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Spring
Quarter
Begins Sunday,
March 5

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STATISTICS

February 12

Bible Study	473
Sunday a.m.	690
Sunday p.m.	617
Wednesday	417
Contribution	$17,150

February 19

Bible Study	449
Sunday a.m.	670
Sunday p.m.	595
Wednesday	837
Contribution	$18,167

KNOWN MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Jan Moore
2	David Willis
3	Hayden Dugger
3	Wayne Scott
3	Joan Smith
4	Cindy Blackwell
4	Kermit Lofton
5	Evan Allen
5	Bridget Lamb
5	Jerry Lowe
6	Lance Beshires
6	Joan Swift
7	Bo Miller
8	Janice Mount
9	Brinxton Barham
9	Matt Barker
10	Britton Breeding
11	Leanne Black
11	Margie Coleman
12	Graham Poston
12	Milton Sewell
12	Nora Smith
12	Corine Taylor
12	Gentry White
13	Luke Battle
13	Vincent Mennino
14	Mary Grace Bolton
15	Bradley Holloway
16	Richard England
16	Tommy Karnes
17	Titus Drieling
18	Stormie Gray
18	Josh Hooker
18	Monty McNeal
20	Chelsea Culberson
20	Bobby Leek
20	Jewell Trice
21	Dorothy Mitchell
23	Becky Gardner
24	Carrie Burns
24	Jenette Segerson
25	Sofie Hueter
25	Elsie Johnson
25	Christy Moody
25	Presley Rhodes
26	Nicole Breeding
26	Annsley Poston
27	Bob Brown
27	Kelby Clark
27	Joyce Ann Phinnessee
27	Katy Scott
28	Ken Golson
29	Michael, Jr. Burton
30	Laura Beth Welch
31	Lois Rhodes

KNOWN MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

5 Randy & Joyce Bloomingburg
7 Patrick & Melissa Bolton
12 Mark & Dani Morrison
15 Joy & Chris Simmons
16 Brandon & Spencer Barham
26 Larry & Debbie Bloomingburg

Fri – Sun **Feb 24-26**	**Challenge Youth Conference**
Sunday **February 26**	**Shepherding Group 3 (England) – lunch in the Fellowship Hall, 11:15am** **Tweens Activity, Fellowship Hall, 6pm**
Sunday **March 5**	**Spring Quarter for Bible Classes Begins** **Shepherding Groups 5 & 6 (McKnight & Morris) –Fellowship Hall, 6pm**
Thursday **March 9**	**Senior Oasis Lunch, noon**
Saturday **March 11**	**Spring Forward - Set clocks forward one hour**
Sunday **March 12**	**Shepherding Groups 1 & 2 (Bloomingburg & Bolton) Potluck Luncheon – Fellowship Hall, 11:15am**
Saturday **March 25**	**Senior Adult Rally with David Shannon: 9:30 registration** **Program: 10-1:30**

Billy's Bylines

Billy Smith

As For Me And My House

". . . we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). It is wonderful when a father can speak not only for himself but also for his family. The last words from Joshua in his farewell address to Israel is one of the greatest examples of leadership, direction, and commitment. Those words inspired a nation, and they still speak to every generation of our greatest need: "we will serve the Lord!"

How do we prove that we stand where Joshua stood? First, there must be no question *where we stand and for whom we stand.* We must know what we believe and why we believe it, and those who know us best know where we stand at all times (1 Cor. 15:58).

Second, we must *remove from our lives everything that threatens our allegiance to the Lord*. We must be honest about our sinful habits, confess them, and repent of them before they become the master of our fate. This may take the form of an attitude, an activity, a relationship, language, or an addiction. It is our glorious task to bring honor rather than dishonor to the name of Jesus (Col. 3:5, 8).

Third, we must *confront our unbelieving world rather than accepting it* (Rom. 12:2). It is extraordinary to save a life from sickness or an accident, but it is eternally more extraordinary to snatch a soul from Hell by leading them to the Lord (Jude 23).

Fourth, we must be *involved in the Lord's work rather than being indifferent to it.* We need to find our place in the church and serve to the best of our ability. While the Lord loves the devotion of His people, He absolutely despises indifferent Christians and congregations, for whom judgment will be severe (Rev. 3:15-16).

Fifth, we must *give the Lord our lifelong commitment.* When Saul became Paul, his conversion was real, genuine, absolute, and lifelong (Phil. 1:21). There was never a question of his life and loyalty once he learned Jesus was indeed the Christ, the Son of God. The same must be true of us for Paul's hope to become our hope (2 Tim. 4:8).

Joshua used his farewell to make one of the most memorable statements of all time, but the words are so much more. They come from the heart and soul of a godly man who could speak not only for himself, but also for his family. The question is, can *we* say it? Will *we* live it until our time is no more?

