

**SHEPHERDS**

Barry McDowell  
Jimmy Neatherlin  
J. R. Stroble  
**Our Door is Open**  
Anyone wanting to meet with our Elders is encouraged to contact any of the elders to set up a time.

**DEACONS**

Travis Crandall  
Johny Harris  
Larry Mitchell  
Mike Owens  
Virgil Smith  
Glenn Wells

**Ministry Team:**

*Jill Crandall  
Bruce Daughtry  
Tammy Frintz  
Brian McGonagill  
Glen Moore  
Eleanor Nelson  
Mark Schinnerer  
Charlie Weatherford*

**Sunday Services**

Sunday Bible Class  
9:00 am

Morning Worship  
10:00 am

Evening Worship  
5:00 pm

**Wednesday**

**Fellowship**

Ladies Bible Class  
10:00 am

Wednesday Night  
Meal  
6:00 pm

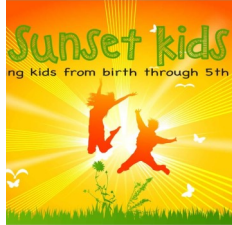
Bible Class  
7:00 pm

Welcome to  
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**Bible Class Happenings**

Every now and then, I think it's good to give you all an update on how our kids' Bible classes are going. We have seen quite a bit of growth in our class attendance over the last couple of years, so that is exciting! We have had many talented teachers who have shared their time with our kids, and for that, I am so thankful.

One thing that has been a little difficult over the past few years is promotion. We have tried several different times of the year to promote to the next class, and we just haven't loved any of those options. So, after some discussion with the teachers, we have decided to change how we schedule the quarters. If you don't know how we organize our Bible class schedule, we have four quarters that are each 13 weeks long. For many years, the quarters have run from December-February, March-May, June-August, and September-November. I assume this was chosen to reflect the summer break from public school. Now that school is starting back in early August, we plan to change to accommodate the current summer schedule. This will be more logical to the kids to promote to the next class when they start back to school. **Our new quarters will be August-October, November-January, February-April, and May-July.** This schedule change will only affect those kids who are moving up to a new class, and it won't affect the adult classes at all.

I am beginning to plan for next year's Bible classes, as well. I always love to have new teachers and, of course, I am thankful for all of our current and returning teachers. I want you to know that you are not required to have any experience as a professional teacher in order to teach our kids. All you need is a love for these little ones, and often times we have an age that we feel drawn to. So, if you feel drawn to loving on our tiny babies – there is a place for you! If you feel drawn to watching our toddlers explore and experiment with the world around them, then we have a place for you, too! If you like to talk to the younger elementary kids and hear their stories that they share and listen to what their imaginations dream up – we have a place for you, too! If you feel somewhat interested, but you are nervous about doing this on your own – we have several teachers who would be glad to have you help them until you feel confident to teach on your own – or you can choose to stay a helper. You can choose what to teach, or I can choose for you. Just, please, don't ignore that opportunity to help our children grow in God's kingdom if you feel the nudge!

Please feel free to ask me any questions about Bible class or anything else in the children's ministry at any time!

I'm praying for the future of the church always, and I thank you for your prayers, as well.

**Love,  
Jill**

### *Prayer List:*

**Ernestine Bryan** fell and broke her hip and had surgery over the weekend. She is recovering.

**Emma Harrington** is having health issues.

Remember the following as they continue to heal: **Becky Cunningham, J.C. Cunningham, Bruce Daughtry, Jan Groom, Erin Neatherlin, Sally Stade, Maureen Thompson, Eileen Tidwell, Richard & Peggy Titus, Erma Waldrop, and Terry Wilson.**

**Home Bound: Grace Autry, Bob and Velma Brown, Durees Carriaga, Vallaree Cherry, Audrey Fisher, Vivienne Garner, Enid Gates, Kay Oakley, and Richard Titus.**

**Prayer Connection Cards: The Boone Family, Brandon Carrasco, The Harrington's, Joy, Olga Onsurez, The Family of Jennifer Riordan, Jill Siddons.**



### *Sympathy:*



**Florene Pace**, former Sunset member who had been living in Midland, Texas, passed away last week at the age of 92. Services were Friday, April 20th at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.



We extend our sympathy to **Mike and Jenny Sims** on the passing of Jenny's sister, **Francis Renfroe** last week.

### *Brian's Corner*

#### **Faith Produces Persistence**

*"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed"* (2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NLT).

Faith unlocks the promises of God, it shows us the power of God, it turns dreams into reality, and it gives us the power to hold on in tough times.

God doesn't always take you out of the problem. He stretches your faith by taking you through the problem. He doesn't always take away the pain. He gives you faith-filled ability to handle the pain. And God doesn't always take you out of the storm because he wants you to trust him in the midst of the storm.

I remember reading the stories of Corrie ten Boom, a young Dutch Christian who helped many Jews escape the Holocaust before being sent to Nazi concentration camps. After World War II ended, she said that the people who lived through those camps were those who had the deepest faith. Why? Because faith gives you the power to hold on in tough times. It produces persistence.

Study after study has shown that probably the most important characteristic you could teach a child (and that you need in your own life) is resilience. It's the ability to bounce back. It's the ability to keep going. Nobody goes through life with an unbroken chain of successes. Everybody has failures and mistakes. We all embarrass ourselves. We all have pain. We all have problems. We all have pressures. The people who make it in life have resilience.

