



**THOSE TO SERVE September 22, 2019**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Paul Hill, Jim Robertson,  
 Kevin Dobbins, Josh Scott, Tyler Bolton,  
 Tyler Kendall, Tony Dobson  
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks  
 Closing Prayer: Keith Connor  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks  
 (back): Greg & Renee Ferguson

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

September 15	Daniel 7-9
September 16	Daniel 10-12
September 17	Ezra 1-3
September 18	Ezra 4-6; Psalm 137
September 19	Haggai 1-2
September 20	Zechariah 1-7
September 21	Zechariah 8-14



This week I thought I would let you all see what we are studying in our classes just so you get an idea of what we are doing. We have some amazing people that are helping teach class, and also help me a lot with my classes. Sunday mornings, Heather and Brian will be going through the life of Jesus with the youth group. They will be focusing on the events of His life and the importance of everything that takes place in the gospels. On Sunday nights, we will be working through a book. This book will help us navigate our culture while not compromising our own beliefs. I think this will lead to some really good discussions, and also growth in our own faith. I hope this will bring us closer together, and keep us all

working towards the same goals. Wednesday night is OnTrack, and we are going to be doing that class a little different. For that class, there are "mini series" each month. Each series is aimed at a specific time in the groups life and is hoping to hit at things that have extra importance this time of year. This month our series is called Lifelines. This is about friendships and how they can be beneficial and lifelines or they can do nothing but bring you down.

Hopefully this gives you a good idea of what we are doing. I think this shows that we are trying to teach the Bible in different ways while helping them the best way possible.

- Carter



**MAGI BOXES**

The elders have approved participation in the Magi box sponsored by Healing Hands International in Nashville. The boxes will be distributed to Zambia, Honduras, and Mexico. The boxes will be furnished by Healing Hands to insure uniformity. Our role is to collect the items needed to fill the boxes. We have set a goal to fill 100 boxes for distribution. The need is greater for items for boys ages 8-12 or age 11+. Suggestions are: marbles, flip flops (kid size) pencil sharpeners, scissors, crayons, notebooks, rulers, small toy balls. deflated soccer balls with a pump, small cars/trucks, soap and soap

dishes, boys' shorts size 2-12, hard candy (no candy that will melt!), sunglasses, jump ropes, yo-yos, small Slinkies, and small rubber animals. Story books are not appropriate because they are written in English. For girls: small dolls, and some of the items mentioned above and skirts size 8-12. There will be a basket to collect your donations and then we will have a box filling party before the deadline. We will not have a lot of time because of an early deadline but let's see if we can fill 100 boxes. Flip flops should be on sale now as well as shorts. If you have questions, check with Jen-

**SUPER SENIORS**

Our next Super Senior outing will be Thursday, September 19. We will travel to Fulton, KY to the Keg Steakhouse. The bus will leave at 6:00 p.m. If you haven't been joining our group of Super Seniors each month, you are missing a great time of fellowship not to mention a good meal. (We don't check id's to verify your age. You decide if you qualify.) Check the Information Station board for the sign-up sheet and indicate if you plan to ride the bus or drive so we know how many are going and call ahead to reserve space for the group.



**LADIES DAY**

The Gardner Church of Christ in Martin will host a ladies' program, Stitched With Love, on September 28, 2019. The speaker will be Denise Martin, from Crossett, Arkansas. Details are on a flyer posted at the information station.



**WEDDING SHOWER**

There will be a wedding shower for Emma Ward, bride elect of Carter Milam, on Sunday after noon Oct 27 from 2 to 4 pm in the activities building. If you would like to help host or provide food for this event please contact Nita Gooch or Jenny Newberry. Emma is registered at Target, Ikea, and Amazon.



### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Gene Clark  
 Scripture Reading: JimRobertson  
 Sermon: Ron Newberry  
 Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch  
 Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson  
 Children's Church: Maggie & Landon McCage  
 Attended Nursery: LeEllen Smith  
 Nursery Next Week: Rachel Clark  
 Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins  
 (back): Bret & Traci Taylor



### 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

September 15, 2019



You may remember the disaster involving the Gold King Mine waste water spill in 2015. It was an unmitigated environmental disaster. It began at the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, when the Environmental Protection Agency and workers for Environmental Restoration (a Missouri company under EPA ironically contracted to alleviate pollutants from the closed mine), caused the release of toxic waste water into the Animas River watershed. They were attempting to drain water near the entrance of the mine that had ponded and posed a pollution problem. Contractors accidentally destroyed the plug holding water trapped inside the mine, which caused the pond to overflow, spilling three million gallons of mine waste water including heavy metals such as cadmium and lead, and other toxic elements, such as arsenic, beryllium, zinc, iron and copper into Cement Creek, a tributary of the Animas River.

The EPA took responsibility for the incident, but refused to pay for any claims filed after the accident on grounds of sovereign immunity. The Governor of Colorado John Hickenlooper declared the affected area – a hundred-mile stretch of river – a disaster zone. The spill affected waterways of municipalities in the states of Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah, as well as the Navajo Nation.

Whether it's an accidental spill or a deliberate choice to dump toxic waste into the waterways, the result is the same. Pollution can be a disaster. Finding the source of the pollution is important to control it and hold violators responsible.

According to Jesus, the human heart is the source of a different kind of pollution. The human heart is a cesspool of evil, which must be kept in check or it overflows into our words and deeds. Our world is polluted by the toxic buildup of our hearts. The problem isn't political, and it can't be solved by electing the "right person". It's not a legal issue, so all the laws in the world can't solve it. It's not an educational one. If everyone had a doctorate, we would still have a corrupted culture. It's not a monetary problem. If everyone were a millionaire, we'd still be in trouble. The solution to pollution in our culture is the conversion of the human hearts.

For example, much has been written and argued about what to do after we experience yet another mass shooting involving a so-called assault rifle. Both sides dig in and argue their point of view. Anti-gun proponents argue that mass shootings demand controlling if not the outright confiscation of guns from law-abiding citizens. Pro-gun advocates point out that FBI statistics show that more people are killed by hammers, bats and other blunt objects each year than by rifles. One side argues that hand guns are more than likely going to be of no value against attacks, robberies, etc., while the other side points out the stats collected by the Federal Bureau of Justice Statistics' National Crime Victimization Survey shows that each year almost 68,000 such assaults are thwarted by a person with a handgun. We seem to be good at arguing and less effective with solutions. Perhaps the problem is we focus disproportionately on the behavior and not enough on the heart. The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart.

Moral hearts lead to moral lives because actions are a product of attitudes. Moral hearts lead to wholesome words because they emanate from the heart. Only a transformed heart brings about a transformed life with accompanying holy habits. It's not enough to turn over a new leaf, pass a new law, elect a new president, or create a new slogan. The only answer is a new heart. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). Perhaps we need to pay more attention to the heart than on argu-

### 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 Sept. 15, 2019

#### Welcome

2 "We Praise Thee O God"  
 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"  
 792 "My Eyes Are Dry"  
 "Break My Heart"

#### Shepherd's Prayer

349 "Ten Thousand Angels"

#### Communion

#### Contribution

586 "Light the Fire"  
 226 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#### Scripture Reading

#### Sermon

567 "Restore My Soul"

#### Family News

