

THOSE TO SERVE October 6, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper:
 Scripture Reading:
 Closing Prayer:
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
 (back): Jerry & Tammy Ross

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

September 29 Malachi 1-4
 September 30 Luke 1; John 1:1-14
 October 1 Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
 October 2 Matthew 2; Luke 2:1-38
 October 3 Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
 October 4 Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
 October 5 John 2-4



There are a few things I want to let you know about.

We will be having our Youth Devotional TONIGHT at Landon and Maggie McCage's house. This will be at 5:00. The address is 204 Cochran Street in Troy. We'll have an outdoor weenie roast. Girls, please bring canned drinks; boys bring chips or cookies.

We will be going to Celebration with 6th graders and up. Sign up is by October 9. I will need money by then as well.

Ontrack has been going well, so thank you to all of you who have been helping out with that! We are starting a new series next week which should be great! This past week, we finished a series about how friends should be out lifelines. This study has been very beneficial to us, and I am sure the next series will be as well.

- Carter

FIFTH SUNDAY

We will host the 5th Sunday devotional with Exchange St. today. Please bring your favorite dish for a potluck meal following our devotional time .

THANK YOU

"Thanks for all the prayers, cards, food and best wishes. I'm much better, but got a ways to go yet. With God and prayers I know I can make it. Grateful for all of you, Kathy Boane"

MAGI BOXES UPDATE

Thank you all for your generosity in providing items for our Magi Boxes; many items have been fully supplied. We still need marbles, rubber animals (Dollar Tree style animals like lions, giraffes, elephants, etc.), yo-yo's, colored pencils, sunglasses, and boys' shorts size 10-12.

Thank you to those who donated to help offset the shipping cost of \$7 per box.

We will have a box filling party and light lunch (bring something simple and quick) after worship on October 6th.

This effort will produce many Christmas smiles! If you have questions, please check with Jenny.



ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sept. 29, 2019	5:00 pm	Youth Devotional	204 Cochran St., Troy
Sept. 29—Oct. 2, 2019		Gospel Meeting	Martin Church of Christ
Sept. 29—Oct. 2, 2019		Harding University Lectureship	Searcy, AR
October 3, 2019	6:00 pm	New Pathways for Children Benefit Dinner	Broadway Church of Christ, Paducah
October 27, 2019	2-4 pm	Wedding Shower for Emma Ward	Activities Building
March 6-7, 2020		Women of Hope Weekend	Murfreesboro



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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
Sunday, September 29, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Chris Gooch
Scripture Reading: Tyler Bolton
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Wade Henson
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
Children's Church: Nita & Chris Gooch
Attended Nursery: Nancy Spain
Nursery Next Week: Christy Henson
Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus
(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.



In Spanish it is known as *mariposa*. In German it is called *schmetterling*. The ancient Greek referred to it as *psyche*. To the French it is *papillon*. They have names like *painted ladies, red admirals and monarchs*. We call them butterflies. Those who know me well know I love butterflies! I collect them. I have dozens of them.

Of all of God's creatures, to me the butterfly has to be one of the most remarkable. They come in all sizes and colors. They live in virtually every part of the world except the really cold climates. They are delicate, beautiful and yet powerful flyers. Monarchs travel distances as great as 3,100 miles during their migration to Mexico, traveling roughly 50 miles per day. Monarch flight speeds have been measured at 12 miles per hour – not bad for such a delicate creature.

The most amazing thing to me about butterflies is the various stages of the life cycle. The transformation from a caterpillar to the pupa to the butterfly is truly remarkable. An unpleasant looking caterpillar hides itself in a chrysalis. Something marvelous happens inside and it is changed. When it emerges its earthbound existence is over. Beautiful wings take to the sky. It is free!

The process of transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly is known as *metamorphosis*. It means to change to another form, to transform. Metamorphosis is not cosmetic. That is, it isn't just a superficial exterior change. It isn't a "makeover." Some fundamental things have changed.

The ironic part of the process is that without the struggle to get free of the encasement in which the transformation takes place, the wings with which to fly cannot develop. The struggle to get free forces the fluids into the wings and allows them to reach their potential.

There is a parallel here for us. While we may view some events as painful struggles they are part of becoming capable of emerging as a beautiful spiritual being. A transformation can take place in our lives as we struggle to cope with new and stressful situations. Through necessity we are forced to learn how to survive. Once we have made it through the process, we are never the same. We learn how to stretch our wings and fly.

It should not be surprising to find Paul using the term in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind." He uses it again in 2 Corinthians 3:18, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being *transformed* into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

The butterfly is a powerful symbol of the kind of transformation that takes place in a person who is changed by the renewing of the mind. Ultimately Paul says in Philippians 3:21 that our savior will *transform* our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

So on two planes the butterfly analogy is helpful. It stresses the necessity of struggles to become mature, equipped to reach our personal destiny. It also serves to remind us of the process by which we become mature spiritually.

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. 29, 2019

Welcome

278 "Victory Chant"
474 "Thank You Lord"
790 "Lord Take Control"

Communion

364 "Come Share the Lord"

Contribution

683 "I Am Mine No More"

Shepherd's Prayer

(Children Dismissed to Children's

Worship)

945 "Kneel at the Cross"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

552 "Have Thine Own Way"

Family News

15 "Step by Step"

