

## FAMILY INFORMATION

March 8, 2020

Worship 230  
Class 157  
Contribution \$16,403.75

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Ken Davenport	Brian Lassetter
Dan Dupree	Carl Shephard
Lance Holland	Alan Way

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

226	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>
60	<i>He Is Exalted</i>
Prayer	Rick Hagerty
167	<i>Hosanna</i>
875	<i>Home of the Soul</i>
76	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>
Slide	<i>Hosanna, You're My King</i>
Communion & Contribution	David Doom
	Dismiss to Wee Worship (2 – 4 years old)
490	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>
Scripture Reading	Mason Dupree
Sermon	<b>Light of the World (#3)</b>
660	<i>People Need the Lord</i>
Announcements	Keith Lyda
Prayer	Chris Chase
Praise Leader	Truitt Clark

## WELCOME GUESTS! WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

- Please be sure to sign an attendance card and place it in the collection basket.
- Attended nursery for birth through two-years-old is provided during worship in room 119.
- Bible classes for all ages will begin immediately following worship.

## FROM RICKY'S DESK

*Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is God.*

These words are in the context of the Hebrew people about to enter the land that has been promised to them. They are being reminded in this text (Deut 7) that the LORD God is the one who brought them out of Egypt, "and redeemed [them] from a house of slavery." It is the LORD God who chose them from out of all the peoples of the earth to be God's own special, "treasured possession." It is to them that God made special and particular promises because of his great love for them. It is this God who "keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him, to a thousand generations." In other words, the Hebrew people are being told this: "The LORD your God is God!"

This is the same God that we worship and serve, of course. He continues to uphold his many promises in the lives of those who love him and follow him. As Peter wrote, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature."

Like the children's prayer goes, "God is great, God is good." These things are certainly true in every generation! God IS great, and God IS good. We praise him for his unending love, and for his very great promises.

May we all enjoy being in the presence of the LORD our God.  
--Ricky

### MISSION TRIP MEETING

It's time to start planning our summer trip to Trujillo. Our mission trip is scheduled for Monday, June 29, to Wednesday, July 8. We would like to have our first informational meeting this Wednesday evening, March 18, at 6:00. If you are interested in or committed to making the trip but can't be there, please let Jack Vanderpool or Larry Garmon know so we can get a rough count of everyone planning/interested in going this summer. We are limiting the group participants due to the constraints of transportation and secure housing.

### FIFTY PLUS OUTING

If you are 50+ (or even minus!), join us for The Gatlin Brothers concert on April 4 at Mill Town Music Hall in Bremen. Tickets are \$35.00 each. A sign-up sheet is posted in the message center. If you have any questions, see Kim Davenport.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Dave Wilson is coordinating Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) for all sixth through twelfth graders. Practice times for LTC will be on Saturdays from 12:30 – 3:00 on the following days:  
March 21, March 28, April 4

Please contact Dave for additional details.

### MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly men's breakfast for March will be Saturday, March 21, at 9:00 a.m. at the Bojangles in Hiram.

### LIFT

Ladies, West Metro is hosting a night of worship and praise on Monday, April 27, from 7:00 – 8:00. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family members. Please check the West Metro Facebook page for details, to sign up, and to invite your friends. Paper invitations will soon be available for you to share with others as well. Please plan to join us!

### IMPACT

Parents and teens, sign-up sheets are posted in the message center for IMPACT at Lipscomb University this summer.

Junior IMPACT is June 19 – 22 and costs \$190.00. Senior is scheduled for June 22 – 27 and is \$255.00.

Please see Kim Davenport or Connie Elam to pay your deposit or for additional details.

### BABY SHOWER

A tabletop shower to celebrate with Stephen and Molly McCullers is planned for Sunday, March 22. They are expecting a girl in April. They are registered at Amazon, Pottery Barn, and Green Mountain Diapers. Gift cards to either of these sites as well as Publix would also be appreciated.

### FUTURE EVENTS

April 17 – 19	Family Campout
May 16	Senior Banquet
May 17	Senior Day
June 1 – 5	VBS
June 19 – 22	Junior IMPACT
June 22 – 27	Senior IMPACT
June 29 – July 8	Mission Trip
July 15 – 19	Camp

### SOMEBODY TO LEAN ON

Various extracurricular groups in high schools, colleges, and universities typically have some sort of ceremony in which they honor their seniors. Whether it is the last performance, the last meet, or the last home game, there is a time when the seniors will be called one by one to be recognized. In my experience, there is always an announcer calling out not only the name, but also some details about the person's accomplishments and future goals. In addition, you will generally hear, "Our next senior is John Smith. John is accompanied tonight by his parents, Bob and Susie Smith, and by his younger sister, Mary," or some such. In this process, dads and moms beam with pride, and those being recognized receive accolades and awards, both verbal and material. My belief is that this is a good tradition.

Recently I was at a college basketball game where the home team was recognizing its seniors. In this group was one young man who was accompanied only by a teammate. No dad. No mom. No siblings or cousins or uncles. No mention at all of family. I am not privy to the whole story (though, admittedly, I do know that this young man comes from a very different upbringing—one much more difficult than most of us), but I will say this: I was moved. Really moved. The teammate who walked with him and stood with him and celebrated with him volunteered on his own to do this. He and this senior grew up in the same area, in very similar circumstances, so the teammate wanted to let his friend know that he was loved. He wanted him to know that there is always somebody to lean on. So it is that they walked out to the middle of the court, arms around one another's shoulders like schoolboys, big smiles on their faces. It was a sight to behold.

We are called to love one another and to care for one another. This is demonstrated no better than when we help one another, when we are present for one another, when we celebrate with one another, and when we help one another carry burdens.

--Ricky