

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.

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is anything excellent and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Philippians 4:8^{NASB}

Serving Today

Greeters: Rod and Leann Jackson
(Next Week: Randy & Sherra Jackson)
Announcements and Opening Prayer: Randy Jackson
Song Leader: Rod Jackson
Lead Communion: Brandon Jackson
Assist: Jim Cunningham
Mac Milam
Chris Smith
Scripture Reading: Jerry Johnson
Speaker: Aaron Baker
Closing Prayer: Alan Hedge
(Sunday pm: Garrett Jackson)

Serving Wednesday

Announcements and Prayer: Randy Jackson
Song Leader: Rod Jackson
Devotional: Ben Jackson

Attendance Last Week

AM Worship: 68
PM Worship: 52
Contribution: \$1811
Wednesday: 37

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

*Take a look around you. Who is missing this week?
Challenge yourself to send one card of encouragement or
make one phone call this week to someone who is not here.*

Many thanks to Garrett and Lindsey Jackson for doing the bulletin last year!

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

Welcome TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

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A Balm in Gilead

Gilead was a town in Bible times known for making medicine. Remember Joseph who was sold to the Ishmaelite traders heading to Egypt? Those traders were carrying spices, myrrh and balm from Gilead (Gen 37:25). Even hundreds of years after Joseph, in the time of Jeremiah, Gilead was still a center for medicines and balms. In fact, the tribe of Judah had turned their back on God to such an extent that God questions them and asks if they think they might be able to find a "balm in Gilead" which could heal their wounds (Jer 8:22; 46:11). Unfortunately, their wounds were deeper than the flesh. Their wounds were deep-rooted spiritual cancers that were on the verge of sending them into captivity as a punishment for their sinful ways.

Did you know that according to recent statistics, nearly one-half of all Americans take some kind of prescription medicine? Here are some thoughts about medicine for you to ponder this week:

Medicine won't work unless you take it. As good as your doctor may be, and as effective as the medicine prescribed to you may work, your medicine won't help at all unless you actually take it. Holding the bottle, looking at the bottle, and wishing the medicine to work won't actually make it work. The medicine must be ingested to have any effect. In the same manner, Jesus is our Great Physician (Mk 2:17). He has the medicine which can make you well. However, holding your Bible, looking at your Bible, even reading your Bible won't do you any good unless you actually do what the Word of God says. In that sense, you "ingest" God's Word into your life and you allow it to work (Ezek 3; Rev 10).

Medicine isn't free. Even if the Red Cross takes containers of medicines to Africa and delivers the medicines free of charge, there had to be someone, somewhere who paid for them.

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

Your Medicaid, Medicare, HMO or insurance may pay for all your prescription medicines for you. Just remember, those costs are added in to your premiums if you have no out of pocket costs. Someone, somewhere is paying for that medicine. In like manner, God gave us the best medicine available: His Son. Promised and proven to be absolutely effective for removing the cancer of sin, Jesus is the answer. Without Him, our sin-sick souls are incurable. With Him, no condition is so desperate that we cannot be cured. While the gift of salvation is free to us...it cost God dearly. It cost Him His only Son! (Jn 3:16; Rom 6:23).

Medicine helps. I have an aversion to taking medicine. I will wait until my head is pounding and I feel like my head will explode, before taking medicine to help. Then, after several minutes pass, I recognize that the medicine did help. I need to realize that medicine (when not abused) helps my problems. In the same way, Jesus helps our needs (Heb 4:16).

What are you waiting on? Try some of the "Balm of Gilead".

- By Aaron Baker

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

- * **Kim Vogelsang** is still suffering with pain and has been unable to be with us for some weeks now. Cards can be sent to Jason and her at:
- * **Brandon Holst** is recovering from surgery on his chest. He will be out of school for another week. He would probably appreciate some encouragement cards. They can be sent to:
- * **Roy Glass**, Marilyn's uncle, is in the hospital and suffering from liver cancer.
- * The **2 Families** our congregation helped at Thanksgiving and Christmas are in need of our prayers as they endure these difficult times.

Please continue to pray for: Gavin Newhouse (MD), Sarah Waldrop, Larry Morrow (traveling for work), Brenda Spurlock, Tracy Ehlmann, Kay Shephard (health), Harrold Fitzjerrell (health), Kay Wright (brain infection), Carl Wright (health), Madelyn Wise (leukemia)



Highlight on Missions

Honduras: Elias Sr. said in his quarterly report that following much effort to evangelize in San Miguel and "colony tiluarque" there were four baptisms. The angels are rejoicing over these four new souls!

Vanuatu: Aaron and Cindy's teammate, Eric Brandell, has placed a notice board in Tulwei village. It offers Bible correspondence courses, answers a "question of the week" and provides information on the church. This outreach tool has proven to be very effective. To learn more check out the Brandell's blog at

www.missionvanuatu.blogspot.com

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 resumes again on Mondays at 7:00pm.** Grow your faith as we journey through an Overview of the Old Testament.
- * **January 12th - 65+ Breakfast at 8:30am at Bob Evans in Wentzville**
- * **January 20th - 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 would like to take the church van and attend. Please sign up on the list in the foyer by Wed. Jan 9th if you would like to come. Ladies, let's take advantage of this time of fellowship!
- * **January 26th - 65+ Eagle Days in Clarksville, MO - more details to come**
- * **Ladies, mark your calendar - February 22nd & 23rd is Ladies Retreat!** Sign up in the foyer.
- * **March 1st & 2nd - Youth Rally in Dexter, MO.** See Randy Jackson if you would like to go.
- * **"In Search of the Lord's Way" Sundays at 7:00am on TV Channel 46**

Potluck Sunday today!

If you are visiting, you are welcome to join us!

Happy Birthday
in January to...

3rd - Kathleen Carroz
10th - Randy Jackson
Rod Jackson
20th - Brice Thompson
27th - Elaine Pierce
29th - Tony Carter

January Anniversaries...

2nd - Aaron and Cindy Baker
9th - Mike and Cindi Thompson

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 Jackson or Cindy Baker.

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