Koinonia

Bill Wade

The following is an excerpt from an article written by John C. Maxwell:

The Law of Navigation: Jesus Charts the Course for His Disciples
Luke 12:1-59

Jesus provided good instruction for His disciples on issues such as integrity, anxiety, convictions, problem solving, greed, jealousy, priorities and trusting God. Why these topics? Because Jesus intended to navigate life for His followers, to teach them how to live successfully.

If we were to condense the Lord's perspective on success in life, we might say that success involves:

- *Decisions: We must know the truth and accept it*
- *Servanthood: We must find a need and fill it*
- *Determination: We must face a challenge and meet it*
- *Sacrifice: We must lose our life to find it*
- *Preparation: We must develop a plan and follow it*
- *Action: We must discover God's will and obey it*
- *A gift: We must find our talent and share it*
- *Durability: We must be tenacious and finish well*

The challenges that each of us face in this life are great and numerous. For me, knowing that I am not alone is a source of strength and encouragement. It is great to know that I belong to a wonderful church family at Henderson. It builds me up when I allow circumstances to tear me down.

We have a Father in heaven who loves us and has provided us with a set of guidelines that, if we follow them, will lead us directly to Him. We must all accept His will for our lives and make it our own. We all have the ability to see needs, we must fill those needs as best we can. Challenges will come. We must be determined to face them with dignity and determination to come out on the right end.

God speaks to us through His word. If we aren't reading the Bible, we aren't able to know what He expects of us. Find a quiet place and spend some time letting God speak to you. While you are there, spend a few minutes talking to Him in prayer, thanking Him for blessing your life and asking Him for forgiveness or for patience or for whatever it is that you need. That will give you strength. It will help motivate you to be the best that you can be.

Youth Notes

Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) is this weekend. The theme this year is "Sold Out for Jesus." As part of the packet that we are sent each year, a few devotional ideas are added as well. I wanted to share a little bit of one with you and added a few thoughts of my own because we can all be encouraged from these reminders.

10 Reasons Why You Should Be Sold Out For Jesus

1. He is the Son of God – Mark 4:35-41
2. He is the Savior – John 1:29
3. He died for you – Romans 5:8-10
4. He defeated Satan – Hebrews 2:14,15
5. There is no other – Isaiah 43:11
6. It is a better life – Colossians 3:5,6
7. He will never forsake you – Matthew 28:20, I Corinthians 10:13
8. He is preparing a mansion for you – John 14:1-3
9. He left His Word so you could find him – 1 John 4:13; 2 Peter 1:21
10. If you are NOT Sold Out – What are you? – Revelation 3:16

There is an overwhelming feeling of disappointment when we want to go somewhere but there are no tickets available. Maybe we didn't want to pay the price that the ticket cost. Maybe we thought that we had more time. Maybe we thought we could find a ticket at the last moment and so our priorities didn't include diligently doing what we had to do to get one.

A lot of people, some of us included probably, may find ourselves in a similar situation when it comes to our spiritual lives. I want to go to heaven and I know that you do, too. What price am I willing to pay in order to get there? I have to follow the commandments of God. I have to be very selective of my friends and have positive influences in my life. I have to make good decisions and have to say "No" to a lot of things to which the world may say "Yes." I have to spend time in God's Word learning what He expects of me. I have to be committed to the church, to my family and to doing the right thing. I have to forgive in order to be forgiven. I have to show mercy and compassion to others. I must act on my faith NOW instead of waiting until tomorrow or the next day, etc. My priorities list should have God in the first position.

My prayer for us all is that we will make the adjustments that we need to make in our spiritual lives that when God calls His people home, he will look upon each of us and say, "Well done."

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please call the office (989-5161) with prayer requests. Keeping the prayer list updated is an ongoing effort. Please let us know if there are changes.

Members: Barbara Bell, Jim Cartwright, Joanna Cearley, John Collins, Casey Dugger, Linda Sue Gover, Sylvia Harris, Danny Jones, Stephen Lancin, Brandon Leek, Janis McCall, Margaret Record, Dorothy Redden, Trent Rhodes, Jonathan Sweeney, Sherry Thomas, Rhonda Thompson

Shut-in Members: Bill & Juanita Benson, Lurlene Hysmith, Mary Jones, Linnie Johnson, Flodine Powell, Ouida Reeves, Audra Rodden, Robbie Stanfill, Dot Williams, Molly Young

