

Prayer Requests

Bobby Loyd's surgery went well this past Monday. They feel that the cancer was contained to the kidney that they removed, which is great! Please continue to pray for him as he recovers.

Payton Vanderheiden will be having hip surgery this coming Friday, March 24th at Conway Baptist to repair a torn labrum. Please be praying for her surgery and her recovery.

Bill Smith, brother-in-law of Trish Bailey, suddenly passed away last weekend. Please keep his wife Nora in your prayers along with the rest of the family.

Danny Jarra passed away last Sunday evening at the Hospice House. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Veteran's Memorial on April 14th, at 4 pm. Please be praying especially for Teyah, Tristan, and Lainey, along with the rest of his family, and long list of friends, that they feel comforted and loved during this very difficult time.

Glenda Clark, mother of Laura Francis passed away Wednesday at the Hospice House. Please lift Laura and the rest of the family up in your prayers, that they may be comforted during this very hard time. They are having a small, private service for the family Saturday, March 18th. In lieu of flowers, donations to Camp Caudle would be appreciated.



- **Director of Technology**
- **Case Manager**
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Ongoing

Bob Clark, Tami Robinson, Jarra Family, Oliver Blankenship, Mellicent Crain, Margaret Helms, Sherry Powell, Candy Reed, Jeri Tabor, Betty Humphrey, and Kaylee Fritts.

Dinner Church

We will have our Dinner Church again on the 29th of this month at 5:30. Please join us for a meal among family/friends, a quick devo., followed up by class.



Miss Margaret Helms has a new address. The Crossing at Riverside, Margaret Helms #409 B, 2500 E. Moore Ave., Searcy, AR 72143. Please drop her a note and add some cheer to her day.

Baskets Needed

Margaret Grant is in need of some baskets. She does a wonderful job putting together some nice welcome gifts for our new members, so please help her out by bringing her a basket or two when you can. Thank you!



Westside Camping

There are many families that are joining in for the church wide camp out in April at Old Post Road Park. The dates are the 20th-23rd, or 21st-23rd. You can book at recreation.gov for \$20/night. If you have any questions, reach out to Cindy Jones.



"A SWEET FRIENDSHIP REFRESHES THE SOUL."
PROVERBS 27:9

Sunday March 19th

Sheri Crosby 2 doz donuts
Donna Frick 2 doz donuts
Baristas: Jenifer Hurt, Cindy Jones

Sunday March 26th

Margaret Grant 2 doz donuts
Vicki Betterton 2 doz donuts
Baristas: Zac and Kathryn Smith



Funds from Friendship Cafe will be going to purchase snacks for NICU families for use during their stay at UAMS. Many of us have been touched by a NICU experience, so let's show our support for these families during such scary times. Stop by the cafe and donate towards this great cause!



March Schedule

3/29 Susan Taylor

Please have your cookies dropped off at Renew on Wednesdays by 6pm.

Reminder that Prayer Rooms are open on Sunday mornings starting at 10 til the end of worship for any needs that you may have and would like prayers for.

Spring Quarter Classes listed on the back page!



KIDS CORNER

by *Kaitlin McCormick*

This month in KFC, friends Barbara Builder and Believer Beaver are helping us learn that God is LOVE.

Main Idea: Jesus showed us how to love God by seeking Him above all else, imitating Him, trusting Him, and obeying Him.

Bible Verse: "This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His only son into the world to give us life through Him" - 1 John 4:9

Song: Worship Video - Your Love is Deep (McBIC Kids) & Wide, High, Long, Deep by Ellie Holcomb

Other Scriptures: 1 John 4:19, Ephesians 3:18, John 14:13



Smile! Don't forget to get your picture updated on Sunday mornings for our on-line directory.

Sunday 3/19 Worship Volunteers

Leader: Keith Moore, Bass: Garrett Crosby, Tenor: Ronald Roberson, Alto: Brittany Loudon, Soprano: Wendy Loveland, Opening Prayer: David Rentfro, Communion Thought: Rocky Jones, Elder/Closing: Bill Grant, Crows Nest: Alex Pipkin

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Sunday Class Schedule - Spring

Cradle Roll/1 year olds - Nursery Area

Adult - James - Rm. 2

Adult - Psalms - Rm. 3

Ladies Class - Book Study - Family Ctr.

4yr/Pre-k/Kindergarten - Rm. 12

2 & 3 Year Olds - Rm. 16

K - 2nd Grades - Rm. 19 (Former Holy Word Studios)

3rd - 5th Grades - Museum Room

WSYM 6th - 12th grades - Cornerstone

College Class - The Rock

Wednesday night class schedule - Spring

3 - 7 Year Olds - 4 Year Old Classroom

3rd - 6th Grade - Family Center

Girls

Girls 4th -6th Grade - Yoga w/scripture & prayer -

Creator's Canvas Room

WSYM - Cornerstone

Adult Class - Rm. 3 - Matthew

Last Week

Class - 142

Worship - 268

Wednesday Night

Bible Study - 73

Giving: \$ 18,580

Weekly Budget:

\$13,128

YTD Giving:\$ 143,854

YTD Budget:\$144,407

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Welcome to West Side!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Confession, Essential to Holiness

by Tim Tripp

March 19, 2023

"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Proverbs 28:13

"I feel like a kid, having to confess my sins and tell someone everything I've done wrong." The young man spoke with shame and anger in his voice. He had been dealing with marital problems due to a pornography struggle. He did not like the accountability piece to recovery.

Most people don't like confessing their sins. I get that but without it, Satan keeps an advantage that keeps people in their sins. Regular, spiritual confession robs Satan of a powerful weapon and hands the advantage to the Holy Spirit. Another term for regular confession is accountability. Accountability is where a person partners with another person with whom to share their struggles and sins. Usually, the relationship goes both ways. Two people, almost always of the same gender, trade their personal struggles with each other, pray for one another and regularly ask each other how their struggles are going. Obviously, honesty is an essential part of the arrangement and without which, the arrangement will fail to produce improvement. This is why husbands and wives do not usually make good accountability partners especially when the information shared is likely to impact their relationship. The aim of a good accountability relationship is to make complete honesty feel safe and healing. Complete honesty will only happen in a relationship where God's love is evident. People won't confess their sins to someone who is condescending, judgmental or critical. Neither will they confess to someone who makes light of sin or uses it in humor. There must be a guarantee of confidentiality and a lot more listening than trying to "fix" the problem. Accountability partners must look at temptation and sin as being more of an attack by dark spiritual forces to keep a follower of Jesus from reaching spiritual maturity and less as being related to personal flaws and weaknesses. Phrases like, "just stop it," and "you just have to try harder," are utterly useless. Conversely, unconditional love and unceasing prayer can be very helpful.

I believe that a pursuit of holiness without confession would be like trying to cross an ocean without a boat. You might make some progress, some more than others, but eventually, the waves will take you under. Holiness requires confession. Confession requires self-awareness. We need to be aware of our own sins and open to others giving honest feedback. John said, *"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:8-9).

I believe that anyone who is serious about being transformed into the image of Jesus should find another who can help to disciple them and shape them. Every Christian needs another who can be honest with them and with whom they can be honest about their own shortcomings. Think of them as an accountability partner or better yet a "transformation partner." It is an important step on the path of discipleship.