

THOSE TO SERVE March 1, 2020

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Shepherd's Prayer: Gene Clark
 Lord's Supper:
 Scripture Reading:
 Closing Prayer:
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side):
 (back):

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

February 23	Numbers 1-2
February 24	Numbers 3-4
February 25	Numbers 5-6
February 26	Numbers 7
February 27	Numbers 8-10
February 28	Numbers 11-13
March 1	Numbers 14-15; Pslam 90

¡¡¡Feliz día del niño!!!

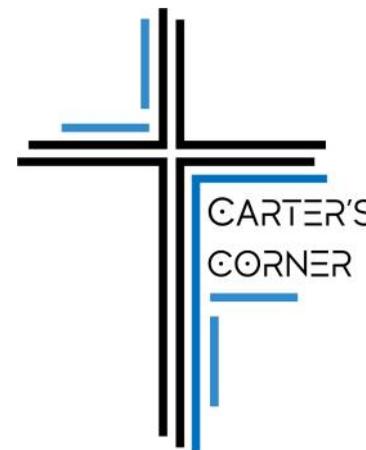


The date for our next **Medical Mission trip** to Colonet is drawing near. There are thirteen planning to go this year. In addition to the normal expenses of the trip (which averages about \$1000 per person for airfare, hotel accommodations, food, etc.) there will also be the cost of the medicines which will be purchased in Mexico, other needed supplies and funds for the translators.

As we did last year, we need to collect eyeglasses, especially reading glasses. If you have some you would like to donate or invest in a few pairs to give away, it would be appreciated. The folks at Colonet truly appreciated those we took last year.

In addition this year, we will assist Antonio with Dia del Niño (Children's Day). Children's Day has been celebrated annually in Mexico since 1925. Children are recognized as an important part of society so the day focuses on the importance of loving, accepting and appreciating children along with the giving of small gifts.

On March 8, we will take a second contribution to help offset some of the expenses of the trip. We have set a goal of \$5,000 for this important effort to spread the gospel by letting others see Jesus through us as we serve them. Please plan to make a second generous gift on Sunday, March 8.



There's a **devotional** at the Spains' tonight at 6 pm! Guys , please bring drinks ; girls, please bring desserts.

The **youth calendar** is outside my office if you would like to know what we have coming up.

PARENTS!! We will be having a **date night** on March 9. From 5:30-7:30 the youth group and I will be at the building to watch your kids and let you go out on a date. We will have activities for them to do and snacks. Please feed them before if possible, or pack a dinner for them. If you have questions feel free to ask.

- Carter

THANK YOU

Janet Boyd writes, "Dear Church Family, Thank you for your kindness, thoughts and prayers for me and my family during the recent loss of my father. The Willow Tree "father & daughter" you sent will be treasured by me. It is a sweet reminder of my father's love for his children."

GOSPEL MEETING

The Martin Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting from February 23 through February 27. David Lipe will be the speaker. We're all invited to come and be with them during the meeting. There is a flyer posted at the Information Station with more details.

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READ the complete article on the enclosed page.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

Worship Service February 23, 2020

Welcome

446 "Hear O Israel"
54 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"
239 "In Moments Like These"
779 "I Love You Lord"

Shepherd's Prayer

381 "Years I Spent in Vanity"

Communion

Contribution

790 "Lord Take Control"
695 "None of Self and All of Thee"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

918 "Out of My Bondage"

Family News

Congregational Reading-

Philippians 2:1-11

Closing Prayer

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 23, 2020, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks
Scripture Reading: Jim Robertson
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
Children's Church: Maggie & Landen McCage
Attended Nursery: Renee Ferguson
Nursery Next Week: LeEllen Smith
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
(back): Jerry & Tammy Ross



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Anita Nicks, Aaron Tittle.

OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Heppler, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks, Jean McCullough

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott; Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Bob Yates, Thomas Aker, Brenda Green

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chris Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Brady Moore, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler, Brady Moore, Chris Floyd, Eb McCage

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

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FAMILY NEWS



February 23, 2020



In his book, *Through the Valley of Kwai*, Ernest Gordon shares the true account of life in a World War II Japanese prison camp. The story is about a man who through selflessly giving all literally transformed a whole camp of imprisoned soldiers.

The man's name was Angus McGillivray. Angus was a Scottish prisoner in one of the camps filled with Americans, Australians, and Britons who had helped build the infamous Bridge over the River Kwai. The camp had become a dog-eat dog world. The men would literally steal from each other and cheat each other; men would sleep with their packs and yet have them stolen from under their heads.

Survival was the name of the game and the law of the jungle prevailed. It ruled that is until the news of Angus McGillivray's death spread throughout the camp. Rumors spread of his death from man to man. No one could believe big Angus had died. He was strong, one of those whom they had expected to be the last to die. Actually, it wasn't the fact of his death that shocked the men, but the reason he died that made all the difference. Finally they pieced the story together.

The Scottish soldiers (known as Argylls) took their buddy system very seriously. Their buddy was called their "mucker," and these Argylls believed that it was literally up to each of them to make sure their "mucker" survived.

Angus's own mucker, though, was dying, and everyone had given up on him, everyone but Angus. He made up his mind that his friend would not die. Someone had stolen his mucker's blanket. So Angus gave him his own, telling his mucker that he "just came across an extra one." Likewise, every mealtime, Angus would get his rations and take them to his friend, stand over him and force him to eat them, again stating that he was able to get "extra food." Angus was going to do anything and everything to see that his buddy got what he needed to recover.

But as Angus's mucker began to recover, Angus collapsed, slumped over, and died. The doctors said that he had died of starvation complicated by exhaustion. He had been giving his own food and shelter. He had literally selflessly given everything he had.

As word circulated of the reason for Angus McGillivray's death, the feel of the camp began to change. Suddenly, men began to focus on their mates, their friends, and humanity of living beyond survival, of giving oneself away.

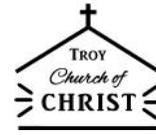
They began to pool their talents—one was a violin maker, another an orchestra leader, another a cabinet maker, another a professor. Soon the camp had an orchestra full of homemade instruments and a church called the "Church Without Walls" that was so powerful, so compelling, that even the Japanese guards attended.

The men began a university, a hospital, and a library system. The place was transformed; love revived, all because one man named Angus gave all he had for his friend. What happened there in that prison camp is an awesome illustration of the potential unleashed when one person actually gives it all away.

When we begin to think and act in selfless ways, amazing things begin to happen. People begin to think of how to work together, share resources, and move forward together with shared success. It all begins with simple acts of selflessness.

So, what does selflessness look like? Selflessness was modeled by Angus McGillivray who was known as one who put the interests of others ahead of his own, didn't care who got the credit, inspired others to selfless acts, and left a legacy for others to follow. Sounds like someone else I know. His name is Jesus.

- Ron



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NEW ADULTSPRING QUARTER CLASSES

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Romans 7 shows the struggle that is all too familiar for us. We do the things we don’t want to do, and we don’t do the things we know we should. We keep getting stuck in the same pattern. We have trouble believing the promise of Roman 8 that we are children of God, that He loves us completely, and has already accepted us as we are, but won’t let us stay there.

To help us in the move from Romans 7 to Romans 8, we will use a tool called the enneagram, which can help us better understand how our personality can help us and hurt us in our relationship with God and each other. The enneagram can help us better understand our motivations that we may not even be aware of. It has been tremendously helpful to me and when used well, can help us center our lives in the gospel.

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