

PREPARE COMMUNION***

March - Jerry and Pam Collier
April - STILL NEEDED

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Millie Dauck * March 8 - Cindy Burleson

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 - 125

FOOD PANTRY

MARCH ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

Crackers * Cereal * Cash donations also gratefully accepted

Contribution - \$3786



Happy Birthday:

March 2 - Mark Clayton
March 7 - Caden Shipman
March 8 - Esau Forman
Joy Greer

Bible Trivia:

Nahor's two eldest sons were named: a. Huz and Buz, b. Huz and Muz, c. Buz and Muz, d. Fuz and Suz, e. Huz and Fuz, f. Buz and Suz

Last Week's Answer:

Ahasuerus was the name of the king who had his women per-

Remembering Max...

An anonymous donation was recently made to our food pantry in memory of our brother Max Terrill

Did you know you could make a cash donation to our food pantry in honor of a loved one? An acknowledgement card will be sent to the family and can be personalized or left anonymous.

SERVING TODAY

March 1, 2020

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
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 McKuinn

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton
Matthew 27: 3-10

Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

March 8, 2020

Song Leader.....Ron Garner
Opening Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

LORD'S TABLE

Ron Garner.....Zack Tanner
Steve Jones.....Marty Howard
David Howard.....Jason Karnes
Scripture.....Jon Neely
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
Announcements.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

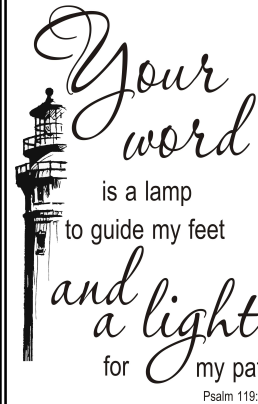
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Matthew 27: 11-14

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

COUNT MARCH CONTRIBUTION

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



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

TRUE LIGHT

March 1, 2020

GRACE FOR THE WORST OF US ... EVEN ME!

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation (Romans 5:6-11).

"Unfortunately, he went out and did what he had threatened, ripping a deep hole in his soul before he realized that no one 'got away with the good stuff of sin' without causing incalculable self-harm"

Decades ago, I was in a group of men that had met together almost every week for a year. We had shared our struggles, pain, heartache, and sin, as well as our triumphs, joys and spiritual growth. As we talked about grace, one of the men's faces flushed bright red with angry intensity. His words spewed out with soul-grinding bitterness: "Well, I think I am just going to go out and sin all that I can for a few weeks. I've lived all my life as a good person, and I am sick and tired of hearing guys talk about their past sins and then see God forgive them. Now they are considered as good as me. I hate it! If I am honest, I hate them!"

I'm usually good about redirecting comments, but I sat there absolutely stunned and dumbfounded. No one moved. I'm not sure any of the guys breathed for the next several minutes. Our friend's resentment, along with his self-righteous arrogance, fell through the air like a bomb descending slowly from high altitude, but about to land with a life-destroying jolt.

After this extended silence, one of the guys asked to pray for our friend and his broken heart. After the "Amen!" everyone made a loving attempt of affirmation for him but left quickly. I was left alone to visit with this angry young man. Unfortunately, he went out and did what he had threatened, ripping a deep hole in his soul before he recognized that no one "got away with the good stuff of sin" without causing incalculable self-harm. It took several years for him to dig out of the hole he had made for himself with his lack of appreciation for grace and his own need of it before he went on his sinful spree of long-desired debauchery.