Where do you get the resilience to keep going? Faith. It's believing God could do something at any moment that could change the direction of your life, and you don't want to miss it, so you keep moving forward. It's believing that God will give you exactly what you need when you need it as you learn to rely on him to accomplish his purpose in you.

This is the testimony of Paul, a great man of faith: "We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NLT).

- ◆ **What is God's purpose of adversity in your life?**
- ◆ **How has faith helped you persevere through a difficult time in your life?**
- ◆ **"Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem. Faith often takes you through the problem." How will this truth shape the way you respond to the problems you face right now?**

## Upcoming Events



Fifth Sunday Singing will be held Sunday, April 29th at Fox and Lake Church of Christ. We will not have evening services so that we can all attend.

Shining Stars Preschool would like to invite you to their end of year program held on **Thursday, May 10th at 6:00 pm** in the auditorium.



### Family Camp News

I had a very difficult time this year nailing down a time to have family camp. I tried moving it into June the last couple of years and the numbers just continued to fall, not to mention having to work around rentals and other things. So this year we will go back to the end of July.



**Men:** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 12th**. We will be having our monthly **Men's Breakfast** at **8:00 am**. Men of all ages are welcome! Hope to see you there!

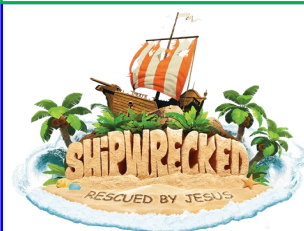
However the first weekend after youth camp is taken so we will have family camp during the week **starting July 30th and ending August 2nd**. Our speaker will be **Taylor Robles** from Sherwood Church of Christ out of Odessa Texas.

Baccalaureate services will be held **Sunday, May 13th** during evening services. Our **2018** graduating seniors are **Krista Allison, Kylie Allison, Monet Calderon, Jeffery Carr, Caleb Giblin, Jordin Molina, Cody Oliver, Machaon Shoemaker, and Michael Sims**. Congratulations on a job well done!



I know that this will not be convenient for everyone but know that I am trying my absolute best to figure out not only how to accommodate most of our members but also how to grow our family camp as well while working around the camp rental schedule.

I would like to have a family camp meeting before I leave for Summer Camp this year to discuss possible answers to these issues and some ideas I've had about moving family camp to the middle of the year instead of summer time. I'll announce when this meeting will happen. It will be sometime in May.



### It's VBS Time!

- Dates: June 4-8, 2018
- Times: 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Ages: 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Volunteers needed!

If you have any questions, please call me at 575-706-8354.

~Bruce

Volunteers and participants, please register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/sunset2018>

### \*Anniversaries & Birthdays

Registration for **Mountain View Christian Camp** is open! Sign up early to reserve your spot. Here are this year's sessions:

**July 1-7 Session 1 (age 8-15)**  
Leland Mallett

**July 8-14 Session 2 (age 13-18)**  
Bruce Daughtry

**July 15-21 Session 3 (age 8-13)** Bruce Daughtry

**July 22-28 Session 4 (age 13-18)** Ray Young



**April 24th**-\*Chris & Alexis Murray, Melissa Treadaway

**April 27th**-Michaleigh Deanda, Connor Haschets

**April 28th**-Dave Bradley, Abraham Luna, Mona White

**April 29th**-Eileen Andazola, \*Brian & Shirley McGonagill, Brian McGonagill, Judah Wyatt

**April 30th**-Sarah Peterson



The meal is at 6:00 pm and Bible class starts at 7:00 pm. Volunteers for Wednesday night meals are needed. Sign up on the calendar in the kitchen or call the office at 887-1278.



*Contribution For  
Sunday, April 22, 2018*

<b>Checks</b> \$7,364.38	<b>Average</b> \$10,771.10	<b>Wednesday, April 18th</b>	
<b>Bills</b> \$512.00	<b>Weekly Budget</b> \$11,166.00	<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Change</b> \$0.00	<b>Weekly + or (-)</b> \$394.90	<b>Evening</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Online Giving</b> \$671.00	<b>Kid's Cash</b> \$223.00	<b>Sunday Morning</b>	
<b>Total</b> \$8,547.38		<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>133</b>
		<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>217</b>
		<b>Evening Worship</b>	<b>51</b>

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*PERIODICAL RATE*

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*Men to Serve for Sunday, April 29, 2018*

<b>Speaker:</b> Charlie Weatherford	<b>Men To Serve</b>	<b>Greeter &amp; Nursery</b>	<b>Communion Talk</b>
<b>Worship Leader:</b> Mark Schinnerer	<b>Communion:</b> Shiloh Wyatt	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
<b>Welcome:</b> Joel Kirkes	Rocky Ybarra	<b>Greeters:</b> Red Team	<b>May 6th</b> -Glynn Shelton
<b>Scripture:</b> Alan Wood	Todd Allison	<b>Welcome Desk:</b> Robin Irving	<b>May 13th</b> -Mike Sims
<b>Communion Service</b> Steve Peterson	Jon Barnes	<b>Nursery Attendant:</b> Shara Bannister	<b>May 20th</b> -J.R. Stroble
	Lanny Barnett		<b>May 27th</b> -John Tigert
	Martin Campos		<b>June 3rd</b> -Mike Veilleux
	Jeffery Carr		<b>June 10th</b> -Charlie Weatherford
	Justin Carr		<b>June 17th</b> -Cameron Wells
			<b>June 24th</b> -Rodney Williams