



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name



Operation Christmas Child

Our goal for 2017 is to pack 150 shoeboxes. We will be targeting girls 10 to 14 years old. Our items for May are girls' underwear (size 10-14), T-shirts (size L or XL), and socks (size 6-10). Please pick up a couple of items and place them in the container in the Narthex. We will also be collecting loose change for mailing the shoeboxes on the last Sunday of each month so make sure you bring your change on the 28th

Women's Fellowship

The Serenity Circle will meet at the home of Mary Griffin on Thursday, May 11. **The Day Circle** will meet at the Tramway Diner on May 8 at 11:00.



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet on Sunday, May 21 at 8:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room. All men are invited to come and join them.



National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 4th at noon at the flagpole of the municipal building on Weatherspoon St. The theme this year is "For your Great Name's Sake! Hear us...Forgive us...Heal us!"

Mother's Day



Mother's Day is May 14 and we will honor all mothers during our morning Worship Service with a special gift. We will also honor our oldest mother present, our youngest mother present, and the newest mother present. We hope you plan to be present in worship for this special day.

Looking Ahead

We will have our annual Homecoming/Memorial Day observance on Sunday, June 4. During this service, we will remember those who have passed from this life during the past year, and welcome past members back for the day. There will be a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship, so plan to come with a well filled basket of food.



High School Graduates

If you, or your child, are graduating from High School or College this year, please give their name to Mary Griffin. We already have Luke Thomas, Adam Thompson, Katie Kelly and Will Taylor. Your church would like to honor them on Sunday, May 21 during the Worship Service.

Christian Ed. Meeting

The Board of Christian Ed. will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 in the Library. All members are asked to be present as they will be finalizing plans for the summer.

Board of Deacons Meeting

The Board of Deacons will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 on the Library. All Deacons are asked to be present.

Birthdays for May

02 Sam Taylor
 02 Aubrey Bond
 03 Mark Jones
 03 Candis Adcock
 04 Glynn Harrington
 05 Jan Wilson
 05 Stephen Owen
 05 Ed Spivey
 06 Oneda Dickens
 06 Marie Thomas
 06 John Haas
 07 Peyton Miller
 07 Destiny Schneider
 07 Mike Hall
 09 Kristie Gutierrez
 09 Lisa Gunter
 10 Darnell Miller
 11 Beth Haas
 11 Markie Cauthen
 12 Kelli Jones
 12 Lora Currin
 14 Gracie Currin
 14 Ava Baldwin
 14 Elyse Baldwin
 15 Larry Thomas
 16 Jennifer Watson
 16 Robin M. Thomas
 18 Dale Williamson
 18 Mae Spivey
 18 Alex McKenzie
 19 Jensen Gunter
 21 Bryant Holt
 21 Erica Rosser
 21 Jackson Godfrey
 23 Darrell Phillips
 25 Marietta Watson
 25 Camellia Hempe
 26 Dawn Navarro
 26 Jackie Thomas
 27 Clay Wilson
 27 Rebecca Turner
 28 Linda Holder
 31 Joshua Billings
 31 Savannah Godfrey



Bible Readings for May

1 Hebrews 6:13-20
 2 Hebrews 7:1-14
 3 Hebrews 7:15-28
 4 Psalm 78:1-31
 5 Psalm 78:32-55
 6 Psalm 78:56-72
 7 Psalm 110
 8 Genesis 1:1—2:4a
 9 Genesis 6:1-22
 10 Genesis 7:1-24
 11 Genesis 8:1-22
 12 Genesis 9:1-29
 13 Genesis 12:1-20
 14 Genesis 13:1-18
 15 Genesis 14:1-24
 16 Genesis 15:1-21
 17 Genesis 16:1-16
 18 Genesis 17:1-27
 19 Genesis 18:1-15
 20 Genesis 21:1-21
 21 Genesis 22:1-19
 22 Genesis 25:7-26
 23 Genesis 28:1-22
 24 Genesis 35:1-15
 25 Acts 1:1-11
 26 Acts 1:12-26
 27 Psalm 47
 28 Exodus 19:1-25
 29 Exodus 20:1-21
 30 Exodus 23:20-33
 31 Exodus 24:1-18



Please have a look at the article on our information board in the Narthex. Plus, the third week in May our most popular salad luncheon is scheduled for the **East Lee full staff**. Salad makers please be ready for the call!

