
COLLEGE MOUND GAZETTE



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"meeting the spiritual needs of the future while preserving the traditions of the past"

Prayers & Joys

For our nation, our leaders, our troops, and relationships during these challenging times, for those who are the battling the cold/flu/crud during this season, for those in long-term recovery from recent natural disasters, Donna Reynolds, Kathy Boltin, Anne Brown, Anne Brown's mother, Donald Foster, Chase Holcomb, Jimmie Hardin, Thelda Flanery, Steven Spencer, Family of Wills Point Teacher / Coach William Brown, Joan Elmore, Joe Small, Marie Arrington, Susan Watson, Morris Watson, Richard Boszor, Clint Matthews, Jane Wright, Joy Reed, Shaun and Raquel Downs, Dewey Samuels, Sammy Turner, Dorothy Miller

This Week at College Mound Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2018

- ☞ **Trustees Meeting:**
Tuesday, January 30th, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- ☞ **Bible Study – Book of John:**
Wednesday, January 31st, 12 noon & 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- ☞ **Game Night:**
Thursday, February 1st, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- ☞ **Supper Club:**
Friday, February 2nd, 5:30 p.m. location TBD
- ☞ **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**
Barbara Norman – January 29th
Vickie Reed – January 30th
Marie Arrington – January 30th
Darrell Boltin – January 31st
Jackson Bell – January 31st

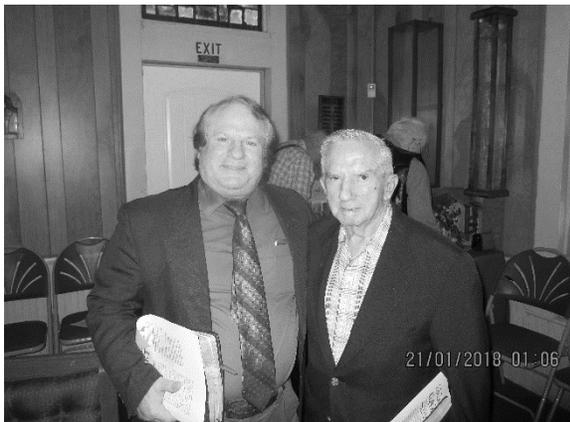
Last Sunday, January 14th

Attendance in Sunday School: 25

Attendance in church: 61



Scripture: Jonah 3:1-10 God sends Jonah to Nineveh to tell them to repent. Sermon: "Forgiveness...Easier Said Than Done" Jonah didn't want God to forgive the people of Nineveh. And sometimes we don't want to forgive either! We think we know best as to who deserves God's judgement. As followers of Jesus, we must proclaim the Good News and forgiveness for ALL, not just who WE think deserves it. It's tough to do, but He calls us to do it!



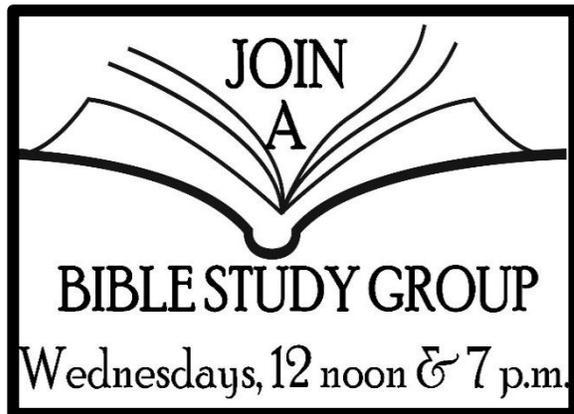
Dan Weaver brought a visitor with him last Sunday - his son, Harry! Welcome!

Did you know...that this year, Ash Wednesday will be on February 14th, Valentine's Day, and Easter will be on April 1st, traditionally known as April Fools Day? Sounds awfully early, right? Actually, Easter could fall as early as March 22nd, or as late as April 25th!



Notes of THANKS

We are truly grateful for Hal Jones, who has been our pianist for the past several months. He has provided us with beautiful accompaniment to our hymns, and inspiring special music arrangements! We sincerely appreciate the sacrifice he has made to help make our worship services very special. We wish you all the best, and hope that you will come visit us in the future!



**The LORD your
God will raise up
for you a prophet ...
you shall heed such
a prophet.**

Deuteronomy 18:15, NRSV

Lenten DEVOTIONALS

Pastor Bob has given us all a challenge – to write our own devotionals for Lent! It's a great idea to get each of us to really think about Lent and what it means. Here's some suggestions on how to get started:

- Select a scripture that speaks to you, and write one or two paragraphs on its meaning for Lent.
- If you're planning on giving up something OR taking on something for Lent, tell why, and what kind of impact it might make.
- Lent is a time of reflection. Write about a time in the past that you feel was especially significant, with regard to the themes of Lent.
- Conclude your devotional with a prayer, meditation, final thought or action item.

As Pastor Bob said, you can write about anything you want - let those creative juices flow! It'll be interesting to see how others in our church family view their Lenten journey!

The deadline for your devotion to be included in the Lenten Devotion Book is Thursday, February 1st. The Lenten Devotion Book will be distributed at church on Sunday, February 11th (Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is on February 14th this year). Please give this a try, and share your thoughts on this special time in the life of our church!

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The Wesley Brothers

"We're on a mission from God."



Don't forget the very important Trustees meeting this Tuesday, January 30th at 7 p.m. The trustees will be considering the needs of the church buildings and grounds, and the costs

associated with these projects. If you have an idea for an improvement project for the buildings or grounds, you are invited to present your project to the trustees. It would be helpful if you have a ballpark estimate for costs, contractor names, and fundraising ideas that could supplement church costs (e.g. crowd funding, raffle, etc.). Everyone is welcome!

