## April

Apr 16 Seven @ Seven

Apr 18 Teen Supper in the Basement

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Apr 25 Bring cookies for Winfield Rest Haven

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## May

May 01 Winfield Rest Haven Devotional

May 02 Teen Supper in the Basement

May 07 Seven @ Seven

May 14 Seven @ Seven

May 20 End of the Year Teen Banquet

May 21 Seven @ Seven

May 23 Bring cookies for Winfield Rest Haven

#### WASN'T IT SMART OF GOD TO ...

...Give us wheat for making bread, tomatoes for making sauce, milk for making cheese, hogs for making sausage, soil for growing mushrooms, and iron for making ovens where all these things can be turned into a pizza?

...Give eyes to the eagle that can see straight ahead and to the side at the same time? (This astounding ability is matched only by mothers during church services.)

...Give each of us a dominant foot and leg? (This surprising significant trait especially impacts the kicking motion. Kicking with the nondominant side looks comical, so why not make a rule football kickers must use their nondominant side? That would make football more entertaining!)

...Send us into this world with nothing and then take us back with nothing to remind us that the most valuable thing in life is that we belong to Him!

—Selected

## A LITTLE HUMOR

Q. What was David's anthem as he faced Goliath?

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Q. Why didn't the Israelite soldiers want to fight Goliath?

A. It was a tall order

A woman took her four-year old to her first wedding. Soon the lights were lowered and the attendants came down the aisle carrying the lighted candles. All was quiet and still until the four year old began singing loudly, "Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you!"

"A merry heart doeth good." —Proverbs 17:22

### FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

All this month we will be looking at some writings on the Holy Spirit. The following is an article by Jim Woodell, "Afraid of the Holy Spirit."

"The Holy Spirit may be like slick okra – we are afraid to take in anything that we don't have control over! Even to the most intellectual and sharpest among us the Holy Spirit is a mystery. In the words of Jesus he operates like the wind (John 3:8) coming and going as he likes. In spite of his mysterious existence, he is real. But, I am convinced, he is only real to those who experience him.

It was Jesus who said, "It is for your good that I am going away" (John 16:7). Why? Because, "I will send the Holy Spirit to you" (John 16:7). Jesus was bound by his physical presence with the disciples, but the Holy Spirit is not so bound. He dwells in all the earth. Peter quoted the prophet Joel in Acts 2 saying, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people" (Joel 2:28-29). There are no physical limitations on the Holy Spirit of Jesus.

We should be challenged when we read the book of Acts by asking, "Is this a book of exceptions or examples?" (Rick Atchley, May 3, 2013) The Holy Spirit was active among the people of God then, what about now? Paul was clear, "His Spirit HIMSELF testifies with our spirit that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16). Those who were to be chosen to serve in Acts 6 were to be "full of the Spirit and wisdom" (6:3). No doubt they visibly demonstrated the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23). Acts 13 records the Holy Spirit speaking to the worshipers in Antioch saying, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (13:2). Barnabas and Saul were "sent on their way by the Holy Spirit..." (13:4). The Holy Spirit remained active in the ministry of Paul and his companions as you can see from Acts 16:6-10. He wants to be active in our ministry also.

I asked in a Bible class, "Would you believe me if I told you that God called me to preach?" One brother was quick to speak and said, "NO! I wouldn't believe you." I have met some who have said that God was "dealing with me for years before I decided to surrender to his will." Others have said, "God spoke to me and said..." Language that conveys that God is working in our life or ministry, apart from the Bible, is met with skepticism in many circles. Sad.

Why not open yourself up to the Holy Spirit rather than resist (Acts 7:51), grieve (Ephesians 4:30) or quench (1 Thessalonians 5:19) Him? Why not "fan into flame" this great gift of God? (2 Timothy 1:6-8) Then, watch out!"

