

FAMILY INFORMATION

March 1, 2020

Worship 242
Class 178
Contribution \$12,961

COMMUNION SERVERS

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

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Keith Lyda	Tony Whisenant
JLee Cuevas	Aidan MacColeman

NURSERY

Molly Brown	Angie Purvine
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SHEPHERDS' PHONE NUMBERS

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Dan Dupree (Facility Maintenance)	7) 439-7618
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Dave Wilson (Primary Youth Education)	7) 439-9893

Weekly Bible Studies

Bo & Linda Gray (770) 528-0817
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

Faith and Friends

Contact Stephen Troup (678) 878-0641
Alternate Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Small Group at the building
5:00 p.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

72	Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
993	What a Mighty God We Serve
102	Great is the Lord Almighty!
309	In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified
Prayer	Chris Brown
749	The Battle Belongs to the Lord
718	We Shall Assemble
287	There is a Redeemer
Communion & Contribution	Lee Bradshaw
Dismiss to Wee Worship (2 – 4 years old)	
610	I Love My Savior, Too
Scripture Reading	Harley Edwards
Sermon	Light of the World (#2)
943	Do You Know My Jesus?
Announcements	Keith Lyda
Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Praise Leader	Louis Dinkins

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

You go, and do likewise.

Legendary college basketball coach and commentator Bobby Knight has written a few books (not unusual for folks as storied and well-known as he is). In his book, *The Power of Negative Thinking: An Unconventional Approach to Achieving Positive Results*, Knight wrote the following, "Wanting alone does not get anything done. *Doing* does" (emphasis in original). What a powerful—and true—concept. It matters little how much we *want* something to happen, or something to not happen, or someone to be taken care of, or something to change. What matters most is you and me taking initiative and *doing* something. Only then do things actually get done.

A lawyer asked Jesus a question that precipitated Jesus's telling of the Good Samaritan story, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus went on to impart a parable to the lawyer. A parable of a Levite and a priest, each of who passed up a clear opportunity to do good. As we know, it was ultimately a Samaritan who decided to not just *want* for someone to help the injured, "half-dead" man, but to actually *do* something compassionate and valuable (something "neighborly"). The Samaritan stopped, tended to the man's wounds (note the tender, loving care in the text), and carried him on his own animal to a nearby inn. More than that, the Samaritan made sure the man would continue to be convalesced, and at the Samaritan's own expense. The Samaritan also assured that the innkeeper would be fairly reimbursed.

We are called to act, not just to hope for better circumstances for others. As James wrote, "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." May we always, always, always be a people who *do*.

--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 on 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 7, 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 Bojangles in Hiram.

BOOK CLUB

Ladies' Book Club will meet at 11:30 at Gabriel's on Whitlock Avenue on March 10. We are reading *The Boy Crisis* by Warren Farrell and John Gray. Anyone is welcome to join us.

LIFT

Ladies, West Metro is hosting a night of worship and praise on Monday, April 27, from 7:00 – 8:00. The goal of Lift is to Lift Praise, Lift Prayers, Lift Others. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family members. A social media page and invitations will soon be available for you to share with others. Please plan to join us.

PRAYER LIST

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.

BATTLESHIPS AND LIGHTHOUSES

In the darkest part of the night, a ship's captain cautiously piloted his warship through fog-shrouded waters. His worst fears were realized when directly ahead he saw a bright light. It appeared to be a vessel on a collision course with his ship.

In order to divert disaster, he radioed the incoming vessel. "This is Captain Smith. Alter your course ten degrees south. Over." To the captain's amazement, the vessel did not change course. Instead, he received back this message, "This is Private Thomas Johnson. Alter your course ten degrees north. Over."

Appalled, the captain shouted, "I order you to immediately alter course ten degrees south. Over." Private Johnson responded, "With all due respect, Captain Smith, I order you to alter course immediately ten degrees north. Over."

Now angered, the captain said, "I can have you court-martialed! I command you, on the authority of the US government, to alter your course ten degrees south! I am a battleship!"

The final transmission from Private Johnson was decisive, "Captain Smith, sir, I command you to alter course ten degrees north. I am a lighthouse."

Many in today's world have little respect for authority. God's truth is like a lighthouse—it is not going to change to accommodate us. We are the ones who must change in order to conform our lives to what God wants for us.

--Reagan