



Weekly Newsletter

March 28, 2021

**Order of Worship**

**Greeting**

Aaron Morrison

**Children's Time**

Justin Hatfield

**Song Leader**

Kerry Cole

#820

#781

**Prayer**

Brendan Carroll

#581 (1,3)

#709 (1,2,4)

**The Lord's Supper**

Tom Davis

"The Greatest Command"

**Message**

Justin Hatfield

#53 (1,4)

#694 (1,4)

**Announcements/  
Prayer**

Scott Barton

*You are the light of the  
world. A city set on a hill  
cannot be hidden.  
(Matt. 5:14)*



I Will and I Won't

The Lord's interaction with the unnamed leper who comes near, kneels before him, and begs for his help is a snapshot of his ministry. "If you will, you can make me clean," the poor fellow confidently says (Mk. 1:40). And Jesus, moved with compassion, stretches out his hand and touches the man with a potentially contagious skin disease, saying, "I will; be clean" (Mk. 1:41).

It could be said that our entire hope depends on that "you can/ I will" connection. But it would not be entirely true. And the part that would be left out is observable when first two chapters of Mark are read together. It's that along with the leper's "you can" and Jesus' "I will," there must also be the Lord's "I won't" if there's to be the good news we need.

His "I will" is demonstrated repeatedly. He will identify with people in doing as God says (1:9). He will endure temptation as all people do (1:13). He will bring good news to people and involve people in worthwhile service (1:15, 17). He will teach people the way that's right, and relieve people's hurts, whether spiritual, mental, or physical (1:22, 32-43). He will forgive people (2:5, 10). He will accept people, and relate to them, and treat them like they matter (2:13f).

But it necessitates his "I won't." That's the unspoken reality that is illustrated in these chapters of Mark. He won't be allied with any forces that dishonor God or destroy people (1:23-25). He won't be distracted from prayer or diverted from his purpose (1:35-38). He won't quit because someone doesn't do as he should've (1:43-45). He won't be kept from helping people by unfounded objections or unjust criticisms (2:7-11, 16-17). He won't undervalue appropriateness (2:18-29, 24-28).

The leper's "you can" and Jesus' "I will" were made actual for us by the Lord's "I won't." It was the junction of his "I will" and his "I won't" that cost him what he suffered for us. And the leper's "you can" is why suffering isn't the end of the story.

--Bill McFarland

We would like to extend our sympathy to Allen and Carol McCann in the loss of Carol's brother, Henry Martin, who passed away this week.



We also extend our sympathy to the family of Brendan and Jenny Carroll in the loss of Brendan's grandmother, Dora Carroll.

### Shut-Ins

Pat Blackburn  
Ron Bower  
Mary Bratcher  
Don Essex  
Clarence Feeney  
Ola Jean Feeney  
Wanda Frost  
Doris Iorg  
Jim & Ruth Reaves  
Doris Tobler  
Dennis & Carolyn  
Smith

### Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze  
Wayne Harmon  
Virginia Morgan  
Sandra Pingenot  
Nancy Snider

## ~In Need of Our Prayers~

**Don Tracy** had an angiogram on Thursday, he did not have any blockages. The doctors will be treating him with medication. He is suppose to be going home today. ~ **David Nimmo** is having surgery on March 30th to remove some skin cancer on his ankle. ~ **John Mahon** is still working hard in therapy. ~ Ruth Lund's brother, **John Alspaugh**, has Parkinson's and is not doing well. ~ **Truman and Helen Coltrane** continue to need our prayers. ~ **Marlene Matthew** is having a very difficult time with her health, please keep both her and Illene in your prayers. ~ **Ruth Raines** continues to improve. ~ **Shirlane Horton** is slowly improving. ~ **Nancy Snider** is still having some health concerns. ~ **Jim Reaves** had a procedure on Tuesday it went well. He should have results back in a week. ~ Tom Davis' grandmother, **Dorthy Davis**, will be having surgery in Michigan soon on both of her carotid arteries to clear blockage. ~ **Debbie Hill**, Constance Jackson's sister, is in the hospital having tests. ~ **Kathy Stephens** a friend of Lucile High's daughter, is continuing to deal with difficult health issues.

#### Continued prayers for health concerns:

Van & Barbara Barnes, Makesha Davis, Alice Daniels, Julie Alexander, David High (Lucile High's son), Ron Bower, Betty Grabber, Izumi Loomis' mother, Sandra Pingenot, Bob & Leona Snider, Beverly Hammond (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), Ann Freeze (Jo Baggett's mom), Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Lindsey (Jon Davis' grandmother), Wendy Williams (Kerry Cole's cousin), Dorothy (David Grimm's mother), Victoria Lacy (the Essex's granddaughter), Linda (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), Kathy Stephens



YFC Family Bible Study

See Mike or Gena Ussery for details regarding the Sunday, March 28th activity.

## Birthdays

3-28 Lucile High  
Marlene Matthews  
3-29 Patricia Andrews  
Tom Davis  
3-30 Mary Bratcher  
Glenda Thurkill  
3-31 Julie Gillham  
4-02 Helen Harber  
Sara Keener  
Henry Springer  
4-03 Logan Steinsouer

## Anniversaries

3-30 Daniel & Terri Wilson ~ 35 years  
4-03 David & Robin Scott ~ 39 years  
4-06 John & Lisa Stayton ~ 25 years  
4-07 Gaylen & Dedra Jones ~ 31 years  
4-11 Carl & Yvonne Tindall ~ 67 years  
4-15 Brock & Christina Snitker ~ 15 years  
4-17 Mike & Constance Jackson ~ 22 years  
4-26 Byrle & Virginia Hayter ~ 58 years

### THIS WEEK ...

- ◆ **Prayer time Sunday**, March 28th at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on April 1st at 10:30 am. Ruth Lund & Julie Alexander will be teaching Chapter 4 of the book, "From Bethlehem To Golgotha," by Hillard Story.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9 am;  
**Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.



To those of you who enjoy reading, have you ever checked out the church's library? There are books of all types, fiction, biographies, reference, children's, devotionals and many more. If you have time stop by and find a good book to read.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 pm in person or via livestream (YouTube) for Bill's 9th lesson in his series "Letters from the Lord".

### HAPPY HOLLOW WORK DAYS

April 10th, April 24th, and May 15th  
(They could use all the help they can get!)

### ATTENTION TEACHERS & STUDENTS

Please **check in** at the education desk each time before going to class.

## Ussery's Illuminated Egg Hunt



Friday Night, April 2nd, 2021  
Hunt Starts at 7:30 PM  
4720 E. Ehren Lane, Fair Grove  
Come Early for snacks and to line up!  
BYOB: Bring Your Own Basket!

### Youth Group

Sunday, March 28th,  
5:00 pm  
at the Morrison's home