



MARCH 2018



WEEKS AHEAD COULD BRING REVIVAL

Attendance has been sagging with so much sickness and several families had loved ones in the hospital. We are beginning to turn the corner and see an increase. I hope you have your heart in the right place and really feel the encouraging of the Holy Spirit to be with your church family every Lord's Day.

This is mission emphasis time and someone will be telling you each Sunday about a mission we support. In April, after Easter Sunday, which is just five weeks away; we will have a special speaker each Sunday. They will inspire us to be more serious and dedicated to the one who died on the cross for our sins. We will celebrate our forgiveness and new life in Christ in a special way on the 29th, the last Sunday in April. That is when we make our Faith Promise commitment toward our mission goal.

This will be a great revival time but you, all of you, must want it and pray for it. Satan says "No Revival!" Jesus says, "Yes, there will be for everyone who wants it." I'm going to vote for Jesus!

Hope to see you Sunday,
George



**SUNDAY - MARCH 11
DON'T FORGET TO
CHANGE YOUR
CLOCKS!!
SPRING FORWARD!**



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A Women's Bible Study will start on March 4th at 4:30. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the hall or you can email: fccsylvws@gmail.com.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee will meet on Sunday, March 11 at 6:30 P.M.



SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup Kitchen is Saturday, March 17. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE, PREPARE MEALS & SERVE!! A sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary. See Pauline Watson (564-2532) if you need more information.

*Maude Waters Circle will meet on
March 26 at 7:00 P.M. at the church.
We invite all ladies to attend!*



*Lillian Reed Circle will meet on Tuesday,
March 13 at 6:30 P.M. at the church.
All ladies are invited to attend!*

GEORGE IS SPEAKING AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE HOLY WEEK SERVICE ON MARCH 29. FIRST CHRISTIAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE MEAL THAT DAY. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PREPARE AND SERVE SOUP AND SANDWICHES. A SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 25th at 1:30 P.M. at the church. Each family needs to bring a picnic lunch and a dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate).



CROCHET CLASS

The Crochet Class will meet on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 A.M. in the social hall. Bring anything you are currently working. If you have any questions, please call Pricilla Ferguson at 667-7190. Everyone is invited to participate.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE - MARCH 2018
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE, PLEASE TRADE WITH
SOMEONE ON LIST. THANK YOU FOR SERVING.

MEDITATION

- 4 Bob Lienhard
- 11 Harrell Fries
- 18 Andy Durrence
- 25 Howard Pope

SHUT-INS

- George Pevey
- Emory Alloways
- James Watson
- George Pevey

WORSHIP LEADER

- Andy Durrence
- Wes Withrow
- Yvonne Jenkins
- Pat Dyar

COMMUNION/FLOWERS

- Donna Griffin
- Donna Griffin
- Diane McMillan
- Diane McMillan

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY

- 4 Clint & Charlotte Oglesby
- 11 Rhonda & Kaitlyn Lee
- 18 Michael & Cassie Shipes
- 25 Kristy W. & Leigh Ann W.

NURSERY

- Jim & Valerie Thompson
- Andy & Christie Durrence
- Chip & Kristy Weaver
- Howard & Caroline Pope

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Hannah Derriso
- Sarah Saxon
- Holly Dirst
- TBA

MUSICIANS

- 4 Tina Lienhard/Joyce Pevey
- 11 Tina Lienhard/Joyce Pevey
- 18 Tina Lienhard / Joyce Pevey
- 25 Tina Lienhard/Joyce Pevey

COOKING TEAMS

- 7 - Team 1 - Watson, Counts, Alloways, Fries
- 14 - Team 2 - Jenkins, Thompson, Lee
- 21 - Team 3- Pitts, Oglesby, Wilson, Reddick
- 28 - Team 4 - Durrence, Weaver, Dirst, Markovcic

**COMMITTEE SIGN UP SHEETS ARE POSTED
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 3 - Valerie Jenkins
- 4 - Mason Oglesby
- 4 - Bethany Weaver
- 10- Lois Williams
- 11 - LaWanda McCauley
- 15 - Caitlyn Saxon
- 16 - Andrew & Nathan Wilson
- 21 - Leah Weaver
- 22 - Ansley Dirst
- 25 - Joyce Pevey
- 26 - Michael Weaver
- 26 - Christie Durrence
- 27 - Tom McMillan



**Happy Anniversary!
10 - Clint & Charlotte Oglesby**

Once, a man decided he no longer needed to go to church. He had gone to church most all of his life and had seen many pastors come and go over the years along with all the fads, teachings and latest methods. He knew God's word better than most other Christians and read it every day and felt strong in the Lord and in his faith. He honestly and sincerely felt as if there was really no good reason to continue being a part of his local church anymore.

So Sunday rolled around and he decided he might as well start this day. He sat home. Watched some TV church, had some coffee, did a few chores and took a nap. The following Sunday he pretty much did the same thing. It continued to go on like that for about 5 weeks when on the 40th day of not attending church, as the man sat by the fire warming himself on a cold winter day, he heard an unexpected knock on his door. He lived out in the country and had few neighbors so he couldn't help but be a little curious as to who it could be. He wasn't expecting anyone. He opened the door only to see the Pastor of his church standing on his porch. "Hi, I just stopped by to see you for a moment" the pastor said with a nice smile on his face, "Do you mind if I come in for a minute?" The man accommodated his friend and pastor and asked him to have a seat alongside him in a chair facing the fire he was previously enjoying.

After about 3-4 minutes, not a word had been spoken. The man sat quietly, staring at the fire wondering what his Pastor was going to say. He knew why he was there since he hadn't been to church for a few weeks but was puzzled by his pastor's silence. Then, without saying a word, the Pastor got up, grabbed the tongs hanging beside the fireplace, reached into the fire and picked out one of the red hot coals and set it outside the fire. Then, he sat back down. Within a few moments this red hot coal started to transform into a smoldering ember. After the ember had almost died out and stopped burning completely, the pastor got back up, grabbed the ember with his bare hand and tossed it back into the raging fire and sat back down. Almost immediately the ember reignited and turned back into a red hot coal, glowing and burning. After about a minute of staring at the fire, the man said, "I see your point Pastor and I really appreciate the fiery sermon. I'll see you next Sunday."

Do you feel as if you do not need to go to church? Feel like you can go it alone, just you and the Lord? Think the church has nothing more to show, tell or teach you? The fastest way to grow lukewarm, smolder out and die spiritually is to deny yourself the fellowship of other people who are faithful following the Lord Jesus. The Spirit of the Lord is contagious and when we surround ourselves with other solid Christians who are seeking after God, it ignites our passion and helps us stay on fire for Jesus.