—Jim Woodell

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Peyton Nichols, Avon Shields, Roger Darring, Noah Macias, Martha Howell, Harlan Bay, David Whitley, Richard Wartick, Rita Carroll, Tom McReynolds, Dalton Brownlee, Tim Evans, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Norma Gooch, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick, Crystal Anderson, Jack Edwards. *Shut-In's:* Bertha Brown, Dorothy Lauterbach, Gene Deffenbaugh, Maxine Cole, Georgia Spencer, Bennie Jefferies.

# MANY FLOWERS...ONE BOUQUET...So we, being many, are one body in Christ—Romans 12:5

Every flower has its own personality. A uniquely beautiful shape, color, and texture. When you gather these "personalities" together and arrange them in a bouquet, they create a wonderful harmony of beauty and fragrance.

God created you just as beautiful and unique as any flower. There is no one else like you. He has designed you with a unique combination of gifts and talents, strengths and life experiences. But He never designed you to stand alone. You are an important and valuable "flower" in His bouquet.

When you allow the Master Gardener to take the single "stem" of your life and place it in the beautiful bouquet of the Body of Christ, something extraordinary happens. God's church needs the shape, color, and texture that only you can give. Perhaps you fit best in the nursery or in a Sunday school class teaching. Perhaps you enjoy cooking meals for those in need or ministering in prayer.

As you come together with other believers in worship and service, God creates a fragrance of love and kindness that can be poured out abundantly on the world.

—Selected

#### IT'S OK TO TALK

Does it ever feel like no one has time for conversation anymore? You see a friend in the grocery store and step up to say hi, only to realize she's chatting into her hair. You go outdoors, greet your neighbor, but he doesn't hear you. He has wires sticking out of his ears.

By contrast—stark contrast—there's someone whose ears are always open to you. God loves to hear the sound of your voice, and He hasn't forgotten what conversation is all about. Let all those ear buds, cell phones, and headsets remind you of that.

The Lord will hear when I call unto Him.—Psalm 4:3

Wasn't it smart of God to give us two hands...so we can lend one to our neighbor when needed? Have you loaned one out lately?



GOLIATH MUST FALL: COMFORT

THOSE WHO SERVE

April 15 **SUNDAY, 10:30 AM** SCRIPTURE READING Kevin Dodds **PRAYER** Bob Pettegrew Nathan Bradbury, Ed Newberry COMMUNION

David Pierce, Brian Turney Charles Garver, David Carroll **CLIPBOARDS** Tanner Dillon, Daniel Garver

DISMISSAL PRAYER Tom Norris

**SUNDAY, 6:00 PM** April 8 **PRAYER** Kevin Dodds

**COMMUNION** Ed Newberry, David Pierce

Tom Norris DISMISSAL PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM April 18 LEAD SINGING **Rex Harris** DISMISSAL PRAYER Michael Nelson

**ATTENDANCE** SUNDAY—April 8

**MINISTER** 

Michael Nelson

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P.M. WORSHIP......51 CONTRIBUTION.....\$2,158

WEDNESDAY—April 4

Fellowship Room—29 Teens—0 Bible Hour—7 **Total—36** 

**COMMUNION PREP COORDINATOR** 

Jill DeJarnett Mike Neal April April

**ELDERS** SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Rex Harris Marvin Kline Tom Norris Sunday Ed Newberry Bible Classes......9:30 A.M. Worship......10:30 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Children's Class......6:00 P.M. **DEACONS** Kevin Dodds Aaron Hines Leroy Lewis Mike Neal Wednesday Ladies Bible Class....9:30 A.M. David Pierce Alan Shields

Bible Class......7:00 P.M.

Scriptures: II Corinthians 12:10; James 1:2-3; Psalm 150:1-6; I Corinthians 10:31; James 1:22; I Peter 1:14-15; Psalm 90:10-12; James 4:14



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 15, 2018

Call to Worship

"Here I Am To Worship" Song

Song "10,000 Reasons"

Song #791 "On Bended Knee"

Prayer

Scripture I Samuel 17:17-25

Song "In Christ Alone"

Lord's Supper

Song #490 "It Is Well with My Soul"

Sermon

"Thy Word" Song #449

**Closing Prayer** 

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.