# CHURCH of CHRIST

Sunday, March 29, 2020



Welcome, we are glad you are here. Especially so if you're our guest.

Today is a day the Lord has made, let us rejoice & be glad in it.

Focus on the Positive. God is Good.

## In Need

I often have melodies going through my head. Sometimes, there are even words that accompany those melodies! I have had a couple songs going through my head lately. One of them is "In Need," written by Ross King. The song says that we are in need of grace, and love. We are in need of mercy and strength. We are in need of peace. The other song begins with the words "Everyone needs compassion . . ." I couldn't think of more appropriate words for the way many of us are feeling these days! There is so much need in our world! It is during times like these, that Christians have been able to "shine like stars in the sky." (Philippians 2:15)

If you look back at history, you'll find God's people shining at various times when people were in great need. A couple of specific times come to mind: During the Roman empire, an ancient culture where mercy and grace were almost unknown, Christian people made a huge difference by living out their faith. In the third century, an epidemic swept across the Roman empire. As many as 5,000 people died each day. Those who were sick and those who died were left in the streets. Christians showed compassion for the suffering and buried the dead. It was after this epidemic and others, that the Christian faith multiplied. God's people were ready to give what was needed. They pointed to God as the only true God and the source of mercy and compassion.

From 1918 until 1920, the Spanish flu killed almost 700,000 in the US and 50 million world-wide. Theatres, schools, businesses and church buildings were closed. Sunday meetings were suspended. In the days and weeks that followed, churches of Christ opened their buildings for use as temporary hospitals. Christian people gave their time and money to feed and nurse the less fortunate. Some brothers and sisters even died of the flu after caring for others. Christians met in homes. They never quit worshipping their God. They never ceased being the Church. Through all the turmoil, the church not only survived – they thrived and grew into the future! The parallel to our situation is obvious. Faced with trial and turmoil, we dare not forget who we are ... We are God's messengers of peace during tumult, and His instruments of mercy, compassion and grace in difficult times.

# Larry Sullivan

## **PANTRY NEEDS**

Any Non-Perishable Items ● Toilet Paper ● Beef Stew ● Chili ● Tuna ● Canned Fruit ● Pancake Syrup

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice the PANTRY is by appointment only on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6 p.m. IF you need to utilize the pantry, please call the office for an appointment – 325-692-6974.

Your help is needed: Please be aware that pantry needs are likely to increase in the next few weeks.

\*\*\* PRAY, PRAY, PRAY \*\*\* CALL & ENCOURAGE A FRIEND \*\*\* PRAY, PRAY, PRAY \*\*\*

# **Prayer List**

## Week of March 29, 2020

#### **BHCC Members:**

- \* Pauline Baskett improving after surgery at HMC on 03/21
- \* Avenell Holloway possible stroke, back at home from ARMC
- \* Maxine Spears ARMC health, possible kidney disorder
- \* Nancy Taylor Pace-Maker surgery went well
- \* Rex Tidwell recovering at home after foot surgery on 03/16
- \* Kirk Waller multiple bypass heart surgery pending
- \* Colleen Willis health issues, admitted to ARMC
- \* Minnie Woody waiting on Echo Cardiogram results

#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

<u>Fed & Ben Childers</u> (brother and nephew of **Carolyn Bush**) <u>Philip Lana</u> (brother-in-law of **Chris Lana**)

Farrah Leonard (G.daughter of Lee Henry) – CoVid-19 in Temple Betty Mast (mother of Pam Sullivan) – home hospice in Carlsbad

All Missionaries:

Chipata Bible College - Zambia Court hearing April 13th

All Military & First Responders

All Patients and Workers in Nursing Homes and Hospitals Those infected by the COVID-19 Virus

#### **SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:**

<u>Troy Powers</u> (Maxine Spears) – who died 03/19 in Hospice <u>Coach Andy Malone</u> (good friend of Sonny & Collette Goode & many others) – who died 03/20, burial was 03/24

#### **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:**

Jena Madeley, Lewis Maness, Kay Procter, Larry Taylor, Jesse Thomas, Minnie Woody

All our family members & friends dealing with cancer & treatments.

#### **OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Brenda Amonett, Eldon Amonett, Phyllis Bonner, Janet Bruns, Mamie Crane, Norma Dotson, Leroy & Mary Mason, Jo Potter, Frances Pruett, Melinda Simmons, Dean & Nelda Stewart, Laveta Youngquist

#### Some pandemic humor during trying times ...



We would like to thank everyone for coming out for our Drive-in-Worship last night. However, we ask the following:

- We ask the women not to leave Afghans or pillows overnight to reserve a parking space
- We ask that you kindly not arrive early to park on the back row
- We ask you not to recline your seat during the sermon
- We kindly ask you not to blow the car horn as an "amen"
- We ask you not to start the engine & leave during the invitation.
  \*\*\* Old habits are hard to change !! \*\*\*

Sunday morning, worship with us online at our normal Bible class time of 9:00 and worship time of 10:00 am. Access the live streamed worship this coming Sunday morning at Bakerheights.org. On the home page, press <a href="Live Broadcast">Live Broadcast</a>. Then press the <a href="arrow">arrow</a> in the middle of the screen</a> to connect to the live stream. <a href="OR">OR</a> worship with us online on the Baker Heights Facebook site. Facebook.com/Baker Heights Church of Christ. As soon as live streaming begins click on the screen and watch a full screen version.

Continue to pray with us and for us; for the situation in our world; for those who are sick; and those who have lost loved ones.

Dear Baker Heights Family:

World Bible School has a new website to reach the lost. It is <a href="https://www.Mathetis.org">www.Mathetis.org</a> and was announced at the recent Global Missions Conference. There are several courses available. My boss, Tim Yaeger, has set up a live *Mathetis* Bible class: "Reaching Those In Need of a **Savior**". Tim's study will be every Wednesday at 6:30 PM CST for the next 13 weeks, so until June. This is to provide fellowship and study of God's Word while our

Wednesday at 6:30 PM CST for the next 13 weeks, so until June. This is to provide fellowship and study of God's Word while our normal routines have been upset with social distancing in response to COVID-19. What great things God has done to prepare us to use technology for His glory! Please go to the following link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN tbuHMGfTRAgKwgQD-j2bmA

Tim has set up the registration so he can increase the number of seats as needed and provide email reminders to participants.

I plan on attending and would encourage you to check out *Mathetis* even if you don't attend this class. Please let me know if you have any questions.

God Bless - Jena Madeley,

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You. Sharing Jesus.

He said to **them**, "**Go into** all **the** world and preach **the go**spel to all creation." Mark 16:15

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. <sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. (**Philippians 2:13 – 16**)