



## *Pastor's Corner*

As we enter the Lenten season it seems the topic of discussion is the revival in Asbury and other places. Many ponder what causes revival. It is usually not related to any specific worship style, or church structure. I read somewhere that every great revival started with prayer, and true prayer is seeking God. Psalm 69:32 says, "Let the oppressed see it and be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive". The Bible is clear, God responds to those who seek God. And those who seek God have their hearts revived. I guess the question is, do we truly want revival? Revival literally means renewal or awakening, and it brings forth change, and most of us do not like change.

On the railroad, at any meeting or training, we always had to identify who in the room was CPR qualified. If there was a medical emergency, they were committed to assist until rescue workers arrived. I would often jokingly say; "I have a DNR, if I go down let me go. I have been with the railroad over 20 years and have suffered long enough". Perhaps we do not experience revival in our own churches because we all have a spiritual DNR. We are content in our faith and do not want change.

Maybe there is a reason that these revivals all started just as the Church was preparing for our focus on Lent. Lent is a time of rededication and renewal in our faith. Maybe God is telling us this year is not the time to just go through the motions of our observance, that it is time for revival for all of us. Hebrews tells us that God rewards those who seek him. If we too, seek God with all our heart mind and soul, we may be spiritually resuscitated this season.



## **LENTEN SEASON**

Lent begins February 22 with Ash Wednesday and ends April 8. Lent is described as a time of preparation and an opportunity to grow deeper with God. It is a time for personal reflection to prepare your heart and mind for Good Friday and Easter. There are four key days of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. The ashes are a sign of repentance and purification, representing how the human body turns to dust after death.

Maundy Thursday is the day before Good Friday. It commemorates the night before Jesus died, when he shared the Passover meal with his disciples.

Good Friday is the day that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death.

Easter Sunday is the joyful celebration of the day Jesus rose from the dead to give us the opportunity for eternal life.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

World Day of Prayer takes place internationally on the first Friday of March every year. This year that will be March 3. We will be holding our vigil from 6:00am-6:00pm. Thank you to those that have signed up.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

In the absence of Pastor Mike on Sunday, March 5 our Worship Committee has invited Tommy Chamberlin to be our guest speaker. Come out and hear his message: A Reasonable Faith: Recent Discoveries in Biblical Archaeology.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

Don't forget to "spring" your clock forward one hour Sunday, March 12. Daylight Savings Time is our first hint that spring is on the way!

## **REMINDERS**

- Flower chart has spaces open, if you would like to provide flowers for worship service please sign up on the bulletin board.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/3 World Day of Prayer/12 Hour Prayer Vigil 6:00 am-6:00 pm
- 3/6 Pike County Relief Services Meeting 11:30 am.
- 3/13 Elders Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3/19 Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3/28 Community Dinner 5:00 pm

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



Gatha Justice	March 6
Pam Sowards	March 6
Jillian Harrison	March 11
Ashley Davis	March 13
Jack Deskins	March 19
Millie Huebner	March 22
Jack Gibson	March 24
Randy Johnson	March 24

Gerald & Suzy DeLong	March 8
Ron & Jessica Hall	March 8
Reed & Lynn Anderson	March 26

#### LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER

#### Communion Preparation

Ryan Brown

#### Elder of the Week

3/5	Shalimar LaBreche
3/12	Randy Roberts
3/19	Blake Robinson
3/26	Tom Thompson





# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Vespers 6:00	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> World Day of Prayer 6:00 am-6:00 pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> CC: Barbara	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Vespers 6:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins CC: Robin/Ginger	<b>13</b> Elder's Meeting 7:00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Vespers 6:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Board Mtg 7:00 pm CC: Pam Sowards	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Vespers 6:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> CC: Suzy	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Community Dinner 5:00 pm	<b>29</b> Vespers 6:00 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

### March 1, 2023

#### MEMBERS

Amick, Matt  
 Anderson, Greg  
 Anderson, Reed & Lynn  
 Auton, Dorothy  
 Batten, Bruce & Dana  
 Cantrell, Danny  
 Cantrell, Vernon  
 Carlson, Dorothy  
 Deskins, David & Barbara  
 Fouts, Corbin  
 Hamilton, Thelma  
 Harrison, Jillian  
 Johnson, Randy & Cindy & Family  
 Little, Meleta  
 Mayfield, Bob  
 Perry, Jennifer  
 Roberts, Howard  
 Scott, John  
 Sharp, Shirley  
 Sturgill, Gene & Phyllis