Relatives: Betty Barber (Adam Cross/Mark Barber), Annette & William Barham (Brandon Barham/Annetta Burton), John R. Barham (Sylvia Arnold), Evelyn Brigman (Buddy Parsons), Holly Brock (Linda Gover), Joe Neil Brown (Kay Tignor), Linda Burton (Michael Burton), Steve Cole (Angie Burns), Carolyn Coleman (Kevin Coleman), Natheen Coleman (Sherry Taylor), Gabbi Cook (Margie Hatchett), Mary Crosswhite (Joyce Morris), Kristie Deffenbaugh (Jason Deffenbaugh),), Jimmy & Virginia Ellis (Jackson Ellis), Jade Embry (Brian & Brandi Welch), Abigail & Jennifer Fetters (Bob & Betty Bush), Mary Foster (David Willis), Willodyne Gibbons (Joyce Bloomingburg/Trish Johnson), Evelyn Griffin (Glenda Wiley), Randy Haltom (Imogene Haltom), Mark Harris (Sylvia & Glenn Harris), Allison Hill (Margaret Record), Sherry Hill (Richard West), Jennifer Legg (Anita Burton), Helen Van Leirop (David & Dwina Willis), Betty Long (Kaylan Stewart), Marguerite McKnight (Ethan Hardin), Jack Milligan (Ann Lowe), Jane Neal (Valerie Trice), Daniel Osburn (Leah Shull), Mary Glenda Padgett (Ramona Burns), Billy Phelps (Michael Phelps), Jerry Pitchford (Doug Thompson), Barbara Ray (Carol Webb), Claudia Robinson (Shane Robinson), Frank Sarver (Sandy Cotter), Bruce & Gene Smith (Don Smith), Mary Jane Simmons (Chris Simmons), Micke Smith (Micah Smith), Faye Stevens (Emily Marise), Marie Sweeney (John Sweeney), Fred Swindle (Connie Pritchard), Francis Underwood (Junie Gilliam), James Weeks (Randall Hendrix), Mildred Wheeler (Sherry Thomas), Peggy Whitman (Lona Bolton), Erin Williams (Clay Carpenter)

Others: Buddy Baker, Julie Bender, Bryan Britt, Kenny Brown, Mary Simmons Busby, Jeff Butler, Claire Davis, Kathy Doughty, Joyce Elder, Micah Hart, Carolyn & Chad Henry, Dana Kirk, Bill Latham, Beth Lewis, Dan Lussier, Rhonda Lynn, Erin Morris, Don Neeley, Debra Owens, Mary Jane Peace, Ashley Pickens, Rachel Reed, Daniel Ridinger, Don Alan Riggs, Kay Robinson, Jimmy Ruth, Joellen Tallent, Carol Wamble, Alisha Washington

Military: Alex Carpenter, Allen Miller, Will Hodges, Blake Jaggars, Johnathan Cronan, Colton Jones

In Iraq: Matthew Smith

Requested Prayers: Linda Sue Gover

NURSERY ATTENDANTS
Feb 26: 10 a.m. Donna Farris & Shannon Chasteen; 5 p.m. Anita Burton & Spring McCutchen
March 5: 10 a.m. Melanie Shelton & Payton & Presley Rhodes; 5 p.m. Katie Libby & Tyler Atkins
March 12: Nicole Breeding & Lauren White; 5 p.m. Amanda Sherman & Nikki Bautista
March 19: Amy & Ella Smith; 5 p.m. Madi Huggins & Madison West
March 26: Spring McCutchen & Anita Burton; 5 p.m. Abbie Sewell & Kaitlyn Oakley

WE REJOICE with Bobby & Jerra Leek on the baptism of their daughter-in-law, Anna, who is married to Brandon.

THANK YOU NOTES
Thank you notes from Elizabeth Harris and Joyce Kreth are posted on the bulletin board.

Our Ministers

Roy Sharp - *Pulpit/Involvement Minister*
Billy Smith - *Pulpit Minister*
Bill Wade -*Associate Minister*
Jared Gott/Bill Wade - *Youth Ministers*
Bruce Lewis - Senior Minister

Our Elders

Larry Bloomingburg	Shawn Bolton	Ron Butterfield	Richard England	Larry Gilliam
Mike McCutchen	Gary McKnight	Stephen Morris	Larry Oldham	Barry Smith
Charlie Smith	Keith Smith	Algene Steele	John Sweeney	

Our Deacons

Tony Allen	Tim Anderson	Mark Barber	Bryan Black	Mike Bolton
Patrick Bolton	Dexel Burns	Bobby Bush	Brian Butterfield	Richard Cave
Darryl Culberson	Larry Cyr	Jason Deffenbaugh	Jason Elliott	Paul Fader
Kerry Gott	Michael Green	Jerry Hesselrode	Tyrone Hopper	Todd Humphry
Bobby Hysmith	David Jackson	Ronald Johnson	Scott Kimpel	Dee Richardson
Wayne Roberts	Scott Rogers	Tony Rush	Wayne Scott	Donald Shull
David Sweeney	J. D. Thomas	Chad Thompson	Joe Trice	Tom Vickery
Damon Welch	Richard West	Clay Young		