

Newsletter, 2015



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mark Powell.....	March 1
Mary Elaine Denhart.....	7
Chet & Stacie Powell.....	9
Janet Lewis.....	11
Emylie Alkire.....	15
Garrett Fletcher.....	15
Caleb Lucas.....	17
Chet Powel.....	18
Tony Bennett.....	19
Alan Lape.....	20
Nellie Hardy.....	27
Beverley White.....	29
Hanna Spoden.....	31

THIRSTY FOR GOD?"

A new Bible Study Series Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.



You've heard the saying, "*Be it ever so humble there is no place like home*". God's greatest desire is to be our dwelling place, a permanent residence for our hearts. Do you hunger and thirst for God? May your thirst for your heavenly Father never be quenched. Join us as we strive together to yearn for God more!

Leadership Wives Gathering ...

The wives of the deacons, elders and youth minister are invited to the home of Michele Jones on March 7th at 2:00 P.M. Please bring your favorite dessert to share. RSVP to Michele.

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The Church Secretary is in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until 1:00 PM.

To contact Karen by cell phone on Tuesday and Thursday call:

(765) 376-3499



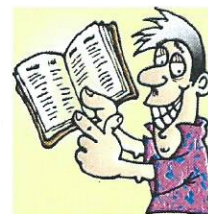
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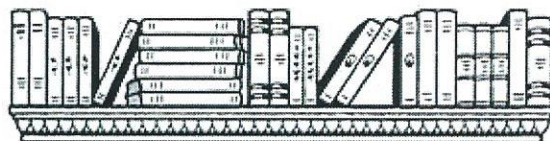
WCEA Men's Fellowship will meet again on **May 18th, 2015**. The meeting will be held at **New Hope Christian Church** in Crawfordsville. A meal will be served at 5:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7:PM.

Bible Study

Every time we read the Scriptures we learn something new. Let's keep reading!



Num 20-22/ Mark 7:1-13.....	March 1
Num 23-25/ Mark 7:14-37.....	2
Num 26-28/ Mark 8.....	3
Num 29-31/ Mark 9:1-29.....	4
Num 32-34/ Mark 9:30-50.....	5
Num 35-36/ Mark 10:1-31.....	6
Deut 1-3/ Mark 10:32-52.....	7
Deut 4-6/ Mark 11:1-18.....	8
Deut 7-9/ Mark 11:19-33.....	9
Deut 10-12/ Mark 12:1-27.....	10
Deut 13-15/ Mark 12:28-44.....	11
Deut 16-18/ Mark 13:1-20.....	12
Deut 19-21/ Mark 13:21-37.....	13
Deut 22-24/ Mark 13:1-26.....	14
Deut 25-27/ Mark 14:27-53.....	15
Deut 28-29/ Mark 14:54-72.....	16
Deut 30-31/ Mark 15:1-25.....	17
Deut 32-34/ Mark 15:26-47.....	18
Deut Josh 1-3/ Mark 16.....	19
Josh 4-6/ Luke 1:1-20.....	20
Josh 7-9/ Luke 1:21-38.....	21
Josh 10-12/ Luke 1:39-56.....	22
Josh 16-18/ Luke 2:1-24.....	24
Josh 19-21/ Luke 2:25-52.....	25
Josh 22-24/ Luke 3.....	26
Jud 1-3/ Luke 4:1-30.....	27
Jud 4-6/ Luke 4:31-44.....	28
Jud 7-8/ Luke 5:1-16.....	29
Jud 9-10/ Luke 5:17-39.....	30
Jud 11-12/ Luke 6:1-26.....	31



Serving Schedule –March

Greeters

March 1 Floyd & Beverley White

March 8 Mike & Gigi France

March 15 Mary Phillips

March 22 Bob & All Ellis

March 29 Kathy Haas

Special Music

Susan Smaltz

Communion

Brian & Donna Catt

Nursery Workers during church:

March 1 Nancy Shambach

March 8 Sandy Whitaker

March 15 Tara Woolwine

March 22 Susie Woolwine

March 29 Chelsea Paddock

Serving Deacons

March 1 & 8 Mark Woolwine, Kevin Martin, Owen Moudy, John Shambach

March 15 & 22 Corey Smaltz, Jim Hudson, Guy Phillips, Bob Denhart

March 29 (Youth serve on any month with a 5th Sunday)

Deacon/servers bulletin board has been replaced with a notebook that has the schedules for the bus, communion meditation, and prayer leaders. The notebook is marked "Schedules" on the front.

