

## April

Apr 23 Seven @ Seven

Apr 25 Bring cookies for Winfield Rest Haven

Apr 27-29 SMC Spring Retreat (CANCELLED)

Apr 30 Seven @ Seven

## May

May 01 Winfield Rest Haven Devotional

May 02 Teen Supper in the Basement

May 07 Seven @ Seven

May 14 Seven @ Seven

May 18 Teen Devotional at the Harris home; details to follow

May 20 End of the Year Teen Banquet; everyone is invited

## THE SEARCH IS ON!

With the announcement that the Nelson's will be moving in June, the search is underway for our next minister here in Wellington. We are using the Christian Chronicle and ministry listings from Christian colleges and preaching schools to get the word out. If you know of someone who could be a good fit for this organization, discuss it with one of the Elders. We are evaluating the responses received so far, but it may take some time to find the right person. Please pray for our church and for the Nelson's as they make this move. Remember your Elders as they take on the important task of selecting our next preacher.

—Rex Harris, For the Elders

## SILVER MAPLE CAMP TEEN ESSAY CONTEST

Teens, Silver Maple Camp is doing an essay contest for a chance to win a scholarship to your 2018 summer session of your choice. Two essay writers will be selected.

To enter, please submit an essay and a photo of the author to [info@silvermaplecamp.org](mailto:info@silvermaplecamp.org), with a subject line of "SMC Essay Contest" before 5/1/2018, no late entries will be considered for scholarships.

Silver Maple camp reserves the right to utilize excerpts and photos from any submissions in promotional materials.

### Eligibility:

1. The writer must be an eligible camper for a summer 2018 camp session.
2. The writer must be eligible for the session of choice.
  - 1st Session is for ages 8-12.
  - 2nd Session is for ages 13-18.
  - 3rd Session is for ages 8-18.
3. The entry must be submitted before 5/1/2018.

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

As we look further at the Holy Spirit in these bulletin articles, this one is part one of an open discussion on Matt Dabb's view of the Holy Spirit (and how it changed over the years). Dabbs writes:

*"The more you study the Bible the more your views will change. It is inevitable and it is good. Somehow change has become a byword in our fellowship especially in two areas: worship practices and our view on the Holy Spirit.*

*I grew up like many people in my fellowship, believing the Holy Spirit had little to nothing to do with my life. The work of the Spirit was complete as soon as the last word of Revelation was penned. The work of the Spirit was confined to the inspiration of the scriptures and little more as far as our lives today were concerned and I believed that to be true and argued vigorously with others that was the case. The perfect in 1 Cor 13:13 was the Bible so that when the perfect, the Bible, was complete there was no more need for the gifts of the Spirit outlined in 1 Cor 12-13.*

*In many ways my argument was more of an anti-other-group argument more than a biblical argument. That doesn't mean my argument didn't come from the Bible. It did. It came from texts cobbled together to fit a structure that already existed in my mind. I had the blueprint and the Bible contained the material I needed to construct my house of cards. My theology was a reactionary theology rather than biblical theology. I knew the other guys (Pentecostals in this case) were wrong and so there must be another way to explain the verses that would otherwise prove them right and me wrong. With enough muscle and the right shovel I could be sure to win the day. So I had to find a way to make sense of those verses even if that meant ignoring context, biblical languages, etc. It was a classic case of eisegesis, although I wasn't aware of that word at that time that is what it was – reading my biases and preconceived ideas and even conclusions back into the text, overriding the meaning of scripture and bending the text to my view rather than digging into the text and allowing it muscle me around to hear what it wanted to say and me bending my view to it.*

*Here was my preconceived conclusion, my bias, the Holy Spirit no longer operated in any meaningful way today. The Spirit told us everything that needs to be said in the Bible, via inspiration, and so the Spirit's work is done. The Spirit has no meaningful relationship with us in this day and age. All we need is the Bible. Period. Anyone who taught otherwise was wrong and maybe even a false teacher.*

*Now, in a sense, part of what I just said is true. All we need is the Bible. Irony of ironies...what unraveled my view on the Spirit was the*

## 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.

## HOME SWEET HOME

Home is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father, warmth of loving hearts, light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, comradeship. Home is the first school and the first church for the young. Here they learn what is right, what is good, and what is kind.

