

FAMILY CONCERNS

IN THE HOSPITAL:

LEBONHEUR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Baby Mollie Pounders

KIRBY PINES REHAB

Larry Boone

ST. FRANCIS - PARK

Henry Lewis

Rachel Weise

CHURCH FAMILY:

- Bobby Baber (Cornerstone)
- Dale & Mary Beck (Joint Heirs)
- Annabelle Chumney (Joint Heirs)
- Hank Cutsinger (Joint Heirs)
- Barb Elkins (Joint Heirs)
- Del Elkins (Joint Heirs)
- Polly Gowan (Bereans)
- Vivian Haneline (Joint Heirs)
- Oconee Hendrix (Joint Heirs)
- Wally Hodge (Deaf)
- Dr. Jack Lewis (Bereans)
- Dave Robbins (Joint Heirs)
- Jerry Blair Schlosser
- Michael Semore (Joint Heirs)
- Laura Sneed (Charis)
- Anita Thomsen (Joint Heirs)
- Jennifer Cope Webber
- Rhee Williams (Joint Heirs)
- Sara (Ruth) Wood

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

- Betty Jo Barber
- Jim Cartwright
- Alicia Clark
- June Powell Emerson
- JoAnne Eubanks
- Shirley Sternberg-Geiger
- Deane Harper
- Debbie Hepler
- Dave Huddle
- Donna Rike
- Grover Vaughn
- Willie Williams

IN THE MILITARY:

- John Berger (Army National Guard)
- Austin Brock (Marines)
- Jeffrey Cigrang (Navy)
- Major Jennifer Conk (Airforce)
- Major Ryan Conk (Airforce)
- James Cooper (Army)
- Major Lauren Cotney (Air Nat. Guard)
- Joshua Forsman (Army)
- Lt. Colonel Whitney Gardner (Army)
- Brooks Gatlin (National Guard)
- Sgt. Tommy Glasscock (National Guard)
- John Grady (Army National Guard)
- Major Aaron Hines (Air Force-abroad)
- Major Stefan Lockton (Army)
- Gerri Ripple (Navy-abroad)
- Jacob Robinson (Army)
- Shawn Royer (Army)
- Col. Clarence David Turner (Army)

ON THE MISSION FIELD:

- Bruce, Janet and Annie Bates
Cumberland, RI
- Caleb, Fran, Abigail, Elizabeth and Ruth
Borchers
Providence, RI
- Colette Daugherty
Meudon, France
- Arlin and Pamela Hendrix
Meyzieu, France
- Jim and Kathryn Holway
Miami, FL
- William and Helena Horace
Providence, RI
- Frank and Gladys Hotorwoshie
Accra, Ghana
- Ralph and Twyla Williams
Moduli, Tanzania

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, 8.13

AM Worship Services..... 595

AM Classes 438

PM Worship Service 88

Wednesday 8.16..... 202

CONTRIBUTION:

Sunday, 8.13

Weekly Actual.....\$22,503

Weekly Budget.....\$27,500



Why We Pray

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us. -1 Peter 2:11-12

Prayer is the only way to see clearly and to resist the sinful desires that run rampant in our world and wage war against our souls. Any time the "news" is full of extreme events and extreme conversation, prayer helps us remember the ancient truths that are always true in the face of ancient evil that comes in new disguises. Remaining grounded in God and His goodness, doing good, brings light into the world and ultimately glory to God.

A Way to Pray

Dear Father in heaven, we thank you for holding open the way into our hearts and for bringing us the peace of Jesus Christ. Help us to keep this way open. Grant us peace in this tempest-torn world. Grant us peace when many struggles and uncertainties try to occupy our hearts. We have no strength in ourselves, only in Him who is standing at our side and who will never forsake us, who lives and gives strength. His light will always break in anew among us. His light will shine on many people and lead them to the promised day, the day that will bring all our hopes to fulfillment. In Jesus' name. Amen!

-Plough.com DailyPrayer

HST Course Audit

Members of our congregation are eligible to participate in the Church Audit program at Harding School of Theology. You may audit select courses for only \$25.

The Fall 2017 course is:

Wisdom Literature: Dr. Lance Hawley (Mondays, 6-8:45 pm, Aug. 21 – Nov. 27)

"Let the wise man hear and add learning, and let one who has understanding acquire guidance, in order to understand proverbs and epigrams, the words of the wise and their enigmas." Proverbs 1:5-6

This course is devoted to study of the biblical books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job.

For more information or to register, visit hst.edu/church or call the HST Admissions Office at 901-432-7750.



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AUGUST 20, 2017



To our guests...

Welcome to White Station. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray you will be uplifted by the worship assembly, challenged by today's lesson, and find connection in one of our Bible classes.

If you want to learn more about White Station and how you can join us as we serve God & our city, join us at our next **Discovery Worship** scheduled for November 12.

