



Weekly Newsletter

April 18, 2021

**Order of Worship**

**Greeting**

Mike Ussery

**Children's Time**

Justin Hatfield

**Song Leader**

Briley Ewing

#111 (1, 3, 4)

#243 (1, 3)

**Prayer**

Tom Easterly

#542

#742

**The Lord's Supper**

John Hulett

#822

**Message**

Bill McFarland

#215 (1, 2, 3)

**Announcements/**

**Prayer**

Scott Barton

#660 (1, 3)

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



Encouraging Human Touches

It was a busy time and there were stresses from all directions. Pharisees criticized and demanded. People came with urgent intellectual and physical needs. Friends confessed him in one moment and reprimanded him in the next. It was a crisis point in the ministry of Jesus. That's what we read in Mark 7-8.

But the account of these events is sprinkled with little human touches. As I think of them, I am encouraged. We're told, for example, of the moment when Jesus "sighed deeply in his spirit" (8:12). He was weary of continual arguing and testing from those who had no interest in him. If you've ever sighed that sigh, remember that the Lord understands.

I notice sympathetically, too, that the disciples didn't always "get it." They could see the Lord feed five thousand, then four thousand again, but not take from it that he could provide for them (8:16-21). They could hear him say plainly what must happen to him as the Christ, but not understand that they were to think like him (8:31-34). I feel for them because I'm like them.

Also, there are individuals in these chapters who needed, and received, special touches. A man who couldn't hear or speak was touched in way that would show his help was coming from heaven (7:32-35). A man couldn't see received the extra touch he needed before he could see everything clearly (8:23-26). It's encouraging to know the Lord deals with us at such a personal level.

"He has done all things well," the people concluded (7:37). It was an expression of their astonishment, which was beyond measure, and it was their verdict on his handling of all the people, problems, and pressures. It's a little saying that encourages me to believe he will do all things well in this new week, too, and it will be well with me if I follow him.

--Bill McFarland



## Youth Group News

**TONIGHT:** Youth Bible study at the Carroll's at 5pm

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** We are starting to put together dates for this summer. Be sure to mark the events we have so far!

- May 22 - Fair Haven BBQ - Meet the Intern!
- June 20-26 - Burnt Cabin Christian Camp
- July 11-17 - Camp Water Mill
- July 18-24 - Happy Hollow - Travis and Jason's Session
- Aug 4-7 - Camp Wilderness

**Note:** Applications for Happy Hollow and Burnt cabin are located on the information desk in the foyer.



**Parents  
Night Out**

April 23rd  
and  
May 7th



Wedding Shower  
for  
Briley Ewing  
and  
Kara Klein

Sunday, April 18th at 2:00 pm in  
the Fellowship Room

They are registered at  
Amazon and Target.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 pm in person or via  
livestream (YouTube) Bill has started a new series titled:

**Tell Me a Story of Jesus—Parables for Us**

## ~ In Need of Prayers ~

**Makesha Davis** will be having surgery on Tuesday, April 20th. ~ **Jim Reeves** will also have surgery on April 20th. ~ **Julie Alexander** had her surgery and it went well. She should be coming home from the hospital on Monday the 19th. ~ **Sandy Pingenot** will be having a biopsy on April 22. ~ **Carolyn Young** has started therapy. ~ **Leona Snider** is continuing her rehab at home. ~ **John Mahon** is still in physical therapy and doing good. ~ Ruth Lund's brother, **John Alspaugh**, has Parkinson's and is not doing very well. ~ **Truman and Helen Coltrane** continue to need our prayers. ~ **Marlene Matthews** is home from the hospital and is receiving nourishment at home thru an IV. ~ **Ruth Raines** continues to improve. ~ **Nancy Snider** is still having some health concerns. ~

### **Continued prayers for health concerns:**

Teresa Mahon, Alice Daniels, Shirlane Horton, Bob & Leona Snider, Van & Barbara Barnes, David High (Lucile High's son), Ron Bower, Betty Grabber, Izumi Loomis' mother, 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), Linda (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), Sandie Shelby (Lucile High's niece)

### April Anniversaries

4-26 Byrle & Virginia Hayter ~ 58 years

### **THIS WEEK ...**

- ◆ Prayer time Sunday evening, April 18th at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on April 22nd at 10:30 am. Ann Thiesen will be teaching Chapter 6 of the book, "From Bethlehem To Golgotha," by Hillard Story.
- ◆ Quilters will meet at 9 am; Card Makers will meet at 9:30.

### Birthdays

- 4-19 Arya Bowling
- 4-21 Alice Buckner  
Michelle Hulet
- 4-22 Lisa Stayton
- 4-25 Megan Jobs
- 4-26 Doris Iorg  
Gail White
- 4-29 Larry Baggett
- 4-30 Lauren Brumfield  
Carson Griffin

### 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

**YFC** The YFC families will meet in the Fellowship Room immediately following services on Sunday, April 18th to discuss our word of the month, FAITH and make plans for the Youth Led Service based on that word at the end of the month.

**Sunday, April 25th at 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Youth Led Service**

This month's theme for our Youth Led Service is FAITH.

Please join us as we train and encourage our young people in service and worship to our lord.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Jonathan & Laurel Pendergraft in the loss of Jonathan's grandfather, Durard "Dude" Pendergraft.



To my brothers and sisters in Christ your thoughtfulness was touching. Thank you for the cards and prayers offered at the passing of my brother Ricky Hyder.

In Christian Love, Debra Davis

**April 24th  
and  
May 15th**

**HAPPY HOLLOW  
WORK DAYS**

*(They could use all the help they can get!)*