Assisting Deacons

March 1 Scott Fletcher, Larry Hines, Bill Hale

March 8 Andrew Bush, Chet Powell, Brian Catt

March 15 Joe Whitaker, Bob Ellis

March 22 Mark Switzer, Mark Powell, Brendan Woolwine

March 29 Sonny Keller, Jim Hutts

Extended Sessions

March 1 Rhonda Hardy & April Switzer

March 8 Brenda Hardy

March 15 Chet & Stacie Powell

March 22 Laura Guerrier

March 29 Rhonda Hardy & April Switzer

Please Pray For:

In Nursing Homes

Mary McConnell, Lois Hansen, Lillian Howard, Mary Green, Shirley Mason, Elizabeth Suiter, Quinten Abernathy, Bill Osborn



Military

Brandon White, Haley Hines Brickles, Ben Wegner, Craig Scrogam, Dalton Hardy, Hal Kolmerten, Nathan Catt

College Students

Katye Mailander, Chelsea Walters, Ryan Whitaker, Rachel Kiger, Kaine Walters, Andy Paeth, Austin Haas, Duncan Lape, Jacob Catt, Danielle Perry, Hunter Fletcher, Easten Spoden

Continue to pray for:

Richard Shelby, Edna Belle Shelby, Beth Goodrich (caregiver), Susie Keller, Julie Allen (multiple myeloma), Candy Hutson (cancer), Cheryl DePrez, Scott Barnes (leukemia), DJ Wise (Donna Perry's nephew), Cheryl Kinney (aneurysm), Deke McBride (Lymphoma)

Other Concerns Ron Hicks (brain cancer), Vince & Millie Grogg, **Becky Powell (surgery March 2nd)**, Carolyn Morgan (stroke/Jane's sister), Julie Powell's Mother, Stephanie Andres and Tara Beck (scoliosis), Steve Dice, Beverley White, Mike Stultz (cancer behind ear), Pearce McKinney (Brain cancer), Minnie Clawson, Keegun Freed, Mark Woolwine (job), Forrest Gurley (hospital)

March Missions: Christ's Church Albany and Hanging Rock Christian Assembly

March Bible Trivia: The book of Genesis ended with what event? **A.** The renewal of Egypt after the great famine, **B.** God's anointing of Moses, **C.** The rise of a new pharaoh who disliked the Hebrews, **D.** The death of Joseph.

For the answer see Genesis 50:26

"GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME!"

It is such a joy for Michele and I to be among you to partner with you in praising and serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Even in so short of time several of you have been such a great blessing in our lives. We look forward to a long and fruitful ministry with you.

My favorite Scripture verse is Proverbs 16:3 which says, ***"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed"***. For any of us to truly succeed in the Lord's church we must first be fully committed to His will and desire to know Him more. I would love nothing more than to see that God is glorified by our efforts and that new people come to know and serve Him also.

A question I want to ask you is, **"How committed are you in the Lord's service?"** Only you can answer that question. I want encourage you to consider some first step to improving your commitment by asking you to take seriously what the apostle Paul admonished the church in Thessalonica, ***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"*** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). In this one verse we are told to worship, pray and be thankful in order to fulfill God's will in our lives. How are you doing on these?
I look forward to getting to know you and may the Lord bless our efforts as we serve Him together.

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DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

Our prayers and condolences go to the families and friends of **Don Crain** at his passing on Feb 10th, **Shirley Robbins**, on Feb 15 and **Jeff Dienhart** on Feb 25.

We need to keep the Lucas family, the Rush family and friends in our prayers at the passing of **Maralee Lang**, on Feb,16.

Our love and prayers go to Jim Flick at the passing of his daughter, **Sharon Clapper**, on Feb 16, 2015.

Prayers on love go to the Woolwine family at the passing of **Rolland Woolwine**

Our prayers and condolences got ot April Switzer and family at the passing of her Grandmother, **Pearl Hollowell** on Feb 25th.