Home is where they go for comfort when they're hurt or sick, where joy is shared and sorrow eased, where fathers and mothers are respected and loved and where children are wanted. Where money is not as important as loving kindness. Where even the teakettle sings from happiness. That is the place called home. God bless it! —Selected

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*very Bible that was supposed to show me that the Spirit no longer operated in our lives today. The more I studied and the more I came to understand what the Holy Spirit inspired in the words of scripture, which had authority over my life and doctrine, were telling me that if the Spirit doesn't operate today then I am in a heap of trouble. It was my conservatism (that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative word of God no matter what anyone else tells you on a matter) that led me to change my view on the Spirit because I was accepting what the Bible had to say on this in spite of what my tradition was saying to me in those days.*

*Coming to understand the Spirit as active today did not necessitate embracing miraculous gifts like they had in the first century. This was the assumption I came to the discussion with and since I thought that was indensible I thought I had an open and shut case against the work of the Spirit. It was the Bible that began to show me that the Spirit had far more work to do that enable people to do the gifts we see in the New Testament. In fact, the most vital work the Spirit does has nothing to do with those things. So what I had set out to prove or disprove wasn't even the right conversation from the start once I understood the work of the Spirit had more to it than miraculous gifts." (to be continued . . .)*



**GOLIATH MUST FALL: ANGER**

Scriptures: John 2:14-15; Matthew 23:27; Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 15:18; James 1:19-20; Romans 2:5, 3:23; Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 2:13-14; Proverbs 20:22; Romans 12:19; Matthew 6:14-15; Colossians 3:13; John 1:12; Romans 8:15

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**SUNDAY, 10:30 AM**  
SCRIPTURE READING  
PRAYER  
COMMUNION

**April 22**  
Kevin Dodds  
Leroy Lewis  
Nathan Bradbury, Ed Newberry  
David Pierce, Brian Turney  
Charles Garver, David Carroll  
Tanner Dillon, Daniel Garver  
Tom Norris

USHERS  
CLIPBOARDS  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

**SUNDAY, 6:00 PM**  
PRAYER  
COMMUNION  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

**April 22**  
Levi Turney  
Ed Newberry, David Pierce  
Tom Norris

**WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM**  
LEAD SINGING  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

**April 25**  
Alan Shields  
Leroy Lewis

**ATTENDANCE**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| <b>SUNDAY—April 15</b> |         |
| BIBLE CLASS.....       | 64      |
| A.M. WORSHIP.....      | 126     |
| P.M. WORSHIP.....      | NC      |
| CONTRIBUTION.....      | \$2,281 |

**WEDNESDAY—April 18**

Fellowship Room—28    Teens—10    Bible Hour—8    **Total—46**

**COMMUNION PREP**

April                      Jill DeJarnett

**COORDINATOR**

April                      Mike Neal

**ELDERS**  
Rex Harris      Marvin Kline  
Ed Newberry    Tom Norris

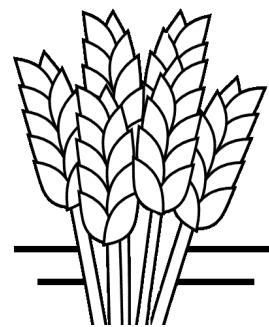
**DEACONS**  
Kevin Dodds    Aaron Hines  
Leroy Lewis    Mike Neal  
David Pierce    Alan Shields

**MINISTER**  
Michael Nelson

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

*Sunday*  
Bible Classes.....9:30 A.M.  
Worship.....10:30 A.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Children’s Class.....6:00 P.M.

*Wednesday*  
Ladies Bible Class...9:30 A.M.  
Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.



*“Reaching Inward, Outward  
Upward, Downward”*

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Church of Christ**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

April 22, 2018

Call to Worship

Song #608      “He Gave Me a Song”

Song #96        “I Stand in Awe”

Song #810      “Listen to Our Hearts”

Prayer

Scripture        I Samuel 17:26-31

Song #376      “He Paid a Debt”

Lord’s Supper

Song #450      “Give Me the Bible”

Sermon

Song #903      “There Is Power in the Blood”

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.*