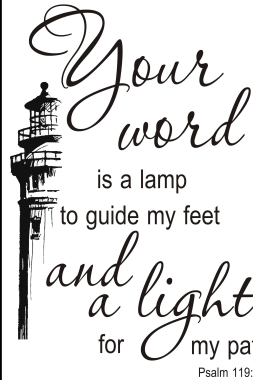
Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Justin Allen

Matthew 26: 59-60

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

COUNT JANUARY CONTRIBUTION

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



Psalm 119:105

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30AM
Worship.....10:15AM
Worship.....5:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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TRUE LIGHT

January 19, 2020

Dry Pine Needles and Cold, Dusty Attics

The holidays with all their rush, push, travel and commitments are done. Because Christmas and New Year's Day fell in the middle of the week, many of us are just now getting things put away. If you were like a lot of folks the last few weekends, you were faced with cleaning up dry pine needles and putting stuff away in a cold, dusty attic. Onward we march into the cold, dreary days of winter - yes, we envy our brothers and sisters living on the other side of the equator this time of year.

Before you completely let go of the Advent stories, however, I hope you will join me in a reminder that we need before we leave the joy and excitement of the holidays behind. For Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus, the excitement of the journey to Bethlehem, the birth of Christ, the stories of shepherds fresh from their flocks in the field, and the Magi who visited from afar, were all over. Jesus' family faced a hard new reality:

Jesus understands. He knows the hardships of life. He knows the difficulties of living in a messy and sometimes violent world. He knows the realities of living in our real world of joyous celebrations, emotional letdowns, dangerous travel, petty hatreds and homeless wanderings.

When (the Magi) had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him" (Matthew 2:13).

Raising the Christ-child - the Messiah and Son of God - was not going to be easy for them. Jesus may have grown up like any normal boy (Luke 2:51-52), but the fragility of life was never lost on Jesus and his family. Joseph disappears from the biblical record after Jesus' trip to the Temple when he was twelve (Luke 2:41-50). Joseph appears to have died at some time before Jesus began his ministry.

As a good oldest son, Jesus took over the carpentry shop of his earthy father. Jesus became known as a carpenter in Nazareth (Mark 6:3). He faced sibling rivalry, teasing, and jealousy like most children and young adults face at one time or another (John 7:1-7). He even faced rumors of his mental state from his family (Mark 3:20-21). Mary, who knew something of Jesus' heavenly origins, struggled at times with what to expect of him (John 2:1-5) and how he would receive her as his mother (Mark 3:31-35).

Jesus' real-to-life circumstances are comforting to me. They are reminders that when Christmas is over, and after all the twinkling lights have come down and boredom of winter's bleak landscapes have closed in upon us, Jesus understands. He knows the hardships of life. He knows the difficulties of living in a messy and sometimes violent world. He knows the realities of living in our real world of joyous celebrations, emotional letdowns, dangerous travel, petty hatreds, and homeless wanderings.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

January 20: Mary and Martha at 6:30 in the fellowship room. Janie Burleson and Karla Jacques are the hostesses. Bring a donation for the food pantry to be entered for a door prize.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Smoked turkey, ham and the fixins. Desserts will be needed.

January 26: Adoption Recognition Supper for the Colliers following evening worship. Bring soups, sandwiches and/or finger foods and help us celebrate with the Colliers on their forever family.

Looking Ahead

Widow/Widower/Senior Luncheon February 6 at 11:30 in the fellowship room. If you are a widow, widower, or qualify for AARP, please join us for lunch and games! If you need a ride, let Amy Thomason know

Ladies Lunch Out February 11 at 11:30 at Mary Ada's in Portageville

Challenge Youth Conference February 28-March 1 at Pigeon Forge. The theme is "Power: Word, Spirit, Cross, God." If you plan to attend, please see Stan as soon as possible

Area Wide Singing March 8 at 2 p.m. at Fruitland church of Christ

Inspiration 2020 March 13 and 14 at Dexter church of Christ with guest speaker Lonnie Jones. The theme is "Connected"

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Jesus had to be made like us in every respect so he could help us (Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:14-16). I find comfort in that truth. Being born in a manger and having to be hurried to Egypt by Joseph and Mary to protect his life, I know that he understands. He has shared my world of dry pine needles, cold and dusty attics, with long dreary days that appear to go nowhere special.

Jesus used Isaiah's "Servant Songs" (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-7, 52:13-53:12) to define his ministry and his difficult journey to the cross. In one of these songs, Isaiah made the following promise of the LORD's Servant:

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. (Isaiah 50:4)

Let's brush off those dry pine needles, shake the cold attic dust from our clothes, and on those dreary days that God seems distant, let's do this. Let's remember our Savior's journey through the hard challenges combined with the long days caught in the ordinariness of life. Let's remember we can be real when we talk to him in prayer - we don't have to pretend or dress up our words or our world.

Most of all, let's listen in the stillness of those dark and dreary times for the whispers of grace from Jesus. He has been here and knows the harsh edges of our world. He has the words to sustain us when we are weary with it all!

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

FOURTH QUARTER PANTRY REPORT

For the month of October, 23 households and 53 individuals were served

For the month of November, 55 households and 119 individuals were served

For the month of December, 59 households and 111 individuals were served

Fourth quarter totals: 137 families served and 283 individuals served

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bettie Thurston is at the Lutheran Nursing Home in Cape following a fall that broke her ankle on both sides. She will be having surgery on it soon * **Pat Ingle** had cataract surgery Wednesday and is doing well * **Pansy Zimmerman** continues to have issues with her foot and leg * **Bob Jones** (Karla Jacques' dad) is recovering from a burst appendix and sepsis * **Eric Billingsley** had an MRI on his shoulder Saturday and is waiting for further action * **Goldie Kirkpatrick** (Mary Barnett's sister) is some improved and doctors plan to open both carotid arteries next week if she continues to improve * **Trish Baldwin** will see an orthopedic doctor January 28 * **Alvin Miller** (Judy Duley's father) is improving * **Donnie Rawlings** (David Carson's brother in law) has been accepted into an alternative cancer treatment program * **Helen McGowan** needs prayers that a kidney can be found soon *

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 * Reba Owens * 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

Kristi Altman
Roxanne Carson
Sherry Chambers
Dale Eaton
Bill Fitzpatrick
Peggy Hampton
LeAnn Jacques
Tommy Jacques
Pam Jerals
Andy Kelley
Connie Lemmons
Annette Lumsden
Phil McKuin
Ponna Mahan
Paula Mason
Betty Nicholson
Donnie Rawlings
Gerald Robertson
Deanna Rogers
Bobby Thornton

Other Health Issues

Megan Brenna
DeeDee Burch
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)

OUR SHUT INS

Central Garden:	Lois McKuin #218	Ridgeview Living:	Shirley Johnson #225
	Marty Watson #107		Max Terrill #207
			Isaac Wheeler #201
Cypress Point:	Joy Watson #8		
Winchester Place:	Elwood Rush, #6	Crowley Ridge Nursing:	Fern Botsch, #103
Winchester Nursing Home:	Sue Flowers #208		
	Travis Cooper, #205		

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