For more information: donmkinder@gmail.com.

This Week at White Station

MONDAY (8.21)

- ♦ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
- ♦ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym

TUESDAY (8.22)

- ♦ Playgroup (parents with young children) @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
- ♦ Community Yoga Class @ 6:30 p.m. in the Children's Worship Room

WEDNESDAY (8.23)

- ♦ Game Day from 8 a.m. to Noon in the Coffee House

THURSDAY (8.24)

- ♦ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
- ♦ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
- ♦ Volleyball Free Play from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 18 and above

FRIDAY (8.25)

- ♦ Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 a.m. in the Education Building Conference Room
- ♦ Pickleball from 9 a.m. to Noon in the CLC Gym

EVERY DAY: MONDAY - FRIDAY

- ♦ Enjoy coffee, snacks & fellowship from 8 a.m. to Noon in the Coffee House
- ♦ Walking track open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mon, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thurs, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tues/Wed/Fri, and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sat

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Sunday Morning Worship

AUDITORIUM..... Worship Leader: Greg Muse
Welcome/Scripture Reading (1 Cor. 14:26)/Prayer..... Reggie Jamerson
Songs: 233 - O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
449 - Thy Word

Something to Talk About (1 Cor. 14) Bob Turner

Response Song: 915 - Trust and Obey
543 - Wonderful Words of Life
771 - Lord, Speak to Me
443 - The Precious Book Divine
762 - Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord
450 - Give Me the Bible
457 - How Firm a Foundation
594 - Live for Jesus
725 - Let Us Break Bread Together

Lord's Supper/Offering.....Matt Simmons

Song: 648 - Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Prayer/BlessingCecil Tomlinson



FELLOWSHIP HALL Worship Leader: Calvin Ellis
Welcome/Announcements/Opening Prayer.....Rusty Woods

Songs: We Have Come to Worship Him
I Worship You, Almighty God/There is None Like You Medley
Firm Foundation
Cornerstone
Shout to the Lord

Lord's Supper & OfferingJustin Banker

Bread & Cup: Blessed Jesus (Come to Me)
Offering: You Are My All in All

Song: Said I Wasn't

Something to Talk About (1 Cor. 14) Bob Turner

Response Song: He Knows My Name

Song: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Closing Prayer/Blessing Eddy Chester

Sunday Evening

CHAPEL Worship Leader: Calvin Ellis
Welcome/Prayer Larry Green

Songs: 23 - Our God, He Is Alive
288 - Fairest Lord Jesus
587 - Sing and Be Happy
250 - How I Love the Great Redeemer
480 - Blessed Assurance
915 - Trust and Obey
OS - New Doxology
962 - Were You There
OS - Shout Hallelujah
OS - Shout to the Lord
315 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lord's Supper & OfferingMichael Carter

Song: 57 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

Closing Prayer..... Jerry Riggs

WHAT ABOUT WEDNESDAY?

- @ 3:00 p.m. —**Carlus Gupton** in the Chapel
- @ 6:30 p.m. —
 - **Peak of the Week** in the **Fireplace Room**
 - **Women's Summer Series** in the **Auditorium Lobby**
 - **Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)** in the **Station**
 - **Children (age 3 - 6th grade)** in the **Educational Building**

Jack P. Lewis Seminar

The Jack P. Lewis Christian Studies seminar is **Saturday August 26** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in the Fireplace Room. This year our resource person is Randy Harris from Abilene Christian University. Randy's topic will be the Gospel of John which will serve as a kickoff for our fall adult Bible class study on John. All are welcome. In a drawing, ten individuals will have the opportunity to receive a free copy of Randy's latest book, *Daring Faith: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. A light lunch will be served. The cost is \$5. Please RSVP the church office at **901-761-2007**.

Shower



All are invited to a baby shower TODAY honoring **Hannah Hillis** from **3-4:30p.m.** in the **Fireplace Room**. She is registered for a baby boy at Target & Amazon.com

Sunday Morning Schedule Survey

The shepherds would like your feedback on our simplified Sunday Morning Schedule. Survey cards have been distributed in all of the worship venues for this purpose. Your voice matters! Please fill out a card and place it in the Offering plate.

For your convenience, you may prefer to fill out an identical version of the survey online via this SurveyMonkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cocws-schedule>

Help Save a Life

It's Blood Drive time! Ages 16+ are eligible to donate. Please come serve our diverse community by giving the gift of life. Your donation helps up to three people in need of blood! If you have any questions, you can reach **Ken Kyle** at **901-491-8278** (call or text) or email him at **kennisonk@yahoo.com**. To sign up online visit www.clublifeblood.us and enter our Sponsor Code: WSCC

Lifeblood
Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 6

4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

in the CLC GYM

Ladies' Mini Series

Please join us for our Ladies' Mini Series, **Journeys Through Life**, in the **FaithWalk Classroom** located in the Auditorium Lobby, **Wednesdays in August, 6:30 p.m.** We will continue with Rachel Woods August 23 and Kim Sharp August 30.

