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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 March 18, 2018**

**Welcome**

s107 "In Christ Alone"  
291 "The Great Physician"  
111 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

**Shepherd's Prayer**

374 "There Is a Fountain"  
313 "The Old Rugged Cross"

**Communion**

**Contribution**

534 "Worthy Is the Lamb"  
454 "Rock of Ages"

**Scripture Reading**

**Sermon**

484 "You Are My All in All"

**Family News**

111 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" (vs. 1)

**Closing Prayer**



**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Sunday morning, March 18, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Aaron Tittle,  
Landon McCage, Mike McCage, Tony  
Dobson, Bobby Johnson, Rick Yates  
Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks  
Sermon: Chris Gooch  
Closing Prayer: Jimmy Smith  
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark  
Children's Church:  
Attended Nursery: Maggie McCage  
Nursery Next Week: Annette Dobbins  
Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus  
(back): Mike & Paula McCage



**PRAYER LIST**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green, Chris Gooch

**OUR COMMUNITY:** Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weeks, Jean McCullough, Barbie Hardy, Brad Carman

**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, Ruby Rogers, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom)

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea), Theresa Bumpus

**MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:**

Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



Ridgecrest is a large church-associated assembly ground, nestled in the mountains of western North Carolina just east of Asheville. All summer long, every year, thousands of Christians come to Ridgecrest for training, inspiration, Bible study, and retreats. Ministers find there a retreat center for rejuvenation and rest.

A few years ago, during a conference, participants noticed a man hanging around the grounds. He did not look like he had just stepped out of your typical Sunday School class. His clothes were tattered and torn; they looked like something even the Salvation Army would throw away. He hadn't shaved for some time. His shoes were at least religious --- holy, holy, holy. Worst of all was the distinct odor he emitted.

It was obvious to all in attendance that he was "not one of us". He wasn't the kind of person one normally sees at Christian retreat centers. What did he do? Why was he there?

Several folks talked about the situation, potential threat and all-round discomfort they felt. But they couldn't do much. He hadn't approached anyone. He never harassed anybody. He did not – as some expected he would – ask for money. He mostly just hung around observing everyone's behavior.

When chapel services were held, he would walk across the front and sit down. When classes were under way, he would lie down on the grassy slopes nearby. And when meals were being served, he would stand on the dining hall porch, not far from the long lines of people clutching their meal tickets. No one witnessed him begging. He made no demands. He just stood and watched.

At the end of the week the organizers announced that there would be a special speaker for the closing service, and that he would speak on the theme, "Inasmuch as you have not done it unto one of the least of these, you have not done it unto me." They promised that the audience would truly remember this message. The hymns were sung, the prayers were prayed, and the special speaker approached the podium. The special speaker was the shabby young man with the worn-out clothing, the messy beard, and the offensive body odor!

It turns out that he was a young minister who had been asked to play a part by the conference directors. And his message stung as he said to the crowd, "No one tried to include me in anything. No one asked me if I needed help. No one invited me to the dining hall. No one sat down to listen to my story. No one asked to speak to me about Jesus. One or two pulled out a dollar bill and gave it to me. But most of you turned your eyes and pretended not to see me. My appearance offended you, and you left me out."

Appearances are deceiving. He looked like a beggar and a bum, but he was a minister. How many folks have we failed to minister to, refused to help, dismissed even asking to talk to them about Jesus because of their appearance – they are clearly "not one of us"? Lord when did we ever see you in need and failed to help you? When you did not help the least of these you did not help me. Lord when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? When you did it to one of the least of these you did it to me. You just never know when you might encounter Jesus, or you might be Jesus to others.

- Ron

**THOSE TO SERVE March 25, 2018**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Paul Hill, Gene Clark, Jamie Clark, Brian Clark, Jimmy Smith, Greg Ferguson, Clifton Garrigus  
 Scripture Reading: Jim Robertson  
 Closing Prayer: Keith Connor  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks  
 (back): Greg & Renee Ferguson

**BAJA MISSIONS WORKSHOP**

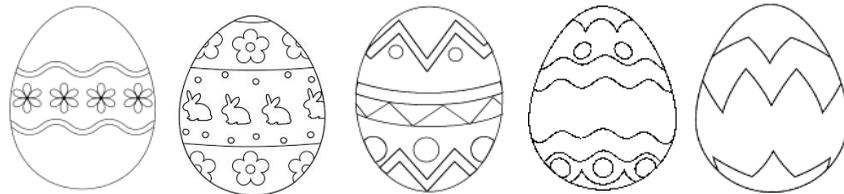
On April 7, 2018, Baja Missions will conduct a one-day workshop in Nashville about all the work they do with the churches they sponsor in Mexico. Some of our recent mission team members plan to attend this event. If you're interested in participating in our church's next trip or just want a better understanding of the ministry, attending this event would be a good way to get more information about it. Please let Greg Ferguson know if you would like to accompany the Troy CoC group. We'll leave the church building at 6:00 a.m. and be home before bedtime.

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

- March 18 Deuteronomy 31-32; Luke 1:1-23
- March 19 Deuteronomy 33-34; Luke 1:24-56
- March 20 Joshua 1-3; Luke 1:57-80
- March 21 Joshua 4-6; Luke 2:1-24
- March 22 Joshua 7-8; Luke 25-52
- March 23 Joshua 9-10; Luke 3
- March 24 Joshua 11-13; Luke 4:1-32

**EASTER SUNDAY April 1, 2018**

We will have a devotional at 9:30 a.m., followed by a brunch and an Easter egg hunt for the children. Please sign up for what you plan to bring on the list at the Information Station, and fill the basket there with candy and empty plastic eggs.



"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."  
 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

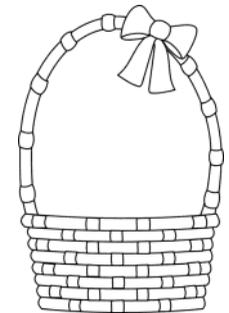
I've never read a more true statement. The only thing that comes to mind is how angry Allie would be if I didn't speak to her for half the time I've gone without really praying to God. A relationship with him is exactly that, a relationship. One which must be constantly cultivated and worked on. Are you praying as you should? I know I could do much better. I encourage you on your next moment alone, get on your knees, and thank God for everything you have. Be it a lot or a little!



-Zach

**BASKET SHOWER**

We're having a basket wedding shower for Donnie Sherrill and Destiny Warren, who will marry on April 13, 2018. Please place your gifts (kitchen/household aids and decorative items, bedding, gift cards, etc.) in the baskets located at each church entrance.



More information about the events below is posted at the Information Station.

**GOSPEL MEETING**

Martin Gardner Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting March 18-21. The theme is A Movement That Keeps on Moving and the speaker will be Chad Ezelle.

**SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**

Bishop Street Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting March 18-21. The speaker will be Keith Mosher.



**AND DON'T FORGET OUR KITCHEN SHOWER!**

Please remember to shower our church kitchen with the new/refreshed items it and its workers need. The wish list and a container for your gifts is located at the Information Station. Questions? Ask Jenny.

