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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

on the HORIZON IN MARCH

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25
3:30 pm Crossfire M. S. Youth
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm Men's Bible Study
6 pm Crossfire H. S. Youth
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

5 pm Every Sunday, Girls Small Group
7 pm Every Monday, H.S. Guys Group

PRIMETIME TRIP

10:30 am Tuesday, March 17

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, March 8th

SMALL GROUPS

1:30 pm Every Thurs., Bible Study w/ Pastor
5:30 pm Every Thurs., Small Group at Kathie's

COMMUNION SERVICE AT VOYAGE

6 pm Thursday, March 19

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

9 am Saturday, March 21

TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING

11:15 am Sunday, March 22

MAKING PEANUT ROLLS FOR CAMP

10 am Fri. thru 12 noon Sat., March 27-28

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MARCH 2020 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

WHY GOD USES WEAK PEOPLE

The article below by Pastor Rick Warren made me think how weak we all are. We could use that weakness as an excuse or glorify God by sharing. Pastor Warren says it much better than I can.

God works through incredibly flawed people. God could have chosen to only work through people who have their acts together, but he wouldn't get much done that way. The fact is, we are all broken.

"We who have this spiritual treasure are like common clay pots, in order to show that the supreme power belongs to God, not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7 GNT).

God uses weak people to show his power. God chose to put his glory in clay pots. If you drop a clay pot, it will break—just like you and me. We're breakable spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

The history of the church is filled with examples of how God works through hurt

and broken people.

Due to a problem with how my body deals with adrenaline, it is excruciatingly painful for me to speak publicly. That means God uses a man whose weakness is public speaking to speak to tens of thousands of people weekly. Why? So that only God gets the glory.

For God to use you greatly, you will walk with a "limp" the rest of your life. I've met many pastors who want to declare their spirituality but hide their humanity. Denying your humanity is not only dishonest, it does a disservice to you and your congregation.

In fact, I'd take it further and say your humanity is actually one of your greatest

strengths. If you don't hide your weaknesses, they will force you to depend upon God. God puts his greatest gifts in "common clay containers" so he gets the credit. God did this over and over again in the Bible, even before he es-

My **Grace**
is sufficient for you, for
my **power**
is made perfect
in **w e a k n e s s .**
2 C o r i n t h i a n s 1 2 : 9

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Calling All 3rd - 8th Grade Students

2020

BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

\$6 PER PERSON

STARTS AT 9AM

3 ON 3

3RD-8TH GRADERS



TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE
MURPHYSBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMS

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established his church.

Hebrews 11:32-34 says, "I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength" (NIV).

I love that final phrase—"whose weakness was turned to strength."

That's what God does with us: He takes our weakness and turns it into a strength.

The Bible describes Gideon as a "mighty man of valor," yet he was a coward who hid in a winepress when the angel appeared to him in Judges 6:11-12 (NKJV). He was the youngest kid, from the weakest family, and in the weakest tribe. But God made him strong.

- Peter was anything but stable. He was "Mr. Impulsive" throughout the Gospels, but Jesus told him, "You're a rock!" He turned Peter into a rock of stability for the early church.
- David, an adulterer and murderer, was called "a man after [God's] own heart" (Acts 13:22 NLT).
- Abraham is called the "Father of faith," but he had so little faith that he twice told his wife to lie in order to save his own life.

Hudson Taylor, a British missionary

to China in the 19th century, once said, "All God's giants have been weak people." You can see the truth of that statement throughout the Bible. You can see it in the lives of the great giants of church history. God loves to use weak people to fulfill his will.

First Corinthians 1:27 says, "God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and he chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful" (GNT). He receives glory.

I'm convinced the only reason God uses me is because I have committed to use the skill most painful to me for God's glory.

What's the weakness in your life you want to hide the most?

It's time you give it to God to use for his greater purpose.

God can and will use anyone who doesn't hold anything back—even their greatest weakness.

We hope many will come forward and say God use me as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 12:9. "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." Let Christ's power be shown through us.

Looking forward to Spring. God Bless!

In Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

vocalists.

Kitchen and Dinners: Wednesday night dinners are continuing for Middle School and High School youth and any adults who want to come. Arrangements are being made to scheduling a Food Managers Certification class.

Strategic Planning and Action: Committee continues to review the constitution.

Nominating Team: Vicki Ardrey has agreed to fill the Treasurer position. Patty Koenig has agreed to fill Vicki's two year term position. Will inform congregation of February 9, Business meeting.

