

Writing it on our hearts...(Hebrews 8:10)

Cut out the verse for the week & post it somewhere you will see it often. Read it, "Write" it, Live it.

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." - Ephesians 4:29^{NASB}

Serving Today

Greeters: Richard and Kathleen Carroz
(Next Week: Mike & Cindi Thompson)

Announcements and Opening Prayer:
Brandon Jackson

Song Leader: Garrett Jackson

Lead Communion: Gary Carter

Assist: Allen Hedge
Brice Thompson
Tony Carter

Scripture Reading: Jim Cunningham (Exodus 35:4-9 and 36:2-7)

Speaker: Aaron Baker

Closing Prayer: Jerry Johnson
(Sunday pm: Randy Jackson)

Serving Wednesday

Announcements & Prayer: Brandon Jackson

Song Leader: Garrett Jackson

Devotional: Gary Carter

Attendance Last Week

AM Worship: 45

PM Worship: 29

Contribution: \$2353

Wednesday: 43

Our Meeting Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study - 9:00am

Morning Worship - 10:00am

Evening Worship - 5:00pm

(1st Sunday of the month - 1:00pm)

WEDNESDAY

Dinner served at 6:00pm

Bible Study 7:00-8:00pm

"...The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." - James 5:16

Please continue to pray for: Gavin Newhouse (MD), Sarah Waldrop, Larry Morrow (traveling for work), Brenda Spurlock, Tracy Ehlmann, Kay Shephard (health), Harold Fitzjerrell (Alzheimers), Carl Wright (health), Brandon Holst (recovering from surgery), Kim Vogelsang (health)

Welcome TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Loving the Lord with all our heart...(Mark 12:30)



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The Kind of Heart God Wants

Did you know that there are 5,000 heart transplants performed every year? Of that number, over 2,000 transplants are performed in the US alone. But, here's the problem: There are 3,000 people on the list in the US waiting for a heart. That means 1,000 people each year need a heart, but don't get one.

Now imagine if you were on that waiting list for a heart. What kind of heart would you want? Would you want a diseased heart? Maybe one taken from a 67 year old smoker who had a history of bad eating habits and bad health? Or, would you prefer a heart from a donor who was a young, healthy, non-smoker who loved the outdoors? That decision is pretty much a no-brainer! We would all want a heart from the younger, healthier donor.

In one sense, we are all "heart donors", with God as the "recipient" of that heart. Of course, God doesn't NEED our physical hearts, yet He WANTS our spiritual hearts. The kind of heart God wants is not one blackened, hardened and diseased by sin (Heb 3:13; Rom 2:5), but one that is clean, pure, tender and humble (Ps 51:10; 73:1; 24:4; Mt 5:8; 1 Pet 3:8;). Just as it would be foolish, disrespectful and cruel to offer a person waiting on the transplant list a diseased heart, so it would be to offer God our heart that is less than "whole".

Interestingly, God is able to clean our hearts. Instead of waiting on a list for a donor heart, God is able to give you a new heart (Ezek 11:19). When you become a Christian, it is as if God takes you into His operating room and gives you a new heart (Col 2:11-14). Each day it is our challenge to keep putting that new heart to work, and not let that old heart come back to life (Col 3:10). The question is, what kind of heart will you offer to God this week?

*God is calling you. But not on your cell phone.
Don't forget to silence your phone during worship!*

"Be devoted to prayer..." (Romans 12:12)

This has been a rough week for many of our church family as people they love and care for are struggling. Many are in need of help, comfort and strength as they face the difficulties of this life. Please set aside time this week to pray for the following people.

