

**THOSE TO SERVE March 15, 2020**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Shepherd's Prayer: Chris Gooch  
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Landon McCage, Mike McCage, Tony Dobson, Virgil Griffin, Larry Johnson, Steve Muse  
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks  
 Closing Prayer: Jimmy Smith  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus  
 (back): Mike & Paula McCage

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

March 8 Numbers 31-32  
 March 9 Numbers 33-34  
 March 10 Numbers 35-36  
 March 11 Deuteronomy 1-2  
 March 12 Deuteronomy 3-4  
 March 13 Deuteronomy 5-7  
 March 14 Deuteronomy 8-10

**THANK YOU**

Chris Gooch writes, "To my beloved church family—well, I've made it through February! Wouldn't have except for my wife, family, and church! You all provided us with food, a wheelchair, visits and most importantly prayers! Please continue those—I'm laid up—hopefully temporarily, but your love and action is expediting getting m back up on both feet (and legs). Love you all and thanks for helping this cripple."

**PARENT DATE NIGHT**

Parent date night is this Monday (tomorrow)! From 5:30-7:30 we will be at the building watching kids for anyone who would like to bring them up there. We will have games, a movie and some snacks for them.

**HELP WANTED**

Someone proficient in MS Word and Publisher to prepare the weekly bulletin. If interested, see Ron.

**ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE**

March 9	5:30—7:30 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	

Ask the average churchgoing, pew-packing member of the church what their church is doing and you'll get a variety of answers. Their church may be developing some new programs. They may be constructing a new addition to their building. They may be in the process of acquiring more land. They may be adding a new staff member. Those are wonderful things to be doing in the church. However, we may do all those things and miss the point of being a church.

In the 1950s, marketing expert Stanley Arnold was employed by a major marketing agency. As their topnotch marketer, he was asked to develop a marketing campaign for Remington Rand, makers of men's shavers. The company was among the most conservative in America whose chairman was retired legendary General Douglas MacArthur. Intimidated at first by a company that was such a recognized name in America, Arnold found in that phrase—in America—the inspiration for the campaign.

After thinking about it for several days, he went to the New York a stock broker's office and placed the ultimate odd-lot order: "I want to purchase," he told the broker, "one share of every single stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange." After a vice president failed to talk him out of it, the order was finally placed. It came to more than \$42,000 for one share in each of the 1098 companies listed on the Big Board at the time.

Stan now took his considerably diversified portfolio into a meeting of Remington Rand's board of directors, where he argued passionately for a sweepstakes campaign with the top prize called *A Share in America*. The conservative old gentlemen shifted around in their seats and discussed the idea for a while. "But Mr. Arnold," said one, "we are not in the securities business." Another board member lamented, "We are in the shaver business."

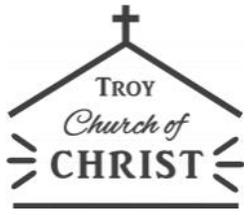
"I agree that you are not in the securities business," said Arnold, "but I think you also ought to realize that you are not in the shaver business either. You are in the people business." The company bought the idea.

Sometimes we may leave the impression that we believe that we are in the building business, or program business or land development business or staffing business. We're not; we're in the people business. Now, all these items – buildings, programs, land, staff – may contribute to our objective of impacting people for God. However, if we do all those things well, and lose sight of people, we will have missed the point being a church.

Jesus didn't die for buildings, programs, staff positions or land. Jesus died for people. If he died for people, we ought to live to reach people with that good news.

Let's continue to push forward with adding whatever might promote the Kingdom of God in Troy. However, let's never lose sight of the fact that these are merely means or tools to reach people. Fix your eyes upon Jesus and then follow where he's looking. You will find that he is looking at and searching for people.

- Ron



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## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8, 2020

TROY Church of CHRIST

FAMILY NEWS

March 8 2020



Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson  
Scripture Reading: Tyler Bolton  
Sermon: Ron Newberry  
Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch  
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry  
Children's Church: Nita & Chris Gooch  
Attended Nursery: Rachel Clark  
Nursery Next Week: Nancy Spain  
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks  
(back): Virgil & Lori Griffin

### 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.

### 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 8, 2020

#### Welcome

749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

414 "Anywhere with Jesus"

"Be Strong and Courageous

#### Shepherd's Prayer

"You Never Let Go"

464 "Because He Lives"

#### Communion

#### Contribution

18 "Faithful Love"

449 "Thy Word"

#### Scripture Reading

#### Sermon

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

#### Family News

464 "Because He Lives" (Chorus)

#### Closing Prayer

We've heard it a lot in the past few weeks. We've seen a lot on Facebook about the loss of the three fishermen. We've heard it relating to the tornado victims in the Nashville area. "We'll pray for you." "I'll say a prayer for you." That's a wonderful thing to pledge. It's even better if we follow through with the promise. When we pray for others, exactly what do we pray for?

A shipwreck during a violent storm left only two men alive. They were able to swim to a small, desert island and drag themselves on shore. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other choice but to pray to God.

However, to ensure that they would know for certain whose prayers might prove more effective, they agreed to divide the tiny island in two and each man would stay on his side of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a tree filled with fruit on his side and he ate until he was full. The other man's half of the island remained barren.

A week passed and the first man thought how lonely he was so he decided to pray for a wife. The next morning another ship was wrecked and the only survivor was a woman who washed ashore on his side of the island. On the other side of the island the second man remained lonely.

As the weeks passed the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. Each succeeding day brought the things he had prayed for. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man, kicking himself for not thinking of it earlier, prayed for a ship so that he and his wife could leave the island. The very next morning he found a ship docked at his side of the island and boarded the ship with his wife.

The first man considered his options. Should he take the second man or not? Since none of the other man's prayers had been answered, he must be considered unworthy to receive God's blessings. So the first man decided to leave the second man on the island.

As the ship was about to cast off, the first man heard a voice from heaven that boomed, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"I prayed for many things Lord and the blessings you gave to me were a result of my faith and prayers. Since all his prayers were unanswered I figured he does not deserve anything."

"You are sadly mistaken. You owe him a great debt of gratitude."

"How so Lord?" the first man asked.

"It was *his* great faith that invoked the blessings. You see, he prayed every day that all your prayers might be answered and that is why they were answered so abundantly."

Of course that is an apocryphal story. But the point is very real and relevant. Are your blessings the fruits of your prayers and work alone or could they perhaps be the result of God's answering the prayers of others on your behalf? On the other hand, who are you praying for that they might be blessed? What might God do among us if we prayed not only for ourselves but that the prayers of our brothers and sisters might also be answered? An interesting point to ponder don't you think?

- Ron