

# SHARING OUR FAITH

What is the most powerful FORCE in the world? Some might point to nuclear power, both as an energy source and as a weapon. Others would say storms and if you have lived through a tornado or a hurricane you might agree. Still others would point to the destructive force of a flood as the most powerful force in the world.



Which one is correct? Actually, none of the above are correct. The most powerful force in the world is the impact of prayers. Why? Because prayer energizes our most powerful God to act on behalf of His children.

For example, when James was executed at the hands of Herod Agrippa I and Peter was sitting on death row awaiting his fate, Luke records the church as EARNESTLY PRAYING (Acts 12:5 *So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church ESV*). Even though Herod was the most powerful person at that time in Judea by way of his appointment by the Roman Senate, God stopped Herod's plan and rescued Peter from prison.

Why was Peter rescued but James died? Could it be the difference of prayer on behalf of Peter? Was the church not praying as seriously for James? Did they just assumed James and Peter would be released as was the case with previous arrests of church leaders by the Jews? When news came back that James had been executed, did that prompt the EARNEST PRAYER on behalf of Peter?

Are we praying EARNESTLY? We are almost at the end of our 40 DAYS OF PRAYER on behalf of the 5 big events all happening within this 40-day period. How are we doing? Would our prayers be described as EARNEST PRAYERS? Do we believe in the powerful force of these prayers?

Friday evening and Saturday, we will host the annual BLAZE Youth Rally. Billy, our parents, and the youth group have done a great job getting ready for this event. All they need now is YOU to attend. Please consider attending BLAZE and thereby send an encouraging message to our young people and carry that over to SPARK which follows BLAZE.

I will be absent Friday evening from BLAZE as I will be performing my President duties for the annual FAMILIES FIRST FOUNDATION meeting at Harding University. FAMILIES FIRST FOUNDATION is a group of Christians who work together to promote family values in our state.

Don't forget our **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE DROP-IN** on Sunday afternoon, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We want YOU to drop by our house for the fellowship, holiday goodies, and your gift.

Serving our Lord, ~Michael Cox  
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Welcome & Prayer.....Billy Hayes  
Song Leader.....Clayton Wells  
#509 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"  
#250 "The Great Redeemer"  
Opening Prayer.....Festus Ugbade  
#335 "In Memory of the Savior's Love"  
Scripture Reading/Prayer.....Larry Lekwa  
**COMMUNION**  
#337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"  
Romans 5:1-11.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Chad Wagner  
#940 "Only a Step"  
Announcements.....Alan Dishongh  
#722 "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen"  
Closing Prayer.....Alan Dishongh

Welcome & Prayer.....Billy Hayes  
Song Leader.....Clayton Wells  
#453 - "Love Lifted Me"  
#122 - "The Love of God"  
Opening Prayer.....Jimmy Grinder  
#366 - "By Christ Redeemed"  
**COMMUNION**  
#450 - "Give Me the Bible"  
Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Heath Larner  
#907 - "Hark the Gentle Voice"  
Announcements.....Alan Dishongh  
#915 - "Trust and Obey"  
Closing Prayer.....Alan Dishongh

**9:00 a.m. Adult BIBLE CLASSES:**  
Adult class - Library  
First Principles  
"The Lord's Supper"  
Carl Johnson/Mike Schuler  
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Adult class - Auditorium  
Drew Hudgens  
•  
Adult Class -room #124  
"Hard Sayings & Difficult Texts of the Bible"  
Michael Cox  
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Adult Class -room #122  
"The Holy Spirit"  
Danny Griffith  
•  
Young Adults/College Age  
MPB-downstairs  
Jonathan Bonde

**9:00 a.m. Children's BIBLE CLASSES:**  
9th - 12th - MPB  
Tim Togami  
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7th & 8th -room#126  
Nathan Bonde  
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5th & 6th - room#125  
Mark Livingston  
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3rd & 4th -room#121  
Angela Livingston  
•  
1st & 2nd -room#135  
Rick & Eve Palmer  
•  
4 yrs -Kindergarten  
room#137  
Diana Ward  
•  
2-3 yrs. -room#130  
Glenda Pannell  
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6mo.-2 yrs. -room#136  
Martha Dean

**Our Record:  
October 13, 2019**  
Bible Class.....202  
AM Worship.....379  
PM Worship.....176  
Wed. Bible Class.....147  
Contribution.....\$9,181.46

