

Scheduled to Serve, March 1, 2020
If unable to serve, call: Sawyer Deakins, 321-6342
Please meet in the copy room 10 minutes before worship begins.

<u>Lord's Table</u> <u>Preside</u> Cub Scott	<u>Prayers</u> AM Open: Jim Johnson AM Close: Shannon Brownfield PM Close: T.J. Pulliam Wed Close: Daniel Lance	<u>Technology Booth</u> Audio Visual: Daniel Hart Power Point: Michael Tomlinson
<u>Serve</u> Lee Campbell Carl Curtis Johnny Matlock Robert Holt Joseph Jenkins Todd Komar Daniel Lance Scott Tennyson	<u>Scripture Reading</u> Jerry Peters	<u>PM Nursery Helpers</u> Vanessa Lance Brittani Quattlebaum
<u>Alternates</u> Heath Gipson Clyde Johnson	<u>Song Leader</u> P.M./Wed: Jason Hart	<u>Worship Attendance</u> Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 312 6:00 p.m. – 157 Classes: 9:00 a.m. – 205 Wed.: 6:30 p.m. - 178
<u>Usher</u> Stan Bridgeman Bill Cole Pete Papa Matt Willmott	<u>Wed Announcements</u> 3/04: Chris Middleton	<u>Contribution</u> 2/23: \$8,460.10
	<u>Wed Devo</u> 3/04: Jerry Honey	
	<u>Greeters</u> Aletha Campbell Jim & Bonnie Hirsch	<i>If you are scheduled to serve, please meet in the copy room 10 minutes before.</i>

Golden Years Class meets each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Building.

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————— **Curse Tablets** —————

Recently a foreboding discovery was found at the bottom of an ancient well in Greece: Engraved Curse Tablets. These stone tablets, dating back to 400 years before Christ, were hurled into the “underworld” in order to cast a curse on an opponent, rival or enemy. While most of the curses involved legal transactions, many of them involved curses on military enemies, athletic competitors, and even love rivals. 'Bind Helen, so that she is unsuccessful when she flirts with Demetrius.'

Many of us will be familiar with Harry Potter’s magic world, and remember the *Petrificus Totalus* binding spell, successfully used by Hermione on Neville when he tried to stop her, Harry and Ron from sneaking out of their dormitories to prevent the theft of the *Philosopher’s Stone*. Like so much in Harry Potter, this total binding spell (which is a complete body freeze, preventing the victim from moving in any way, although allowing him to breathe), has its roots in actual mystical practice. Harry Potter may be a made-up world, but it is familiar to us because the things that happen are well-known to us from mythology, religious superstition and magical practice from around the world.

Binding spells were one way in which the Ancient Greeks (and Romans) hoped to acquire advantage over rivals. A binding spell was often used in law suits - the invoker would ask a god of the underworld to cause the adverse party to lose. As well as poor Helen, who the invoker hoped would be unsuccessful with lover Demetrius, there are examples of curses invoked against an athlete who might well otherwise win the race; or against musicians or actors the invoker feared would become too good. It was an easy way to make one’s own prejudices come true, and shows an ugly side of human nature. Instead of being happy for the success of others and taking pleasure in harmony, the invoker of such curses wanted to ensure unfair advantage at a cheap and easy price. Instead of free will and allowing excellence to take their natural course, these curses represent the triumph of mediocrity over talent, learning, beauty and goodwill.

The Christian’s attitude towards rivals and enemies is starkly different than the world’s. “*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse,*” Paul writes (*Romans 12:14*). Jesus, himself, taught, “*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you*” (*Luke 6:27-28*).

Although we may be tempted to follow the world’s lead of casting curses upon our enemies, may we rather follow the lead of Jesus and return curses with blessing. “*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good*” (*Romans 12:21*).

Stephen Powers

FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

Sympathy

Becky Brisco, that used to worship with us, father Gerald Russell, passed away Feb. 21. They will have a memorial visitation @ Coffman Funeral Home this Saturday Feb. 29 3-5pm. There will be a private family burial at a later date.

Big Air Jump Event



BABY SHOWER



There will be a come and go baby shower for April Sharp and baby Drake on Sunday, March 1 From 1:30-3pm at the home of Alicia Glenn. She is registered at Walmart and Amazon.com. April is the daughter of Buck & Tanya Hayes

Truth for Today Commentary

We have some of the new books on 2 Corinthians available in the office for \$28. If you are interested please contact the office.

PRAYER LIST

CURRENT

William Clark and Whitney Pulliam & their families - recovering from kidney transplant surgery

Ron & Linda Aucutt- needing prayers

Martha & Billy Drewery- Raymond Still's niece, had a house fire

Lucille Fort-recovering from knee surgery in Hillcrest for rehab

Bettye Honey-released from hospital Tues.

Jason- Will & Brenda Clark's son-in-law has been having seizures

RETIREMENT CENTER/

NURSING HOME/ASST. LIVING

Ella Dunlap (has been moved to Mnt. Vista)

Charlotte Gregory

Shirley Jordan

Retha Keener

Johnny LeMay

Faye McLaughlin

Phil Powers

Nelda Young Smith

AT HOME

Ann Cash

Rochelle Powers

Ruth Pratt

Zella Montgomery

Mildred Oser

Faye Kisner

Frank Mangrum

ONGOING

Atkins family

Jim Bennett - cancer

Bob Brown-cancer

Jason Boernson- cancer

Ricky Castellano - cancer

Priscilla Collier - M.S.

Marie Dumdey

Major Matt Eddings

Imogene & Wayne (cancer) Ellis

Danny Godfrey - cancer

Tom & Betty Grayson

Dawn Greer

Ronald & Mary Ann Greer

Karen Helms

Pat Long

Frank Mangrum

Carmen McCune

Brenda Patton

Ada Xiomara Perez

Ruth Pratt

Bud Walsh

Terry Whithead - cancer

Mary Jo Whiteside - cancer

Julie Willhite - cancer

Jeannie Wray

We are attempting to keep the Ongoing Prayer list current. If you know that someone on the list is improved and may be removed, please contact the office.

FUNERAL DINNER COORDINATORS

February:

Glenda Curtis, Barb Kernodle, Sandra Johnson

March:

Sandy Lair, Bonnie Hirsch, Sherry Tomlinson

NEWS & EVENTS

YOUTH

7TH GRADE & UP

CHRISTEENS: The youth will attend Christeens Feb. 28-March 1. Meet at the building Friday @ 5:00. Eat before you come.

6th & Under

CENTER STAGE: Our next Center Stage will be March 8, during our evening service.

EVENT: Skate night @ the Skatium in Harrison will be March 28. More information will follow.

GOLDEN YEARS

Will be having a game night Friday, March 6, from 4-8pm in the Activity Building.

Golden Years is for anyone 55 and over. They meet in the Activity Building for devotionals and potluck, Tuesdays @ 10:30am.

Northside Men's Conference

"Dynamic Servants" for those who signed up, will be this Fri. & Sat. in the Activity Building. They will begin with dinner Fri. @ 6pm and should conclude around 9pm. The Sat. schedule will begin with breakfast @ 8:30 and the conference should conclude around 11am.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Our building will be open at our regular meeting times for those who wish to worship and study together regardless of the weather conditions. Bible classes for all age groups will be held if teachers are available. However, we encourage members to use their own best judgment as to whether the local roads, as well as our sidewalks and parking lot, will allow safe attendance. The Elders