- * **Caleb Sams**, one of Ben Jackson's roommates, recently found out that he has bone cancer. He is 20 years old. He needs our prayers as he faces 36 weeks of treatments including chemo, surgery, and amputation of his foot. Cards can be sent to:
- * **Judy Wicker** is dealing with a lot of pain. Please remember her this week in your prayers. Encouragement cards can be sent to:
- * **Stacy Hagar** is asking for prayers for her grandparents, Clyde and Betty Southern. Clyde is suffering from some severe medical issues. They will be moving to assisted living soon. Please keep Stacy in your prayers as she and Hannah travel on the weekends to assist Stacy's mother in caring for her grandparents. This will be a stressful and difficult time for the family. Encouragement cards can be sent to Stacy at:
- * **Brandon and Kat Jackson** have asked for our prayers as they transition into a new office for the Chiropractic practice. Also, Kat has applied for a job with the FAA and asks that we pray that all goes well with that job possibility.
- * **Tracy Ehlmann** needs our prayers as she has been suffering with health problems this week. Encouragement cards can be sent to her at:
- * Pray for **Elias and Kristi Roque** as they begin a new work with a Hispanic congregation in Memphis.
- * Dustin Holst asks for prayers on behalf of **the Decareaux family**. The family of 7 were camping over the weekend when the father, David and two of his sons: Dominic (10) and Grant (8), became lost. All three died from hypothermia. The mother, Sarah, and her three remaining children: Kate, Finn and Elise, deperately need our prayers and any comfort we might be able to offer them during this difficult time. Cards can be sent to: Sarah Decareaux at:
- * **Greg Eisenrath**, a friend of Deb Young's, who was shot on Tuesday in the St. Louis school is in the hospital. He is expected to make it through, but please pray for this family as they deal with the aftermath of this tragedy. Cards can be sent to Greg and Lora Eisenrath at:
- * **Sam Kerr**, the new baby of the teacher Sherra Jackson is subbing for, is having acid reflux problems. Please pray that he adjusts to the new formula he is on.
- * Tammy Smith's co-worker's husband, **Scott Lueck**, has had bloodclots in his lungs. He was released from the hospital on Wednesday, but still needs our prayers.
- * **Greg Haney**, a man who attends the Marysville church of Christ (where Kat's dad preaches), is suffering with cancer. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

*"My voice rises to God, and I will cry aloud;
My voice rises to God, and He will hear me." - Psalm 77:1*

Take Note!

- * Men's Prayer Devotional at Denny's in LSL. Friday mornings at 6:30am. Start your morning off right!
- * Women's Bible Study at the building is weekly on Monday at 7:00pm. Grow your faith as we journey through an Overview of the Old Testament.
- * TODAY - Pillow-fest! Ladies bring some food to share and plan to stay after worship services to help make pillows for the kids at St. Luke's Urgent Care
- * January 26th - Ladies Day at Collinsville church of Christ. We will be leaving the building at 7:00am. Yes, that is early. But, it will be a great time! Ladies, let's take advantage of this time of fellowship!
- * Ladies, mark your calendar - February 22nd & 23rd is Ladies Retreat! Sign up in the foyer.
- * Ladies, Sherra has put copies of the women's newsletter, "Minutes in Ministry", in the foyer. Get all the details of what is coming up.
- * March 1st & 2nd - Youth Rally in Dexter, MO. See Randy Jackson if you would like to go.
- * We are collecting items to send in a care package to Grady Brewer. If anyone would like to contribute please see Leann Jackson. We want to let him know that we are thinking of him. Cards can also be sent to: Grady Brewer, 379 ECES/CE0IU, APO AE 09309-1205.
- * In Search of the Lord's Way on TV channel 46

Happy Birthday
in January to...
Today! - Brice Thompson
27th - Elaine Pierce
29th - Tony Carter

Congratulations to Larry and Carly Morrow
on the birth of their new son, Jackson.
He was born on December 23rd.
A Congregational Baby Shower will be held on
Sunday, January 27th in his honor.
It will be a finger food luncheon, so bring a little
something and plan to stay after services. If you
would like to contribute to a gift certificate to help
with some of their needs, see Kat or Cindy B.

Turning Point Women and Children's Shelter Needs: Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

*For updates or additions to the announcements or prayer list, you may now
contact Cindy Baker --- aaronandcindy@yahoo.com*