Technology: Training new volunteers for sound, slides and lighting. Could use more volunteers. Live-streaming is being utilized. December 29 service had 450 views. Electric Drum Set is waiting to be installed. Discussed options to increase the effectiveness of live streaming the Sunday Worship service. Sanctuary lights are flickering again.

Senior Pastor: Baptism Service will be on January 26. Baby Dedication will be on Feb. 9.

Family Pastor: Current class pertains to Marriage and Family Counseling? Will be taking a study vacation the last of February.

Closed Session: 2:00 pm

Reminders and Next Meeting: Tuesday, 02/18/2020 6:00 pm. Next Trimester Business Meeting: March 2020

TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING



There will be a Trimester Business Meeting on **Sunday, March 22nd**, immediately

following the worship service at approximately **11:15 am**. Please plan to attend.

America for CHRIST OFFERING 2020

“You shall LOVE your NEIGHBOR as YOURSELF.”
MATTHEW 22:39



MARCH IS AMERICA FOR CHRIST MONTH

Thanks to your America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) ministers to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living lives of limitation in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. We have been answering God's call to heal broken families and communities—as well as cultivate strong Christian leaders and equip passionate disciples—since 1832.



OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR JANUARY 2020:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 34,452.01	\$ 34,452.01
Given	\$ 22,905.00	\$ 22,905.00
Over (Under)	\$ (11,547.01)	\$ (11,547.01)



ON THE ROAD TO CHESTER

All active senior adults are invited to a leisurely lunch filled with great fellowship at Reid's Harvest House in Chester on **Tuesday, March 17th**. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch will be dutch treat. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or contact the church office to have your name added to the list. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends.



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES BEING OFFERED

If you would like to be a part of a Small Group Bible Study, here are some that meet during the week. The first is the **Men's Wednesday Night Bible Study** which is meeting in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00 pm**. No need to cook dinner, the Family Dinner is served at 5:00 and everyone is welcome. Steve Wilkerson is leading this group and they are studying the Book of John.

Bible Study with Pastor has been moved to **Thursday** afternoons at **1:30 pm** (in Fellowship Hall). The group is studying the Book of Romans. FYI...from my office, this group is having way too much fun...there is always a lot of discussion and laughter.

A third small group is meeting at **Kathie Grob's home** on **Thursday** evenings at **5:30 pm** starting March 5th. The plan is to study the Book of Ruth. If you have questions on this group, please feel free to contact Kathie.



COMMUNION AT RIVER TO RIVER ASSISTED LIVING

Our Deacon Team is planning their quarterly Communion Service at the Voyage Assisted Living facility on **Thursday, March 19th, at 6:00 pm** in the east building. Everyone is invited to be a part of the service. The residents love having the fellowship, so please take the time to attend.



IT'S DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

On **Sunday, March 8th**, Daylight Savings Time springs forward. Be sure to turn your clocks **forward one hour** before going to bed Saturday night, March 7th. You want to be sure to be on time for church Sunday morning!

A Summer Camp Fundraiser **PEANUT ROLLS FOR SALE!**

Cost is \$12 per dozen

**Making the Peanut Rolls on
Friday & Saturday, March 27th & 28th.**



**Place your order by contacting Kathie Grob, Kristy Dunning
or the church office. Pickup is March 28th**



YARD SALE

**Friday, April 17, 8 am-4 pm
Saturday, April 18, 7 am-4 pm**

The Annual Yard Sale will be held at the church. Clean out your closets, garages, basements, attics & from under your beds.

Let items that you no longer need become someone's new treasure & help the kids & youth go to summer camp.



**Please do not bring your donations until
after April 1st or contact Kathie.**

or

**For pickup, contact
Kathie Grob at 924-7017**

JANUARY 2020 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting was opened with prayer and a list of questions for the Council on What is Our Purpose? Reading Matthew 22:34-40, The Great Commandment and Matthew 18:16-20, The Great Commission. To recognize that purpose through being devoted to reading scripture and prayer.

Devotional: Pastor Jake read Proverbs 28:9.

Leadership Council's Expectations: Pastor Shaker read Acts 2:42 and discussed Rick Warren's, What is a TEAM? A Team is members who believe in Jesus Christ and have we made a commitment? The TEAM acronym is defined as: Trust, Energy, Appreciate, Mistakes. Passed out a book, Scrappy Church and will be asking for groups of 3 to participate in 100 days of prayer.

Leadership Council's Covenant, Decisions by Consensus pages were passed out and the Church Constitution was signed by the Council members. Spiritual Gifts Assessment was tabled.

