

THOSE TO SERVE February 16, 2020

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Shepherd's Prayer: Chris Gooch
 Lord's Supper: Paul Hill, Jeff Nicks, Keith Connor, Chris Gooch, Jerry Ross, Larry Johnson, Virgil Griffin
 Scripture Reading: Tyler Bolton
 Closing Prayer: Brian Clark
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus
 (back): Tony & Brenda Henson

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

February 9 Exodus 30-32
 February 10 Exodus 33-35
 February 11 Exodus 36-38
 February 12 Exodus 39-40
 February 13 Leviticus 1-4
 February 14 Leviticus 5-7
 February 15 Leviticus 8-10

Thank You!

THANK YOU

Cassandra McLaughlin writes, "Just want you to know how very thankful I am for all the love and support you have shown me and my family. I can't say thank you enough. We really appreciate all you have done."

LADIES' DAY

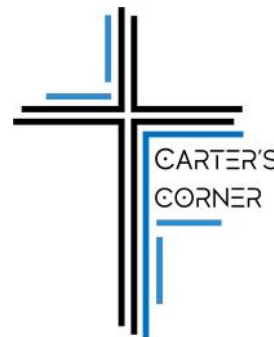
Humboldt Church of Christ cordially invites us to their Ladies' Day event on Saturday, March 7, 2020. The theme is God's Recipe for Righteousness and the speaker is Debbie Kea. The registration starts at 8:30 am and the event ends at 1:00 pm. Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided. The address is 1515 N. 30th Avenue in Humboldt, TN. The phone number is 731-784-3862. The e-mail address is Humboltdcoc@bellsouth.net

VIDEO LESSONS

We are currently video recording the Sunday sermon, Room 6 adult class with Paul Hill, and the adult class on Wednesday night. These video lessons are on our website (troycocfc.com). Starting today (Feb. 9), Phil will be live streaming our worship services and the link is on our website. Any questions, please ask Phil.



NOTE: If you have plans for church events and activities (senior outings, youth and family devos/outings, etc.), please provide the details to Jean (jmcmillan159@gmail.com) so she can include them in the bulletin's weekly Activities at a Glance section. →



We're still in need of help sending some students to Winterfest. If you can help in any way, please let me know.

We're going to start meeting together as a youth group to discuss the chapter of the week, and I encourage you to follow along with us. I will have the chapter in the bulletin each week, and the file is also on the Facebook page. The chapter this week (the 6th week) is Galatians 5.

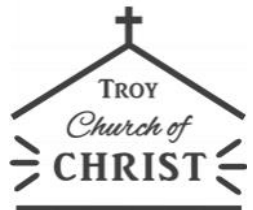
If you know of anyone the youth can help serve this summer, please reach out to me. I still need to fill a couple of spots.

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

February 14-16	Winterfest	Gatlinburg, TN
February 29	Girls' Day	
March 7	8:30 am— 1:00 pm	Ladies' Day Humboldt Church of Christ
March 6-7	Women of Hope Weekend	Murfreesboro, TN
March 9	6-8:00 pm	Parents' Date Night
April 1-7, 2020	Mexico Mission Trip	Mexico
June 1-5	Youth Memphis Work Camp	
July 5-10	MSYC	
July 30 – August 1	Youth White Water Rafting	

CANCELLED

The Youth Mexican Mission Trip has been cancelled due to inadequate participation.



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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Chris Gooch
 Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
 Sermon: Ron Newberry
 Closing Prayer: Jamie Clark
 Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
 Children's Church: Annette & Kevin Dobbins
 Attended Nursery: Maggie McCage
 Nursery Next Week: Annette Dobbins
 Greeters (side): Greg & Renee Ferguson
 (back): Tony & Brenda Henson



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 Hepler, 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 9, 2020



How do you define compassion? Feeling sorry for someone? Feeling sad about someone's condition in life?

The online edition of *Merriam-Webster* defines it as "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." When Noah Webster published *An American Dictionary of the English Language* in 1828, he began his definition of compassion this way: "A suffering with another; painful sympathy."

Compassion means to suffer with another person. The word has a strong personal intimate element. To have compassion means more than just feeling sorry for somebody. It means to get down where they are in the midst of their need and to suffer with them in the midst of their pain.

"Painful sympathy." That's a great way to think about compassion. But that is very challenging.

Noah Webster gave an illustration of this "painful sympathy". He referred to Luke 15:20 when the father of the prodigal son saw him while he was still far off and the father was filled with compassion. He ran and embraced him and kissed him. That verse is very significant because it shows us that compassion is more than just a feeling. It's not just an emotion. It's more than feeling sorry for someone who is in trouble. Biblical compassion means that when you see the problem, you are moved by the need, you go out to where the problem is, and you get your hands dirty trying to help one person after another get their crisis solved and raise them up to a higher level of life.

We see this in a number of places in the life of Christ. Matthew 14:14 tells us that Jesus had compassion on the great crowd following him, so he healed the sick and then fed the 5000. He had painful sympathy for their condition.

Matthew 15:32 says that Jesus felt the same compassion on another crowd and so fed the 4000. When he saw the two blind men of Jericho, Matthew 20:34 tells us that he was filled with compassion and healed them on the spot.

Mark 1:40-41 offers the most telling example of what compassion meant to our Lord. Mark wrote, "A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, 'If you are willing, you can make me clean.' Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!'"

Perhaps the most shocking part of that text is the report that Jesus touched a leper! In doing that, he broke all the customs and rules of that day. According to the Old Testament, if you had leprosy, you were unclean. In touching him, Jesus took his uncleanness on himself. People were so scared of lepers that they made them live in a colony away from the rest of society so they would not contaminate anyone else. But when Jesus saw the man with leprosy, he was so moved that he reached out and touched him.

We need to truly understand this vital lesson. For our Lord, compassion was not just a feeling; it was a commitment to get involved with hurting people. Real compassion is more than an emotion. Real compassion is "painful sympathy" that then moves us from emotion and feeling to action.

Remember Merriam-Webster's definition of compassion: "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." "...with a desire to alleviate it" is the key component of the definition. When Jesus felt compassion, he acted. What do you think we ought to do if we truly feel compassion? That's right!

- Ron