

A Warm Welcome



Children's Song
Cong. Reading: Matthew 11: 3b-6
We Praise Thee, O God
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
Prayer— Tim Teel
Christ Our Glory
Beautiful Lamb
Lord's Supper
Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham
Serving LS: Quincy Stephenson
Pete Shoulders Jeremy Duggin
Joshua Scott Bert Pressley
The Servant Song
Contribution
Dismiss Children's Church
We Saw Thee Not
Scripture: Mark 2: 1-9 **Roger M**
Prayer— Terry Hampton
Lesson— Sean Niestrath
Into Our Hands the Gospel Is Given
Benediction: Psalm 18: 30-33
Grace

TODAY—
Call to Worship: Dan Rust
Song Leader: Eric Seesengood
Monitor: Larry Stone
Children's Church: Bridgmans
Sound Booth: Kaylie Seesengood

NEXT WEEK—
Call to Worship: Barry Webb
Song Leader: Josh Lupo
Prayers: Jon Stubblefield/Keith Tapp
Scripture: Chason Shoulders
Monitor: Jeff Phillips
Children's Church: None
Sound Booth: Carson Clark
Presiding LS: Jared Jones
Serving LS: Tim Teel

Micah Bridgman Landon Duggin
Daniel Davis Bryson Shoulders
Alternates for November:
Barry Webb Buster Almon
Communion Prep: Almon

For the Record, Last Sunday:
Bible Class— 61
Worship— 110
Contribution— \$2,886.00
Wednesday— 44

Expecting Parents:

Kevin & Samantha Russell (Boy, March)
Jon & Kenna Stubblefield (Girl, April)



Announcements:

Fall Fest: Oct 28th, 5:30-7:30pm
Signup sheet in Lobby



Barbara Stoltz, recovering at home from meniscus repair on her knee on Oct 20th
Angela Shoulders, recovering at home from surgery on Oct 21st
Loria Rust, recovering at home from surgery on Oct 21st
Teel family, Krista's mother, Linda Bare, passed away on Oct 7th
Howard Seaton, his grandmother passed away
Megan Scott's family, her uncle passed away
Darin Swaidner, recovering at home from hospital stay, feeling better and stronger
Dan Evans, finished radiation, waiting on lab results (his wife worked with Randy)
Marsha Herndon, Mark's friend, diagnosed with cancer



Ongoing Prayer List:

Rebecca Niestrath, Alberta Rust, Dexter & Kathy Black, Diana Adams, Brenda Boganwright, Everett Beatty, Donna Stephenson, Karen Wilkerson, Johnny Allen, James Allen, Dennis Warszona, Sister Josephine, Sherry Rushing, Barbara Lynch, Linda Smith, Suzette Mooney, John Benham, Lauren Turley, John Phillips, Jama Doc, Wyatt Brown, Sherry Logan, Benson Holmes, Todd Templeton, Ronnie Hill, Lori Adkins, Callie Adams, Kaci Rainwater Henry

Military Family Members:

Ryan Hill, Dalton Davis, Christopher Goodale, Hans (deployed) & Suraya Niestrath, Andrew Ashby, James Brahm, Christopher Brahm, Nathan Dees, Dalton Daves, Rylen Dame, Jason Rushing (deployed)

Sunday 6 pm, Jesus the Messiah, Jared

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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Welcome Guests! Please scan the QR code or fill out our Connection Card- **Red Folder**. Let us know how we can help you.



Today!- Children's Church, Room 108

- Mission trip meeting after services
- Young Adult Class, 1:00 pm

Tonight!- No Singing Class, PM Church Meal

Tomorrow!- Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am

- Meeting at The Paragon, Contact Elizabeth

Oct 28- Fall Fest, 5:30-7:30pm

Nov 3- Ministry Meeting, 7:00 pm, Room 103

- Focus: Education

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted)



Tonight!- Meet at Church

Nov 6-8- Celebration at KY Dam

Contact **Jon** (270) 635-1029 or
Jared (270) 841-8542 for more info



Oct 27- Presley Lutz

Oct 29- Gayle Lutz

Tim Ashby

Jared Jones

Samantha Russell

Oct 31- Kenna Stubblefield



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Your Sins Are Forgiven

(Mark 2:1-12; Micah 4:1-7)

Have you ever been excluded from something that you wanted to be a part of? Have you ever been excluded only because of your race, gender, or social standing? Have you ever been part of a society that does that? Or has done that? If so, what have you done about it?

The Romans had “peace” all over their coins. They were proud of the peace that they brought to the mediterranean world through their military and economic power. Of course, it was a peace that required brutality when it was threatened. For someone to speak against that would have brought down both a social and legal storm on one’s head – and it did.

The religious leaders in Jerusalem had some difficult decisions to make. They could resist and be destroyed, or they could compromise and maintain a semblance of peace and even, if they behaved, rely on the protection of the Roman army. Those religious leaders also had to maintain the sanctity of the temple and the temple grounds along with their status as good Roman subjects (or in some instances citizens).

If someone had a limitation such as being blind, deaf, or lame, there was no official safety net. The burden fell almost entirely on the family. There was no way to go to worship at the temple – for such were excluded. The empire brought peace and economic stability, but not for everyone.

We know that tax collectors were notorious for taking more than they should have. We know that the trading in the temple area was determined by Jesus to be a “den of thieves”. Jesus accused the Pharisees and scribes of laying heavy burdens on people and not lifting a finger to help them.

Into this world steps one who causes the lame to walk. As with healing the blind and the deaf, there is more going on here that causing someone to walk who couldn’t. Being healed in this way would make it possible for one to work and to worship. It would have given them back their ability to move about and fully participate in society. They would no longer be dependent on others but could now help others.

In one of the early stories in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says to a man that was brought to him, “Your sins are forgiven.” This is the big problem that Jesus dealt with. But what sins – we do not know. This story is more about Jesus’ claim on power than about the man brought to him. With this statement, he has laid claim to that which only God can do. There is little doubt that this would have carried some significant political overtones as well.

Those who heard him questioned this in their hearts, which Jesus observed. His response was to restore the man to wholeness. He was not just talking about forgiveness, he was doing it and restoring one who was lame was the evidence.

I believe that we can do the same. In the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus, we can restore those who have been excluded. We can help them to walk as equals before the King.