March

Mar 10 Directory Photos in Fellowship Room after a.m. services

Mar 11 Seven @ Seven

Mar 13 Teen Supper in the basement at 6:30

Mar 18 Seven @ Seven

Mar 19 Man-Up to meet at the building at 5:30 for supper in Wichita

Mar 20 Teen Supper in the basement at 6:30

Mar 21 Carpenter Place Grocery Pick-Up

Mar 24 Men's Business Meeting

Mar 25 Seven @ Seven

Mar 27 Bring cookies for Winfield Rest Haven

Mar 29 Gals & Gab pizza and game night; 6:00 p.m.

Mar 30 Youth Group Hike, Devotionals & Lunch

NEW DIRECTORY!

Don't forget to stop by the Fellowship Room after services to get your picture taken for the new directory. Rex will also be set up before evening services at 5:00 p.m. The directory will be available on our website with password protection.

MAN-UP

Man-Up will be meeting at the church building at 5:30 on Tuesday, March 19 and traveling to Wichita for dinner. Make plans to come hear a lesson on the leadership quality: Courage.

GALS & GAB PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

There is a pizza and game night planned for Gals & Gab on Friday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Bring your favorite game and a few dollars for pizza.

YOUTH GROUP HIKE, DEVO & LUNCH

There will be a Youth Group Hike, devotional and lunch on Saturday, March 30 at the Chaplin Nature Center near Arkansas City. The van will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return in the early afternoon. Lunch is provided

Love is the one business in which it pays to be an absolute spendthrift: Give it away; throw is away; splash it over; empty your pockets of it; shake the basket; and tomorrow you will have more than ever! Give and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure-pressed down, shaken together and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return. Luke 6:38 NASB

DO NOT QUIT! Somebody is praying for you and you will get through this.

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Love Your Enemies

The teaching of Jesus to love and pray for our enemies is one of the most difficult teachings in the Bible. However, it is not a new teaching.

When Jesus says in Matthew 5:44, *But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...*, he is simply explaining God's original intention behind the second greatest commandment, Leviticus 9:18:

...you shall love your neighbor as yourself...

I think that it is very important that loving and praying for our enemies is mentioned together. I think the key to getting my wretched heart into a place that can begin to love my enemies starts with prayer.

Have you ever prayed for someone you didn't like? Have you ever prayed for someone who hurt you greatly or hurt someone that you love? I have. I didn't do it because I wanted to or because I'm overflowing with godly virtue. I did it for one reason only: Jesus told me to do it.

It was difficult. VERY difficult. I'm sure that many of you have great hurts in your past; Most of us do. So what happened when I prayed for my "enemies?" It was an unusual experience. At first, I felt nothing. I prayed, but I didn't love and couldn't make myself care, but I continued.

As time went by, and as I continued to be obedient to the command of Jesus, God began to slowly change my heart.

It wasn't only praying but also gaining knowledge that changed my heart. I learned that I was once God's enemy, and God didn't hate me, but instead sent Jesus to save me (Romans 5:10).

I learned that by not loving my enemies, I was poisoning my own life. The hatred and resentment that I had for them hurt me far more than it did them.

Over time, as God changed my heart, I learned to forgive my enemies, to pray for their well-being and even to love them. You may think I'm lying. You may think it's impossible. I'm not lying, but if you think it's impossible, you're right, but Matthew 5:19 says, with God all things are possible.

I think it's important to say one final thing in this article. Loving and praying for an enemy doesn't mean that I have to associate with that *(continued)*

FAMILY NEWS

McKayla Nichols has been suffering from migraines. After seeing doctors in Kansas City, she now has a plan in place to start gaining control of them. She is scheduled for a nerve block in two weeks in addition to meds.

Peyton Nichols is now having issues with her appendix. The tail is inflamed. It could be a variety of things but most likely early signs of appendicitis. She is under close watch.

PRAYER LIST

Wade Colwell, Dana Morris, Sandy Albin, Lindy Bolser and her son, Ralph Dry, Kylie Lock, Beth Brownlee, Ron Shields, Richard Wartick, Dalton Brownlee, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick, Crystal Anderson. *Shut-In's:* Ella Mae Watson, Ted Davis, Bertha Brown, Gene Deffenbaugh, Dorothy Lauterbach, Maxine Cole.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Darlene Cooney and Sarah & Nathan Bradbury and their families on the death of Darlene's father, Leon White. Leon passed away on Tuesday, March 4. His services were scheduled for Friday, March 8. Keep Darlene, Sarah, Nathan and the rest of Leon's family in your prayers.

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person. It doesn't mean that I have to trust that person. It doesn't mean that I have to like that person. What it does mean is that I should desire that they have the same faith in Jesus that I have. It means that I should desire for God to change their heart, just as He has changed mine. It means that I should pray as Jesus and Stephen prayed for the very men that were murdering them, "Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

At one time I did not know what I was doing. I did not realize that I was guilty of the death of Jesus. As I desire love and forgiveness from God for the atrocities that I am guilty of, God calls me to the perfect standard of desiring that my enemies discover that same love and forgiveness. They don't deserve it, but neither do I.

I love you all and I'm praying for you continually.

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Koine Greek Word of the Week:

In today's text, the word *"love"* comes from the Greek verb *agapao*, and means "to be full of good will and exhibit the same."



THE CORRECTIVE VOLUME 5: Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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Who is my neighbor?	
The Old Testament Teaching: My	is my
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4 Loves	
1) PHILIA =	·
2) STORGE =	·
3) EROS =	
4) AGAPE =	·
How can I love my enemies?	
Where do I begin?	

THOSE WHO SERVE

Ed Newberry

SUNDAY, 10:30 AM
SCRIPTURE READING
PRAYER
COMMUNION
COMMUNION
Roger Brownlee, Alan Shields
Levi Turney, Mike Neal
USHERS
John Rayl, Tom Kirkwood

SUNDAY, 6:00 PM
PRAYER

March 10
David Pierce

COMMUNION Alan Shields, Levi Turney

DISMISSAL PRAYER Marvin Kline

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM
LEAD SINGING
DISMISSAL PRAYER

March 13
David Pierce
Wes LeFlore

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY—March 3

Wes LeFlore

DISMISSAL PRAYER

BIBLE CLASS	44
A.M. WORSHIP	
P.M. WORSHIP	34
CONTRIBUTION	\$1,794

WEDNESDAY—March 6

Auditorium—31 Teens— Bible Hour—7 Nursery—3

Total—41

COMMUNION PREP COORDINATOR

March Wade Pierce March Leroy Lewis

	SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Marvin Kline	
Tom Norris	Sunday
	Bible Classes9:30 A.M.
	Worship10:30 A.M.
	Children's Worship.10:30 A.M.
	Evening Worship6:00 P.M.
	Children's Class6:00 P.M.
Aaron Hines	
Mike Neal	Wednesday
Alan Shields	Ladies Bible Class9:30 A.M.
	Bible Class7:00 P.M.
	Aaron Hines Mike Neal



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Song "10,000 Reasons"

Song #76 "How Great Thou Art"

Prayer

Scripture Luke 10:30-37

Song #176 "Lamb of God"

Lord's Supper

Song #4 "To God Be the Glory"

Lesson

Song "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

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.