## OCTOBER CONTACTS

**ELDER / DEACON:**  
Alan Dishongh /  
Danny Griffith  
**FOOD COORDINATORS:**  
Angie Drennon &  
Carolyn Brannon

**October 20, 2019**  
Volume 7, Issue 8  
**SUNDAY**  
9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES  
10:00 AM WORSHIP  
6:00 PM WORSHIP  
**WEDNESDAY**  
7:00 PM BIBLE CLASSES



**THE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**MEETS HERE**

## Going Home ~ Blaze 2019 Youth Rally

Fri., Oct. 25. begins @ 6pm & Sat., Oct. 26, begins @ 9am  
(See large bulletin board in foyer for more info.)

Please register: [www.hotspringschurchofchrist.org/blaze/](http://www.hotspringschurchofchrist.org/blaze/)  
(If you need help registering please call the church office @  
501/760.3110 or 501/520.8551)



Keynote Speaker  
**Joe Wells**  
October 25-26

**GOING HOME**  
BLAZE YOUTH RALLY 2019

**PTP SPARK**  
Featuring Studies in the Psalms

Keynote Speaker  
**Larry Acuff**  
October 27-30

**PTP SPARK...RERESH •RENEW •RECHARGE**

**October 27–30, 2019 (FREE FOR ALL ATTENDEES)**

To save your seat you must Preregister at: [polishingthepulpit.com/spark](http://polishingthepulpit.com/spark)

(If you need help registering please call the church  
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### **BLAZE & PTP-SPARK is for YOU!!!**

Job said in Job 3:25: “That which I have greatly feared is come upon me...” As for us, those things for which we have painstakingly prepared are within reach. Blaze will be this weekend and PTP-SPARK will begin in one week. THESE EVENTS ARE FOR ALL OF US!!!

The theme of BLAZE is “Going Home”. We will study the desire we have to go to Heaven when this life is over. “Going Home” is designed for those of all ages. There will be wonderful singing, powerful lessons, great time together with friends we do not see very often and you need to be there. Friday night, October 25, and Saturday, October 26, are the dates to save on your calendar.

Polishing the Pulpit- SPARK has a theme of “The Psalms”. This will be a deep well of study and reflection into our lives. What an exciting week we will have to examine God’s Holy Writ, compare our lives to that Book and build up our assurance of God’s power and authority. Beginning Sunday, October 27 and closing out on Wednesday, October 30, PTP-SPARK will be one most unique event seen in our area in quite a long time. You do not want to miss out on this event.

We will have members of our Youth Group prepared to register anyone for SPARK and BLAZE. When you make up your mind to be a part of these events, you will find the God will bless you for diving wholly into His Word. Keep Praying for our events, and keep inviting others to these events.

*~ Billy Hayes*

*It's a Girl!*

**Emma Claire Shelton**

Grandparents: Tom & Pam Shelton

Parents: Josh & Sarah Shelton

Born: October 14, 2019 at 12:13 pm

Weighing: 8 lbs. 7 oz. Length: 21"



***FYI: The 70 W church of Christ is the Sponsoring congregation for the upcoming PTP Spark Event. We still have the opportunity to help & give financial support toward this event. If you choose to help in this effort please be sure to earmark your contributions for: PTP Spark ~Thank you!***

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<u>EVERY TUESDAY</u>	<u>EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH</u>
<u>MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST</u> 6:30 am in MPB	<u>THREADS OF COMPASSION</u> 9:30 am
<u>LADIES' VISITATION GROUP</u> 11:30 am in MPB	Sewing teddy bears for sick children & pillows for cancer patients

#### **TODAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

- ♦ **MISSIONARY: CHAD WAGNER-AM BIBLE CLASS & AM SERMON**
- ♦ **JR. JAM (3rd-6th grades)●3:30-5:30 pm●MPB**

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

- ♦ **BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK●II Corinthians●6:00 pm**  
Pot-Luck Dinner●7:00 pm Bible Study with Carl Johnson●MPB
- ♦ **LADIES' NIGHT OUT IN GLENWOOD “SOWING SEEDS OF SONSHINE” WITH LYNDA SMITH●Must sign-up in foyer if you plan to attend●Van(s) will leave MPB at 4:45 pm**

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

- ♦ **LADIES' NIGHT “PIERCE MY EAR” WITH BRANDI HAYES●7-8:00 pm**  
●MPB●Please bring finger foods & cookies