Vicki Ardrey has agreed to the Treasurer's position for a 1 year term.

Meeting's minutes: December 17, 2019 minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The December report was not available.

Deacon's Report: The Deacon's met January 13, Diane Reader will serve as Vice Chair. Valentine cards were distributed.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: 3 on 3 Basketball will be on March 21 at MMS.

Missions: An update on Jamaica was given during the worship service, with a video of the newly appointed pastor, baptizing a new member. ABC will be collecting donations to be given to the Puerto Rico earthquake victims. Two gifts of financial support were made out of the benevolent requests.

Youth Discipleship: Winter Jam will be on February 9. Sunday morning group is studying Proverbs. Planning and discussing future agenda.

Children's Discipleship: Peanut Rolls will be ready

for pick up on Friday, March 28. Yard Sale will be on April 18. Volunteers are needed to assist Children's Church. 1st Sundays will be designated as Family Church. There will not be any Children's Church.

Family Discipleship: College Group was re-assigned to this Team. Small groups continue to meet. Wednesday evening Bible Study is being offered to Men only starting at 6:30. Pastor Shaker is starting a new Bible Study on Thursday afternoons at 1:30.

Staff Relations: Organist-Retired. Financial Secretary-resigning on April 30. Church Secretary-retiring in August. Custodian-requested an assistant/trainee. Committee members: Jessica, Tammy, Judy, Vicki, Tina, Scott, Kari. Will meet in February.

Financial and Stewardship: Helen Payne and Scott Evans are conducting an internal audit of accounts.

Building and Grounds: Men's room dividers ready to install. Received an estimate of \$9,250.00 to replace windows and siding on Youth house. There are rotting timbers in the Bell Tower, bricks need to be sealed (Interior bricks are damp). North wall storm drain flooded during the last storm. It appears to have collapsed. Security Camera in the Fellowship Hall needs to be upgraded. Security Alarm monitoring system suggested switching to a cellular plan. Re-keying external doors? Railing on SW door? Suggested adding yellow caution strip to bottom step. Parlor/Sanctuary dividers replacements?

Emergency Response Team: Map of Building-Nothing to report

Special Events: Easter Brunch will be on April 12. Food Pantry collection

Worship Ministry: Meet weekly with Worship Director. Will continue to have Monthly Mission Moments. Need volunteer musicians and



Greeters

March 1

Anna Jenkins & Judy Raines

March 8

Angela Barke & Lauren Martin

March 15

Jeff & Linda Wright

March 22

Rodney & Carol Brown

March 29

Scott Hunziker & Tina Shinskey

If you are unable to help, please contact Cindy Stamm 319-0781

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

March 1

Keith & Carol Klaine

March 8

Albert & Trish Boudet

March 15

Jeff & Linda Wright

March 22

Murl & Sue Lynn Johnson

March 29

Pat & Jan Etherton

If you are unable to help, please contact the church office 687-1769.



MEALS ON WHEELS

March 23-27

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Ron McLaughlin & Frank Aldridge
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Wednesday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Thursday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Friday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

2	Adrienne Hardwig	15	Steve Wilkerson
2	Logan Evans	16	Christina Oldham
3	Mindy Byram	17	Barb Troutman
4	Scott Evans	17	Brad Blaise
5	Darrell Verbal	18	Trey Troutman
6	Herb Dougan	20	Frank Aldridge
6	Melinda Holland	26	Grant Brown
6	Jan Etherton	27	Judy Rawls
6	Myah Kelley	28	Jerry Nance
9	Pat Etherton	29	Jared Blandford
11	Patty Koenig	30	Becky Doerr
12	Patricia Boudet	30	Kylie Martin
14	Ed Miller	30	Rachel Edgar
14	Jonathan Hunziker		
15	Tina Shinskey		
15	Addilyn Reiman		



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

WELCOME CENTER

March 1

Sherri Schimpf

March 8

Pat & Jan Etherton

March 15

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

March 22

DeAnn Stillely

March 29

Chuck & Kim Grammer

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM FBC Kids' Bible Study 9:00 AM Sunday School & Life Groups 10:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 5:00 PM Girls Small Group	2 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group	3 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	4 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 3:30 PM M.S. Crossfire Youth 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM H.S. Crossfire Youth 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 1:30 PM Bible Study w/ Pastor 5:30 PM Small Group Bible Study	6 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	7 9:00 AM Kids/Youth Building Clean Up Day
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