Mark Your Calendars!

Our Wednesday Night Meals will be returning on **Wednesday, September 6**. Our first meal of the year will be Papa John's pizza, salad, and dessert. Prices will remain the same as last year. Please join us for our weekly meals, starting in September!

Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to **Bill Miller** on the death of his wife, **Mary (Frances) Miller** August 16. Services were held at the Memphis Funeral Home Friday, August 18.

We extend our sympathy to **Greg Muse** (Joint Heirs) on the death of his aunt, **Sue Hanley Case** on August 10 in Corinth, MS. Visitation and Funeral were Saturday, August 12 at Memorial Funeral Home on Bunch Street.

FROM BLAKE MATTY

This is it - Live that story.

There once was a man. This man had been chosen to play a very important role. In fact, he was chosen to be the father of an entire nation. One that would look very different than the other nations of that time. The problem was, he was old, he and his wife both. Far to old to have one child much less start the seeds of an entire nation of people. And on top of that, his wife had never been able to have a child, even when she was young. So this role, that was given to him by God, seemed impossible. But, this man also worshipped a different God than most people of that time. He worshipped the only God. This God told him to trust that a son would be born to him and in time, that's exactly what happened.

The man finally had a son that was his own flesh and blood. A son that he thought he would never have. A son that would be the start of many generations. This son represented everything sacred to the man's heart. The son was everything to him. As he watched the son grow, the man was knit closer and closer with the life of his son. Then, one day, the same God that had blessed the man with the son and had promised to create many generations from him, asked the man to kill his son. Specifically, he asked that the man sacrifice his son to Him, that is, to God. He told the man to go to a specific mountain, build an altar and there sacrifice his only son that he'd been blessed with by the very same God. This was obviously devastating to the man. If only the man himself might have been allowed to die. That would have been easier a thousand times over. No doubt, the night after God commanded this of the man was an absolute battle, but the man was infinitely faithful. He resolved to obey and early the next morning, before the sun rose, he had made up his mind. He would sacrifice his only son. As they traveled, the man reflected on what this would mean in his life. He was confused why God would promise all these blessings through this only offspring just to take it all away later. He thought about telling his wife when he returned home without his son. He was conflicted and in absolute turmoil over this decision. He wanted to run away, he wanted to turn back, he wanted to obey. He eventually came to a place of trust. God would provide, in whatever way that would be, he wasn't sure yet but he knew the Lord would provide.

So they marched on. His son realized the ominous truth and asked his father about the animal that they would sacrifice. The man replied, the Lord will provide, holding back tears. They came to the place for sacrifice all too soon and began to build the altar. With each stone placed the man's heart grew heavy. He was completely broken, completely in God's hands. He turned to his son and asked him not to struggle, asked him to please trust him, told him that he loved him. His son was so confused, so wild-eyed and desperate as the man laid him on the altar. The man, tears streaming down his face, grasped the knife with which he'd used many times. He lifted the knife thinking, almost begging, God in his mind, I trust you. He convicted his body to force the blade down. There was no turning back now. Then, without a sign of warning, his hands and the knife would go no further. They were miraculously frozen in mid air. A voice spoke out of the air yelling the man's name and commanding him to spare his son's life. The man had proven his faith, revealed that nothing came before his devotion to God. It was as if the man had returned from the dead. His body sprang to life, he quickly untied and embraced his son, crying and celebrating madly. They both praised God and worshipped Him there.

This story has so much that we could study and glean from but could we take a moment and look at it in relation to the greater story of God and His people? We all have the same story, the same purpose in common. Even though the story may manifest itself in different ways in each of our lives; maybe you want to be a nurse or a truck driver or a preacher or you have no idea what you want out of life, your story is the same as my story. And his and hers and everyone's'. Here's how. Our story, our purpose, our striving, is redemption. It's glorification. It's a love story. Our story is that of all humankind. The story that says, I once was lost but now I'm found. The story that starts in an incredible home with a great family, leads to pain, humiliation and abandonment and ends with forgiveness. The story that starts with an incredible promise, leads to loss and indescribable sadness and ends in provision. The story that starts in the garden, leads to exile and ends up in the promised land. The story that starts in the manger, leads to the cross and ends with true life. The story of death, burial and resurrection. The story of faith, baptism and salvation. The story of creation, fall, Jesus. That is our story. That is our purpose, striving. So hear it now. Many have to figure it out for themselves but, lucky you, you're reading it now. This is your story. Live it out. Strive for it because your heart will never be satisfied with an alternate ending or a spinoff series. This is it. Live that story.