Meet the New Member

Barbara Woolwine,

welcome to the family!

She was baptized on

Feb 22, 2015 by son, Mark..



Kid's Zone meets every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. and is for all kids ranging in age from kindergarten through 5th grade.

YAMS (Young Adult Ministries) high school graduates and college students meet on Thursdays @ 6:00 P.M. at the Church office. For more information see Nick.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Our Missions Committee has received the following updates from the missionaries who we support monthly.

The **GIJAPA** (God Is Just A Prayer Away) radio broadcast first went out over the airways in November 1962 by Ed Bousman . Ed continued preaching well into his 90's, on the worldwide radio program until his death in 2011. This is the 53rd year that the radio broadcast has continued to give hope to those who regularly listen. The broadcasts reach a large part of the world by short-wave radio, which enables the gospel into areas that are unsafe for missionaries, or not permitted by law. It could not happen without support from congregations like ours.

Zimbabwe Outreach Ministries reports that Mark and Helen arrived safely back from their trip to the states. They found a few things that needed repair in their security system, and work ahead of them with the preschool addition. They are asking for prayer for their health.

Our missionaries need not only our financial support, but they want and need our constant prayers, lifting them up to the Lord for their health, for their emotional strength, and for courage in the face of imposing danger.

Share The Memories (Now That's Family!)

While working on this month's Newsletter it occurred to me that I have now been your secretary for one year. One Year. Sarah took me under her wing as she produced the March Newsletter in 2014. I have truly loved serving *the Church family*.

Over past year, I find myself more and more referring to the congregation as the Church "family." Why do I keep landing on that comforting word? Family. We are definitely brothers and sisters in Christ and that makes us family. But that connection is so obvious, and almost rolls off of our tongues before we think.

As I ponder the significance of the word "family" I am reminded of something that happened long ago. About 18 years ago I was facing a major surgery. Our kids were both still in school and Dan and I were both working hard to blend our careers with parenting, running the household and the farm, like most families in the area. The surgery would keep me out of the office for six week, with the first three weeks being the most tedious for me to maneuver at home.

On my last day at the office before my surgery, a sister in Christ called me on the phone from her office. "Karen, I have something for you," she told me. "If you will swing by my office before you leave town today, I will give it to you."

I was busily trying to tie up all the loose ends of business before my extended absence. At the end of a hectic day, I pulled up to the real estate office on Pearl Street before crossing the river and heading home.

Beverley White was my wonderful sister in Christ on that day. I was over-whelmed by her generosity and foresight. I remember standing at the trunk of her car as she handed me a large sack containing several large plastic butter tubs filled with homemade vegetable beef soup. After a surgery that didn't go quite as planned, she visited me in the hospital and prayed with me. Over the following weeks, we were blessed with Beverley's

soup, consuming every drop. Beverley's kindness touched me to the core. She put her Christian love into **ACTION** to fulfill my need. **Now, that's family!**

Over the years I have been touched over and over again by acts of kindness from the Church family. I'm sure there are several of you in the congregation who can tell similar stories. We have shared joy at each other's hard fought accomplishments, hugs of encouragement at our failures, tears at the loss of a loved one, joy and congratulations at the birth of each baby, and a shoulder to lean on when life gets difficult.

That's family too!

I also remember years ago when all of the ladies of the church took turns taking meals, often three times a week, to a young couple who had been coming to Church for several months, and who were desperately trying to start a family. After several unsuccessful pregnancies, she was finally expecting yet again, and was ordered to complete bed rest for the duration of her pregnancy.

All of the ladies of the Church rallied around the couple, setting up meal schedules and delivering picnic baskets filled with wholesome hot meals. There was always enough food left from the first day to tide them over for another meal, until the next lady on the list made her delivery. We all felt like we were a part of their struggle, and were thrilled when she delivered a healthy baby boy.

Do I see "family" in the outpouring of love for this young couple? Absolutely! But we can't just pat ourselves on the back and say we have done our part. Life goes on, need continues to exist, and we are challenged to meet the need, within the "family" and throughout the community.

We may not be perfect, but we are definitely family, and Christ is the glue that binds us together.

From your grateful
Secretary,

Karen