The month is ending with the opportunity to help raise funds for **Family Promise of Lee County** through a day of bowling, prizes, and a silent auction. This is happening at Kendale Lanes May 27 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. There's a poster on the information board that explains fully. For tickets, see Joy Murphy. Jump in and get involved. Most of you are already. Thank you for stepping out with extra effort.

Where shall we begin this month of May? There are many opportunities to serve our community and world. Most regularly, is our **CUOC** food donation. Our focus is **grits**—most specifically the individual packets. Please remember to add a few personal hygiene items.

We have the opportunity to support our **Family Promise** partner church, Morris Chapel the third week Tuesday-Thursday (16-18). We pledged to provide the evening meal plus two volunteers from 5-8 p.m., and two overnight volunteers from 8 p.m.-7 a.m.

We have nurtured another partnership for twelve years...with **East Lee Middle School**. They joined us on our turf for the first time at the Easter egg hunt. They are engaged in a literacy project through a book giveaway. Our participants, April 15 were able to choose books to add to their shelf. The books that remain will be an added extra bonus to the backyard Bible School at the housing development close to us, our Bible school, and the Kentucky mission trip.



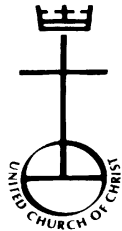
Yard Sale

We have an excellent opportunity for you to get rid of extra stuff you have around the house, make a little bit of extra money, and help with our mission trip. Shallow Well will be having a church yard sale on May 20 from 8 am to 1 pm. The church will rent spots for you to sell your unneeded treasures. The cost will be \$30 per spot. You may sell anything that is church appropriate. You, a family member, or a close friend can take advantage of this. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Marty.

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May Ministry Assistants



Acolytes: May 7: Darah Douglas, Aubrey Bond; May 14: Steven McNeill, Griff Griffin; May 21: Lauren Godfrey, Layton Griffin; May 28: Lily Currin, Gracie Currin.

Altar Flowers: May 7: open; May 14: Wilma Truelove; May 21: open; May 28: open.

Deacon on Call: May 7: Sloan Griffin; May 14: Jerry Parson; May 21: Gary Bullock; May 28: Jerry Batchelor.

Greeters: JoAnn Herring, Paula Harrison.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Randy Gunter

Ushers: Kanten Harrison, Kenny Cotten, Randy Gunter, Auburn Griffin, Wayne Barber, Eddie Thomas, Johnny Watson.

Jr. Ushers: Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Jada Holifield, Katie Kelly, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas.

I used to collect baseball cards. I would love to get a pack of them. I would open them immediately and search for Atlanta Braves players. If I got Dale Murphy I was excited. Eventually, I learned that other players were just as valuable as any Brave was. The cards moved from just being to get the home team, but to get any card of value. I moved the cards out of shoeboxes, and into plastic card sleeves and hard cases for the valuable ones. The cards that meant the most to me was treated with particular care and placed where they could be seen in my room.

I heard a person once say that, "if something is important to you then display it in a way that others will know it." The baseball cards were important to me when I was younger, so I took great care of them. Today, they are in boxes, still protected, but not displayed. They are not important to me anymore. I keep them merely to give to Caleb. I hope that he will see value in them one day.

Why is this action important to us as a church? I believe in displaying what is important to us. This includes church. Church is important to me, so I let people know it. I do not hide the fact that I attend

church. I do not schedule things to take me away from church for long periods of time. I love church, so it is prominently displayed in my life. What about you? Do you feel that you need church almost as much as you need water? Do you find reasons not to attend? Do the people that are closest to you, even know how important church is to you? I know that some people cannot physically come to church. I am not talking about them. I know, that for those people, they would be here if they could and it hurts them that they cannot attend. Do you feel the same?

As the weather gets warmer and nicer, it is easy to find reasons and places to go other than church. Church attendance starts to suffer. I know churches that pretty much shut their doors down for summer. Can you imagine? Can you think how God feels about this? Would you like to try to convince Him of the logic of this? I don't, so I will be here, at church, where I love being. I pray you feel the same and hope that we see a lot of each other when our doors are open during the nice weather.

Love, Marty

