

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. We are really looking forward to our Lads to Leaders recognition night this evening following services! We ask all L2L participants to wear their black L2L 2023 shirts and bring any awards you have from this year for our display table. Some awards for group events will be given out tonight. Next Sunday night we will have a devotional at our house. We will also be having a parent meeting that night to discuss plans for the summer. We have a full schedule of Summer Youth Series, camp, mission trip to CTCH and more...including a rumored lock-in! Last Sunday we distributed a 6 month New Testament daily reading plan. It's not too late to get started! Bring your checked off plan to Alison or me for a special prize each week!

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"Let Your mercies come also to me. O Lord— Your salvation according to Your word." Psalms 119:41 NKJV

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR** THE MASTER

**Remember Monday Night For** The Master will resume tomorrow night Apr. 24th at 6:15 P.M. Mark it on your calendar and plan to be with us.

## **ARE BIBLE CLASS A WASTE** OF TIME?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

Bible classes are significant because they help promote the work of the church. The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible classes are significant because they help provide a way for the elders "to feed" the flock. The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, "Feed the flock of God which is among you" (1 Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

Bible classes are significant because they help prevent unfaithfulness in the church. We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25)

**April 30th 2023 Door Greeters Security Team Communion Preparation RODNEY & ROBIN COVINGTON** 

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Sun: 9:30 AM Class 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Evening Wed: 7:00 PM



Remember the sandwich, chip and dessert supper following the evening worship service. The youth to be honored. Plan to stay.

**VOLUME 58** NUMBER 18 **APRIL 23, 2023**  Youth to be honored tonight following worship service. Sandwich supper in Activity bldg.

Two responded for Prayer.



# From Dan's desk:

The youth will be recognized and honored at the sandwich supper in the activity building following the worship service this evening. Many of the young people have been involved in the "Lads To Leaders" program this year and they deserve special recognition for all their hard work, time and effort in this program. Plan to join us tonight for this special event. ANGELA AND ANNIE LEE BIRDOW both asked for prayers last Sunday, that they might be stronger and to acknowledge negligence. We commend them for their desire to do better. Thanks to those who always come to "Monday Night For The Master". We will share a meal tomorrow night at 6:15 P.M. and work between the hour of 7-8 p.m. Plan to be a part of this program that encourages so many. The beautiful weather has truly been a blessing from our God. We continue to receive the needed rain, but along with it the beautiful sunshine that is needed to grow our crops. We are so grateful. We have several who have been ill or in the hospital recently. Continue to pray for all of these listed in the church bulletin and on the weekly prayer list. We know that God listens to our prayers and responds in His own time. Our God is such a loving Lord and ministers to others though his church here on earth. May God help us to reach out to those who are hurting with love and prayers. Thanks for coming today. We hope to see each of you at the worship service tonight at 6 P.M. Those who come on Sunday night are blessed. DAN

## PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**KENNETH HOLLAND** has gone home from the hospital and is better.

LINDA LIPPOLD has gone back home from True care Nursing facility and has been placed with hospice.

FRED KING is in Mother Francis Christus hospital with Congestive heart failure. He is in Jacksonville.

RICK GILES had surgery on his elbow last Wednesday.

PAUL CARTWRIGHT will have additional surgery soon. The biopsy did prove to be cancerous.

JEFFERY WOODEN, son of George Wooden, has cancer and asked for prayer.

ROBIN STANALAND daughter-inlaw of Cecil and Virginia Stanaland had surgery to remove a tumor this last week.

The prayer list is available in the foyer and we encourage each of you to pick up a copy and remember all of these in prayer.

RESPONSE FOR PRAYER Angela and Annie Lee Birdow

#### "BRADFORD PEARS"

Have you ever noticed the beauty of a Bradford pear tree? It had beautiful blooms, thick, dense leaves, and almost perfect shape. It is a very desirable tree to most people. Those of us who do not desire them have spent time with them, cleaning them up! You see, the life span of a Bradford pear tree is about 15 years. After that, it breaks, splits, and falls to pieces. If you cut it down to the ground, what grows back is a thorn laden bush! Why? Because it is a pear tree grafted with a rose bush. That is why it flowers so beautifully. That is also what gives it the brittleness. What makes the things around us seem so beautiful and perfect, may have underlying things that destroy them down the road! Like all the "perfect" families with the "perfect" lives and all of life's beautiful toys... some are destroyed because of the things they graft into their lives to make it "look" more beautiful! What starts off as a sticker bush usually returns as sticker bush. Those things we implement into our lives will return to strengthen us or bite us, depending on whether they are good or bad things. Many people might say, it was beautiful or fun while it lasted, but compared to eternity, it will be a bad decision! Life is short. Don't trade the value of your eternal life for the pleasure of sin that just lasts for a short while. You need deep roots in God's word to sustain your life. Drink from the rivers of water of life. Enrich the soil in which you grow. Prune the bad, excessive, and rotten limbs out of your life so there is room for the healthy parts to grow! And never graft yourself to anything that promises to make you "look" better, only surround yourself with things that make you better! This is most important. SELECTED

## **April 23rd 2023**

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Linda Lippold has gone home from True-Care and is with Hospice.

Nancy Miller continues to undergo heart tests and treatment.

Kenneth Holland continues to have issues with COPD in I.C.U. at the local hospital.

Gerald Wilcher is still awaiting surgery on his heart soon.

Diane Wilcher is still having health issues at home.

Gwen Sturgess will have a surgical procedure on her brain soon.

Fred King is in Christus Mother Francis hospital in Jacksonville, Tex. With congestive heart failure.

Former members, Johnny and Carolyn have been having heart and neurological issues.

Paul Cartwright continues to recover from a recent biopsy and is awaiting additional surgery. The biopsy was cancerous.

Shelia Thompson's granddaughter, Kymber (8 months old) has stage 2 cancer and the family request our prayers.

Phillip Foreman, son-in-law of Sam and Cheryl Ellis, is having tests.

Rick Giles is recovering from surgery on his elbow this last week.

Randy Foreman continues to go through tests.

Todd Winkle, friend of many, requests prayers.

Martha Sims had surgery this last week, but is home improving.

Maggie Edwards friend of Eva Walker had surgery this last week.

Jeffery Wooden, son of George Wooden has cancer.

Robin Stanaland, daughter-in-law of Cecil and Virginia had surgery this last week.

Becky Barnes' great grandson had a bone marrow transplant. He is under observation.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, has started taking medication to shrink and slow down the cancer.

Sharron Grizzle recovering from cancer, and asked for prayers.

Bryce Stewart former member is still undergoing tests and cancer treatment. His son Zane just recently passed away. Prayers for the family.

Jamie Flores, niece of Ann Sparks, is having health issues and requests our prayers.

Deborah Hagemeier (former member) has cancer and requests prayer.

Jerry Thornton of Canton, brother-in-law of Bill Rawson has bone cancer & requests prayer.

### Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Joyce Matlock, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Lorelee Reeder, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff and Charlie Young. **NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.

THE ELDERS