When it comes to others, we want justice. When it comes to us, we desperately want God's mercy and his grace! God extends his mercy and grace to us, longing to awaken us to the life he gave everything for us to have. He loves us so much that he even gave his Son for us (John 3:16-17). And, God gave us mercy and grace when we didn't deserve it. Notice the words in the scripture above. This list is our resume to apply for the grace we need: **continued on inside**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY: Spring teaching quarter begins. New materials are in the library
Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Chicken and dumplings. Desserts will be needed
March 8: Daylight Saving Time begins. Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour Saturday night
March 8: Area Wide Singing at 2 p.m. at Fruitland church of Christ

Looking Ahead

Ladies Lunch Out March 10 at 11:30 at LaEstancia in Malden

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

Gospel Meeting at Gideon March 15-18 with guest speaker Brent Newton at 7 p.m. nightly. The theme is on the holy spirit

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring Jim and Donna Faughn March 21 at Central church of Christ in Paducah from 2-4 p.m. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Children's Home Grocery Run March 23. Let's get the cart filled up

Mary and Martha March 23 at 6:30 in the fellowship room. Note this has been changed from March 16. We will be finishing up our service project. Please eat before you come, and we will have desserts after we are finished

Ruth Rally 2020 for teen girls at Center Hill church of Christ, Paragould, March 27 & 28. The theme is "Focus." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Gospel Meeting at Bernie March 29-April 1 with guest speaker Jim Faughn. Start praying now for a successful meeting

Ultimate Youth Rally May 22-24 at Germantown Church of Christ

Summit Youth Rally at North Heights church of Christ in Batesville AR June 5-7. Spencer Furby is the keynote speaker

BYC Session 2 July 5-10

Ladies Retreat at Bootheel Youth Camp September 25 & 26

Continued from front:

Powerless * Ungodly * Sinners * Enemies.

Our state of lostness is when God showed us his love, mercy, and grace. We didn't deserve it any more than Cain ... or Jeffrey Dahmer. You see, we don't measure our worthiness based on the worst of sinners we can imagine. Our worthiness is based upon an honest evaluation of ourselves compared to God. Our resume shows that we have all fallen short, way short of the character and compassion to which we have been called to live and created to display. But, thank God and his mercy and grace, that is not the end of our story.

Paul, the great apostle, had spent his life trying to be the best a good, righteous, religious person could be. He dedicated his life to doing what he thought was right. He felt that he had lived way above the line of righteousness achieved by his peers (Philippians 3:4-8). But, his religious zeal had led him to do the unthinkable. Yet in his honesty about doing the unthinkable, God's grace reached him and changed the world forever through him.

No matter how far you have fallen short of God's character and compassion (Romans 3:23-25), God's grace reaches out to give you what you could not earn and do not deserve. No matter what you feel you may have achieved religiously for God, God's grace reaches out to bless you with what you do not deserve and could never deserve (Philippians 3:7-11). Jesus came into the world to save sinners, people who are not deserving of his grace and mercy. Jesus came to bring grace for the worst of us - even me!

James Nored and Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

LaRhonda Billingsley will have hernia surgery Tuesday at Southeast * **Rita Burch** has been ill for a few weeks now, and has also had considerable pain in her legs * **Judy Snyder** has been ill the past week * **Trish Baldwin** is home following knee replacement surgery * **Sharlette Watson** as she continues with her treatments * **Liberty (Claeys) Carter** has been having some personal problems and is in need of prayer * **Pansy Zimmerman** continues to do poorly * **Darrell Zimmerman** has been struggling with breathing issues for a few months now * **Marty Watson** is also struggling with breathing issues * **Curtis McClard** is still battling infection in his ankle and faces amputation below the knee in the near future * **Goldie Kirkpatrick** (Mary Barnett's sister) is scheduled for additional carotid artery surgery tomorrow * **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 * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Kevin Mickey * Reba Owens * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Waynetta Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Jane Smith * David 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 (improving!)
Carole Eubanks
Bill Fitzpatrick
Kim Goins
Peggy Hampton
LeAnn Jacques
Tommy Jacques
Pam Jeralds
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 Marty Watson #107	Winchester Nursing Home:	Sue Flowers #208 Travis Cooper, #205
Cypress Point:	Joy Watson #8	Ridgeview Living:	Shirley Johnson #225 Isaac Wheeler #201
Winchester Place:	Elwood Rush, #6	Crowley Ridge Nursing:	Fern Botsch, #103

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