



Weekly Newsletter

May 2, 2021

**Order of Worship**

***Greeting/  
Announcements***  
Matt Keener

***Children's Time***  
Justin Hatfield

***Song Leader***  
Jon Davis

#863

***Scripture Reading***  
Romans 11:33-12:2  
Patrick Springer

#141

***Prayer***  
Aaron Morrison

#720 (1, 2, 4)

#568

***The Lord's Supper***  
Matt Kelley

I Walk With the King

#765

***Message***  
Bill McFarland

#492 (1, 2, 4)

***Prayer***  
Jon Ewing

#319 (1, 3)



**Commendable People**

Imagine it. Mark 11 and 12. It's the beginning of that last week for Jesus. The specter of the suffering that will interrupt it hangs over him. He asserts his right to enter the city as the king, to cleanse the temple as his house, and to judge the people's unfruitfulness. The demands upon him are stressful and constant. He deals with dishonest questions, hypocritical traps, and evil rejection. It would have been enough to turn anyone else off on people—ungrateful, insincere, uncaring people.

But not our Lord. In spite of the offenses around him, the burdens within him, and the agony ahead of him, Jesus not only found goodness in people, but even took the time to commend it. That is one thought provoking—astonishing, almost—things about these two chapters.

There was the scribe who, in the midst of the disputes raised by others, asked him which commandment is most important of all. When the Lord answered that none are greater than to love God and to love your neighbor, the fellow replied, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said..." The man was wise, honest, and humble. Jesus commended him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (12:32-34).

There was also the widow at the offering box. Many were putting in large sums, maybe with some show. She put in everything she had, but she was poor, and it wasn't much, and there was no attention. But Jesus was watching, and he called his disciples just to commend her. "This poor widow has put in more than all," he said, "everything she had, all she had to live on" (12:42-44).

People like these are not found just everywhere, but they're around. Part of being like the Lord we're following is to spot them, and to give them credit, and to not let life blind us to the goodness in people.

--Bill McFarland



Last offer for the books on the desk just inside the door of our library. Please take all you want. They will be discarded on May 12th.

## In Need of Our Prayers



**Marlene Matthews** still is having a hard time try to get nourishment through the IV. ~ **Makesha Davis** is home recuperating from her surgery. ~ **Julie Alexander** will be starting physical therapy in a couple of weeks. ~ **Leona Snider** is rehabbing at home and improving everyday ~ Ruth Lund's brother, **John Alspaugh**, has Parkinson's and is not doing very well. ~ **Carolyn Young** is in physical therapy and improving. ~ **Jacquelyn Raines** (Kim Maples grandmother) is not doing well. ~ **Wendy Williams** (Kerry Cole's cousin) has several upcoming doctor appointments concerning her cancer. ~ **Nancy Snider** is still having some health concerns.

### Continued prayers for health concerns:

Chris & Trish Andrews, Alice Daniels, John & Teresa Mahon, Ima Coleman (Sara Keener's friend), Bob & Leona Snider, Van & Barbara Barnes, Ruth Raines, Truman & Helen Coltrane, David High (Lucile High's son), Sandy Pingenot, Ron Bower, Betty Grabber, Izumi Loomis' mother, Beverly Hammond (Coyatte Ewing's mom), Ann Freeze (Jo Baggett's mom), Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Lindsey (Jon Davis' grandmother), Dorothy (David Grimm's mother), Linda (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), Sandie Shelby (Lucile High's niece), Dorthy Davis (Tom Davis' grandmother)

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 pm in person or via livestream (YouTube)

Bill's current series is titled:

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



The YFC families will meet in the Fellowship Room immediately following services on Sunday, May 2nd to discuss our word of the month, **WORRY** and make plans for the Youth Led Service based on that word at the end of the month.

### THIS WEEK ...

- ◆ Prayer time Sunday evening, May 2nd at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on May 6th at 10:30 am. Beverly McCormick will be teaching Chapter 7 of the book, "From Bethlehem To Golgotha," by Hillard Story.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9 am; **Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.

### 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



Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of the cards, calls, and words of comfort after the passing of Grandpa Pendergraft. We feel extremely blessed to be able to call you "family".

In Christian Love,

Jonathan & Laurel Pendergraft

## HAPPY HOLLOW

### WORK DAY

May 15th

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



Parents

Night Out

May 7th

## Youth Group News



**TONIGHT:** Youth Bible study at the Luna'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.

## Birthdays

- 5-02 Stephanie Schwartz
- 5-03 Jo Baggett
- 5-04 Byrle Hayter  
John Stayton
- 5-06 Jenny Carroll  
Tom Easterly  
Don Essex
- 5-07 Angela Brummet  
Nicole Conley  
Gregory Johnson  
Jessica Orum
- 5-08 Clinton Holden
- 5-10 Jared Duncan
- 5-13 Elizabeth Lilly
- 5-14 Jeremy Thurlkill
- 5-15 Barbara Barnes

## Anniversaries

- 5-07 James & Lori McCall ~ 33 years
- 5-07 Aaron & Brittany Morrison ~ 16 years
- 5-10 Jason & Lora Luna ~ 24 years
- 5-12 Jerry & Pay Milligan ~ 59 years
- 5-14 Cambre & Chelsea Thrasher ~ 10 years



May 16th Devotional @ 5:00  
Graduates' Reception to follow

## Our 2021 Graduates

Johnna Duncan--High School  
Colton Orum--High School  
Adam Barton--College  
Madison Davis--College  
Mercedes Luna--College  
Skyler Murphy--College