



Pastor's Corner

I recently have been pondering serendipity. Serendipity is defined as; “the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way”. I have been reflecting how, in my many travels and life changes, God has always seen me through, usually by bringing someone into my life; a presence to offer me security, hope, assistance, guidance, or just companionship to get me through and guide me along. When I ponder them, I have to wonder how my life would be different if these encounters had not occurred. If I had been at a different place, or just was not open to them.

There are many instances of this in the Bible. In the Old Testament we see it in the lives of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, also repeatedly in the book of Acts through the disciple's encounter with the Ethiopian Eunuch and Cornelius and Paul's encounter with Ananias as well as others. It is clear, God sends individuals into our lives to offer assistance and guidance.

God seems to have a knack for coordinating these encounters. Bringing people into our lives at just the right time. Galatians 4:4-5 says; “when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son... to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons”. In this final act of serendipity, God saw the right moment in time to send us a presence. The most important thing is, just like for all those others in our life, we have to be open to that encounter. As we celebrate Easter it is the time to ask ourselves, have we truly encountered Jesus in our journey? If not, maybe now is the time to encounter Jesus and reap the results of God's serendipity.



Holy Week Services

Holy Week Services will be held at the Pikeville United Methodist Church at noon each day April 3-7. Every day there will be a pastor from a different church speaking; special music will be provided by local schools and a free lunch after the service. If you can't attend the in person services, you will be able to watch on the Mountain Top TV app or tune in on radio stations 95.9, 102.5, or 104.3.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is the day before Good Friday and takes place during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday represents Jesus Christ's last supper with the Apostles. We will be having our Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Christian Education Committee will be hosting a Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 am. We will be having food, games, and of course an egg hunt. Make plans to come out and enjoy the fun!

Little Blessings Preschool

We are currently looking for a director for our Little Blessings preschool. The position does require a lot of time and responsibility This position is vital for continuing the ministry of providing a solid, faith-based preschool program for the children in our community. Considering that, it is really a ministry, a way in which God, through this church, can use an individual to impact the lives of others. We are calling anyone who has an interest to pray and consider if you are the one to answer God's call to continue this work in our church.

REMINDERS

- We have a Facebook group page for those helping with the community dinner. If you would like to be added to the group, please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 2 Easter Cantata/Palm Sunday
- April 3-7 Holy Week Services
- April 6 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
- April 7 Good Friday Church Office Closed
- April 8 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 am
- April 9 Easter Sunday/Flowering of the Cross
- April 18 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 (Gatti's)
- April 25 Community Dinner 5:00 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



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| Paul Corbin | April 13 | Michael Carnes | April 22 |
| Skip Wells | April 14 | Pat Cassady | April 26 |
| Jane Hall | April 15 | | |
| Paul Sowards | April 16 | | |
| Ginger Van Hoose | April 20 | | |

LEADERSHIP

Communion Preparation

Sabrina Joyce

Elder of the Week

- 4/2 Terry Trimble
- 4/9 Bob Van Hoose
- 4/16 June Brose
- 4/23 Paul Corbin
- 4/30 Shalimar LaBreche

Serving Deacons

- Ryan Brown
- Jane Robinson
- Kimberley Harrison
- Jillian Harrison

The Easter Lilies in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God In
Honor of:

- Pastor Mike Harrison & his family, given by Jeannine Owens.

In Memory of:

- Lucy & Curtis Robinson, given by Camella & Family.
- Bud Runyon, given by Camella & Family.
- Nadine Taylor Huffman & Eleanor Thornbury Huffman, given by Stephen Huffman.
- The Bartleys, Leslies, & Sowards, given by Patty Sowards.
- Danny & Shan Justice, given by Gatha & Family.
- Annette & Quentin Justice, given by Gatha & Family.
- Mildred & Howard Hall, given by Paul & Pam Sowards.
- Oliver & Violet Roberts, given by the Roberts Family.
- Dr. O.W. Thompson, Sr. & Hattie Thompson, Dr. O.W. & Pluma Thompson, & Betty Thompson Scott, given by the Thompson Family.
- Noah & Irene May, Connie M. Combs, and Mary J. Combs, given by the Thompson Family.
- Troy (Duke) & Irma (Nancy) McKenzie, Bo McKenzie, Bill McKenzie, & Bub Burton, given by Martha & Tom Thompson.
- Brad Van Hoose, given by the family.
- Alison Van Hoose, given by the family.
- Russ & Lee Davis, given by the Davis Family.
- Debbie Davis McCoy, given by the Davis Family.
- Cyrus & Evelyn Brose, given by June Brose.
- John & Ann Sowards, and Otta Barton, given by Terry & Gail Trimble.
- Al Edington, given by John & Shalimar LaBreche.



Lent 2023 Bulletin Board



Table ready, waiting on Maundy Thursday!



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Easter Cantata/Palm Sunday CC Robin/Ginger	3 Holy Week Service (Methodist Church) 12:00	4 Holy Week Service (Methodist Church) 12:00	5 No Vespers Holy Week Service (Methodist Church) 12:00	6 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 Holy Week Service (Methodist Church) 12:00	7 Good Friday Office Closed Holy Week Service (Methodist Church)	8 Christian Ed Easter Egg Hunt 11:00
9 Easter Sunday/ Flowering of the cross CC Barbara	10	11	12 Vespers 6:00	12	14	15
16 CC Pam Sowards	17	18	19 No Vespers	20	21	22
23 CC Suzy	24	25 Community Dinner 5:00	26 Vespers 6:00	27	28	29
30 CC Lucy						

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

As of March 31, 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

Abney, Kim Wilson (J. Hogg) 3/15
 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, Trista (K. Harrison) 2/5
 Bentley, Ben & Sally (Ginger V.)
 Biliter, Peggy (P. Sowards) 8/21
 Bishop, Dewey (B. Baird) 10/26
 Blackburn, Eugene (L. Compton) 3/15
 Boyd, William (J. Robinson) 3/30
 Bradley, Tammy (J. Robinson) 1/4
 Branham, Betty & Family H. Brown
 Branham, Max (J. Branham) 3/245
 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
 Crotts, 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 (LaBrecht)
 Eddington, Renee (S. LaBrecht) 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
 Friend, Kelsey Jr. (L. Compton) 3/15
 Gibson, Deb 12/18
 Gilliam, Mike & Michelle (H. Brown)
 Gilliam, Nancy (H. Brown) 10/4
 Hall, David (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 Hamilton, Eileen (L. Compton) 3/15
 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
 Jones, Jeff (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 Justice, Bridget (G. Van Hoose) 3/222
 Justice, Patty (C. Runyon) 11/4
 Kanne, 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) 3/19
 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)
 Mullins, Marvin (J. Branham) 3/245
 Newsome, Chester (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 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
 Scarberry, Kim (K. Harrison) 3/26
 Scott, Andrew (J. Hall) 8/11
 Seticoili, Ryam 1/1 (M. Huebner)
 Shearer, Robert Boo (B. Van Hoose) 8/26
 Skidmore, Tim (S. LaBrecht) 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
 Steitz, Pat (M. Huebner) 3/19
 Stephenson, Richie (D. Ratliff) 3/146
 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
 Turner, James & Jeweline (H. Brown)
 Zoellers, Dave (G. Van Hoose) 3/15
 Waldrop, Guy (D. McKenzie) 7/4/21
 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 Emogene Black
 The Family of Carol Tomblison
 The Family of Joy Blackburn
 The Family of Phil Huffman

OTHER

The Hungry in our community
 Those dealing with drug addiction
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 Flood & Tornado Victims
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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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