#### GENERAL

Amick, Jimmy Joe 9/29  
 Anderson, Joann (R. Roberts) 10/16  
 Baby Tatum (J. Harrison) 1/8  
**Baird, Charles (S. Huffman) 2/26**  
 Bartley, Pam 10/19  
 Bednarik, Asher (K. Harrison) 2/5  
**Bednarik, Trista (K. Harrison) 2/26**  
 Bentley, Ben & Sally (Ginger V.)  
 Biliter, Peggy (P. Sowards) 8/21  
 Bishop, Dewey (B. Baird) 10/26  
 Black, Emogene (A. Black) 7/31  
 Boyd, William (J. Robinson) 3/30  
 Bradley, Tammy (J. Robinson) 1/4  
 Burke, Greg (L. Compton) 5/11  
 Cantrell, James (C. Bartley) 10/23  
 Carlson, Kevin (R. Wells) 11/30  
 Carter, Zac (K. Harrison) 2/17  
 Childers, Pauline (C. Bartley) 9/25  
 Coleman, Barbara (C. Bartley) 6/6  
 Coleman, Gail (G. Justice) 11/21  
 Coleman, Jami (D. Branham) 8/21  
 Crofts, Catherine (B. Baird) 11/10  
 Crum, Teresa (R. Brown) 9/12  
 Damron, Katelyn 12/25  
 Daniels, Danny Joe (P. Corbin) 4/24  
 Darby, Keith (B. Mayfield) 11/19  
 Darko, Jill (J. Hall) 9/20  
 DeKlerk, Ann (R. Wells) 11/30  
 Deskins, Tim (J. Brown) 8/22  
 Dockery, Melissa (G. Van Hoose) 3/6  
 Eddington -Cook Family (LaBreche)  
 Eddington, Renee (S. LaBreche) 9/5  
 Edmonds, Charles (G. Van Hoose)  
 Elkins, John (B. Robinson) 9/27  
 Elswick, Jeremiah (L. Compton)  
 Epling, Deborah (S. Huffman) 4/21  
 Estep, Burma (G. Justice) 2/17  
 Fields, Regina (B. Sweaney) 9/16  
 Fish, Celia Alexander (R. Roberts) 11/27  
 Fish, Marty (R. Roberts) 2/16  
 Gibson, Deb 12/18  
 Gilliam, Mike & Michelle (H. Brown)  
 Gilliam, Nancy (H. Brown) 10/4  
 Hall, Lloyd (G. Van Hoose) 1/19  
 Harris, Patty (M. Little) 11/25  
 Heilbron, Tom (H. Brown) 7/3  
 Hogg, Frances (J. Hogg) 1/25  
 Hogg, William & Paige (J. Hogg) 1/4

Howard, Marsha (K. Baird) 11/16  
 Huebner, Ashlee 1/22  
 Huebner, Ben 1/8  
 Huffman, Charles (K. Baird) 10/5  
 Huffman, Phil & Joanne (VanHoose)  
 Justice, Nora 2/9  
 Justice, Patty (C. Runyon) 11/4  
 Kanney, Linda & Jerry (J. Brown) 4/25  
 Kehoe, Sara Walters, (K. Corbin) 11/7  
 Kidd, Ryan (S. DeLong) 1/11  
 Kruckow, Rich (K. Harrison) 3/28  
 Lowe, Sandy (J. Perry) 6/27  
 Martin, Lori Nichols 12/11  
 Matney, Marie (G. Van Hoose) 3/6  
 McCoy, Diane 12/18  
 McCoy, Ron 1/1 (R. Roberts)  
 McNamee, Mary Ann (M. Thompson)  
 McNamee, Nicole (G. Trimble) 8/28  
 McDaniels, Brynnix (D. Gibson) 8/22  
 McDonough, Theresa (M. Huebner)  
 Nance, Debra (J. Robinson) 1/4  
 Owens, Jeannine (G. Van Hoose) 7/15  
 Page, John (S. Huffman) 10/5  
 Parada, Ibis 12/18  
 Penix, Roy (K. Harrison) 3/30  
 Preston, Nikki 12/18  
 Ratliff, Grant (A. Byers) 9/18  
 Robbins, Pam (K. Harrison) 2/26  
 Robinson, Jo Nell (B. Robinson)  
 Runyon, Glenda (G. Justice) 9/5  
 Rutherford, John (S. Sharp) 3/7  
 Scott, Andrew (J. Hall) 8/11  
 Seticoili, Ryam 1/1 (M. Huebner)  
 Settles, Jeff (L. Davis) 10/20  
 Shearer, Robert Boo (B. VanHoose) 8/26  
 Skidmore, Tim (S. LaBreche) 2/27  
 Slone, Andy (T. Slone) 11/17  
 Slone, Brooke 12/11  
 Slone, Sarah 12/11  
 Slone, Sidney 12/11  
 Staten, Danny (B. Van Hoose) 3/4  
 Stevens, Sam (J. Robinson) 12/14  
 Stewart, Gary (C. Bartley) 10/23  
 Stewart, Janice (Steve Huffman) 5/15  
 Sullivan, Kristin (L. Davis) 9/26  
 Talley, Sharon (R. Wells) 10/10  
 Taylor, Kendra (S. Sharp) 10/7  
 Thomas, Reba (P. Corbin) 9/29  
 Thornsby, Danny (K. Corbin) 12/2  
 Tombleson, Carol (G. Van Hoose)  
 Turner, James & Jewelene (H. Brown)  
 Waldrop, Guy (D. McKenzie) 7/4/21  
 Walters, Mel (J. Hogg) 5/31  
 Williams, Patty 1/1 (M. Huebner)  
 Wilson, Savanna (J. Harrison) 12/11  
 Wright, Shirley 10/19  
 Yates, Darrell (Jane Robinson) 5/15

#### SYMPATHY

The Family of Jean Francois  
 The Family of Gordon Hambley  
 The Family of Gordon Summer

#### Other

The Hungry in our community  
 Those dealing with drug addiction  
 People of Ukraine  
 Civility  
 Flood Victims  
 Victims & Families Affected by Violence



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**Come Worship With Us!**

**Sunday School at 10:00 am**

**Sunday Worship Service at  
11:00 am**

**Wednesday Night Vespers at  
6pm**

*We are called to love God,  
To love Others,  
and to lead Others to Jesus  
Christ.*

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