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

- ♦ **BLAZE 2019 YOUTH RALLY “GOING HOME”●6-8:30 pm**

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

- ♦ **BLAZE 2019 YOUTH RALLY “GOING HOME”●9:00 am-5:00 pm**

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

- ♦ **PTP SPARK “STUDIES IN THE PSALMS”●9:00 am -6:00 pm**

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- ♦ **PTP SPARK “STUDIES IN THE PSALMS”●7:30 am –8:00 pm**
- ♦ **LADIES' DIGGING DEEP BIBLE STUDY WITH CINDY COLLEY”●4:00 pm**  
●Rm# 124●No Food

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

- ♦ **PTP SPARK “STUDIES IN THE PSALMS”●7:30 am –8:00 pm**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

#### **SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

- ⇒ **Jason Hayden & Family.** His dad, **Jim Hayden** passed away on Sunday, October 6th. Services were Friday, 10/11 in Bristol, TN.
- ⇒ **Perry Richardson & Family.** His dad, **Jerry Richardson** passed away on Saturday, October 12th. Services were Friday, 10/18 at Davis-Smith Funeral Home.

#### **MEMBERS**

- Mike/Shirley Baka●Henry/Linda Cook  
Cyndi/Bill Crow●Mary Davis●Ola Freibolt  
Alvena Jones●Paul Kuhn●Beau Landrum  
Jane Needham●Karen Pate  
Keith Powell●Clovis Reid  
Lillie Mae Taylor●Jim Wallis  
Wade Wisely
- ♦ **Cook, Linda (Lake Hamilton Rehab.)**
  - ♦ **Foster, Anna (Chemo. Treatments)**
  - ♦ **Honeycutt, Louise (2 broken ankles)**
  - ♦ **Hoppis, Kizzie (Tests)**
  - ♦ **Malley, Bill & Bo (Many health issues & she is in constant pain)**
  - ♦ **Smith, Vickey (Home now under hospice care, prayers for Jack & entire family)**
  - ♦ **Solfisburg, Mae (Will have mitral valve repair & possible ablation to solve A-Fib)**
  - ♦ **Ward, Kay (Foot problems & internal bleeding)**
  - ♦ **Winters, Rachel (Tests)**

#### **SHUT-INS**

- Geraldine Bledsoe●Phil Chase  
Kay/Richard Crossland●LaVonne Depew  
Patsy Hust●Irene Hutzel  
Melanie Jackson●Bill/Bo Malley  
Joe Nickolson●Sharon Powell  
Lorene Prescott●Jack & Vickey Smith  
Lorraine Talley●Joyce Walker

#### **FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER**

- Dan Azbell●Darrell Cormier  
Jimmy Denton●Gene Foster  
Melanie Garner●Karen Henderson Troy  
Keiss●Phyllis Madden●Sandy Pitman  
Charlie Isom●John Raines●Kevin Steed  
Andrea Thompson●Janice Wilcox

#### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

- Brady Bean●Evalene Bright  
Evelina Buffington●Garrison  
Crane Burgoyne Hughes●Paula Crippen  
Raymond Curry●Johnie “Verdell” Goins  
Paul Geurin●Terry Hall●Beth McCollum  
Judy Straut●
- ♦ **Assegaf, Lilly (Wunderlin's 12 yr granddaughter) Seeing cardiologist**
  - ♦ **Dishongh, Zadine (Alan's mom) Total knee replacement 10/9**
  - ♦ **Jones, William (D.Ugbade's brother) Hospice in Tacoma, WA**
  - ♦ **King, Austin (R.Richens' cousin)17 yrs. old, shot in neck & paralyzed**
  - ♦ **Meek, Jeanne (W.Burns daughter) Breast cancer surgery on 9/11**
  - ♦ **Sykora, Zac (V.Snyder's friend) Fireman-Fell from tree stand-multiple rib fractures, collapsed lung, broken back**

#### **MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS**

- \* **Gay, Rhett (AF) Tyndall AFB, Panama City, FL**
- \* **Hayden, Austin (AF) McChord AFB, Tacoma, WA**
- \* **Pianalto, Nick (Navy) Port of Hueneme, CA**
- \* **Snyder, Tess (Homeland Sec./BPA) Nogales, AZ**
- \* **Spellings, Randy (Nat'l Guard) Kuwait**

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16*