

PREPARE COMMUNION***

March - Jerry and Pam Collier
April - David and Cindy Burleson

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Loretta Carson * March 22 - Pat Cooper

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 - 126
Contribution - \$3596

FOOD PANTRY

MARCH ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

Crackers * Cereal * Cash donations also gratefully accepted

Happy Birthday:

March 15 - Marc Forman
Beckie Tanner
March 17 - Brian Thomason
March 19 - Pansy Zimmerman
March 22 - Susie Blackwell
Cindy Burleson
Brooke Smith



Happy Anniversary:

March 17 - Daniel and Sandra Moore
March 19 - Morris and Beverly Karnes



Bible Trivia:

Which book in the Bible talks about men who "belch out with their mouth"?

Last Week's Answer:

Aaron's sons were the men of whom God said, "Thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets." (Exodus 28:40)

Help Wanted: Our Sunday morning nursery worker list is in need of updating. If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery during Sunday worship, please let Amy Thomason know and she will put you on the schedule. Thanks.

SERVING TODAY

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

LORD'S TABLE

David Carson.....Justin Allen
Tim Flowers.....Jeff McGowan
Jeff Rodgers.....Johnny McGowan
Scripture.....David Burleson
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Announcements.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Matthew 27: 15-18
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Prayer.....Jon Neely
Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

March 22, 2020

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Opening Prayer.....David Carson

LORD'S TABLE

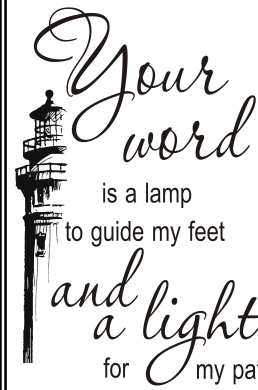
Darrin Shipman.....David Burleson
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner
Mike Duley.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Zachary Tanner
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson
Announcements.....Wayne Reams
Dismissal.....Bud McQuin

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Steve Jones
Matthew 27: 19-22
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

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 15, 2020

The Seed Bears Witness to Us

A seed is only an ugly, small thing unless it is put into the ground and dies. Until the seed meets dirt, darkness, and isolation, it is just a seed. But, when the seed gives itself up to the earth, wonderful things happen. Life. Growth. Beauty. Bounty - multitudes of seeds!

If we are honest, we can't really understand why Jesus had to die. Oh sure, our heads can go over the details - someone must die for the sins of the world; yes, it is God's will that his son would be the sin offering; and of course, love must

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triumph over hate and sacrifice defeat the abuse of power. In our hearts, however, how do you understand the Creator submitting to the ill will of the created? How do you understand God dying on a cross? Why would the Almighty withhold his power and submit to death when he had the power to defeat his enemies and never suffer and die? Most of all, how could someone so perfect be willing to stand in the place of all of us - in the place of people like me - who are so imperfect?

The seed bears witness to us.

The raw glory of Jesus' ministry, the depth of his love and compassion along with his righteous perfection, is dimmed by the glory of his loving sacrifice. Hell's fury is swallowed up in love just as surely as a seed's form is burst and swallowed up in the beauty of the flower. Hate, jealousy, and the abuse of power can destroy the physical form of their enemies, but they cannot stop the seed from producing a harvest of love, joy and peace.

Spring is upon us just as surely as Passover and Resurrection Sunday are on the horizon. Every time a seed - long buried in the dirt and forgotten in the cold of winter - bursts through the ground, we are reminded of Jesus' triumph over death for us. Every bud on every tree that rustles in the spring winds whispers aloud the truth: "Risen!"

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY through March 18: Gospel Meeting at Gideon with guest speaker Brent Newton at 7 p.m. nightly. The theme is on the Holy Spirit. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery
Wednesday Fellowship Meal: smoked turkey, ham, and the fixins. Desserts will be needed
March 21: 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring Jim and Donna Faughn at Central church of Christ in Paducah from 2-4 p.m. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery
March 21: Ladies Day at Shady Acres church of Christ. The theme is on hope. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Looking Ahead

Children's Home Grocery Run March 23. *The grocery cart is almost empty; let's fill it up for the kids!*

Mary and Martha March 24 at 6:30 in the fellowship room. *Note this has been changed from March 23 due to scheduling conflicts. We will be finishing up our service project. Please eat before you come, and we will have desserts after we are finished*

Nursing Home Crafts at 2 p.m. March 27* at Malden Nursing and Rehab. *We will be making Easter baskets so if you'd like to donate wrapped candy or Easter grass, please see Amy Thomason. Volunteer help is always appreciated. (*currently under lockdown, so this date may change)*

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. *Flyers are available on the table in the foyer. Start praying now for a successful meeting*

Gospel Meeting at Arnold church of Christ April 5-8. *The theme is "Renewing Our Spiritual Passion" with guest speaker Mike Vestal. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery*

Easter Dinner April 12 in the fellowship room following morning worship. *There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend*

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 3 July 5-10

Vacation Bible School at Bernie July 12-16. *Mark your calendars now*

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Just as the ground cannot claim the seed, hell cannot contain the grace of God in Jesus. The darkness of dirt, whether in the ground or in the human heart, cannot hold back the love of God and his desire to redeem and reclaim us.

Go ahead, plant a seed. See it disappear into the dirt. But, don't forget: the dirt enlivens the life inside the seed; it does not extinguish it. The darkness of the dirt ensures that life will one day soon burst forth from the ground. And, dear friend, because Jesus is The Seed, life and glory await us all who find our life in him. No hell, no hate, no dirt, no darkness, no death can hold us captive because we believe the witness of The Seed. Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com (excerpted)

Celebrating the simple depths of **baptism**

We rejoice with John Peters, who put on Christ in baptism Friday, February 28.

John is a friend of Jennifer Hampton and is currently working a construction job in Kansas City.

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Darrell Zimmerman is home on hospice care. The family has requested no visitors at this time * **Joy Greer** has been diagnosed with pleurisy and an enlarged thyroid and is improving * **David Carson** will be seeing Dr. Moore March 23. Tests so far have come back good * **Jack McGowan** has bronchitis * **LaRhonda Billingsley** is recovering from hernia surgery * **Trish Baldwin** continues to improve * **Sharlette Watson** as she continues with her treatments * **Curtis McClard** will have surgery March 19 in St. Louis to open the ankle and clean out the infection. He may not have to have an amputation after all * **Kristy Altman** had a PET scan Friday; she is not doing well * **Goldie Kirkpatrick** (Mary Barnett's sister) is doing really well * **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 *

In Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to Rita Burch in the loss of her brother, Arthur "Mannie" Read March 11. Mannie's funeral was held Saturday at Landess in Malden.



CONTINUING PRAYERS (non congregational)

Cancer

Kristi Altman
 Roxanne Carson
 Sherry Chambers
 Dale Eaton (improving!)
 Carole Eubanks
 Bill Fitzpatrick
 Kim Goins
 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