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## From the Pastor's Heart

### One Week to Live

What would you do if you knew you had only one week to live? Would you go away? Would you go home? Would you do some last minute sinning, or some last minute repenting? Would you be sad?-- Angry? --Hopeful?-- Afraid? --How would you spend these final hours?

*Jesus knew the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. (John 13:1)*

When Jesus had one week to live, he chose to wash his disciples' feet. He humbled himself and did the work of a common slave, ministering to those who were closest to him. He washed their feet. (John 13), he comforted them (John 14), he encouraged them (John 15, 16), prayed for them (John 17), and then he died for them. He spent the last week of his life fulfilling his purpose; he spent the last week of his life being a servant.

*...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)*  
You and me, we may have a week to live, or a week to inhabit planet earth or this week, and most probably hundreds more. I want to spend this week fulfilling my purpose, doing that which is most important in terms of eternity: serving Christ by serving others.

May God Enlarge His Territory,  
Pastor Steve

## Bible 101 Class

Pastor Steve will be leading a Bible 101 Class which is an eight week session that teaches the basics of our faith. The class will begin April 8th and meet each Sunday at 9:30 am. This class is for new and old believers. You will learn how to read and enjoy your Bible, learn how to pray, and how to know God's will for your life. You will also discover your spiritual gifts and how to use them in serving God and living life abundantly. There is no homework, all you will need to bring is your Bible. Don't have one? No problem, one will be provided. If you plan to attend, please sign-up in the narthex or call the church at 234-2928.

## Potluck with the Woods

As we have announced in past newsletters, Gary and Judy Woods will be retiring from the mission field in the fall. They will be in town and we are having a potluck dinner in their honor on Tuesday, April 24th at 6 pm. The drinks and table service will be provided. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.



Friday, March 30th at Noon

Combined Good Friday Service at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve bringing the message.

Sunday, April 1st

Sunrise Service at 7 am with Mike Brand

Continental Breakfast 7:45-8:15 am (*youth fundraiser*)

Traditional Worship at 8:30 am with Richard Eident

Continental Breakfast 9:30-10:15 am (*youth fundraiser*)

Contemporary Worship at 10:30 am with Pastor Steve

## Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday, April 7th at 7 am for breakfast, study and fellowship.

All Deaconesses are encouraged to attend a meeting on Tuesday, April 17th at 6pm in Campbell Hall.



Deaconesses

## Thank You Notes

☞ Thank you for the balloons and goodies, I appreciated them.  
*Christine Weaver*

☞ Thank you so much for the visit from the ladies of the church. Your kindness and prayers are very much appreciated.  
*Gary and Donna Maninfior*

☞ Thank you for allowing me to use the church's baptismal! What an amazing blessing it was to baptize 2 young children. They were so excited and they really appreciated that night. May you be richly blessed as we build the kingdom of God.  
*Mel Roberts*

☞ I wanted to let you know that my mother, Jeanne Siford, really appreciated the cookies and the balloon you left at her house recently. Thank you!  
*Terry Siford*

☞ Thank you for the meaningful gift and also to remind us how much God loves us and we love him too. I thought that gift came straight from heaven. I will treasure it and never forget to love Jesus and pray. We have a wonderful church with wonderful people. God bless you all.  
*Veronika Burks*



We are pleased to welcome Marco West into the family of God, he was baptized on March 25th.

## Church Life

**Friday, March 30** (office closed)

Noon Good Friday Service at the FUMC

**Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday**

7 am Sunrise Service

7:45—8:15 am Continental Breakfast

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30-10:15 am Continental Breakfast

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

No F/R Group

**Monday, April 2** (office closed)

No Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Worship Meeting

**Tuesday, April 3**

7 am Prayer Time

7 pm Bible 101 Class

**Wednesday, April 4**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

NO Mid-Week Program—Spring Break

6 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 5**

6 pm Praise Team Practice

**Saturday, April 7**

7 am Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, April 8**

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

5-7 pm F/R Youth Group Meeting

**Monday, April 9**

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees' Meeting

7 pm Board Meeting

**Tuesday, April 10**

7 am Prayer Time

7 pm Bible 101 Class

**Wednesday, April 11**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Practice

6 pm Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Program

**Thursday, April 12**

6 pm Praise Team Practice



Christine Weaver will celebrate her 90th Birthday **Happy Birthday!** on April 1st and her family is hosting a card shower for her. Cards can be sent to:

Odd Fellow Rebekah Home  
201 Lafayette Ave East Rm 160



## Dinner for Eight

Would you be interested in hosting a "Dinner for Eight?" Hostesses will provide the main dish and guests will bring side dishes. The event will be planned by the hostess—date, time, and theme. The purpose is to bring our church family together for fellowship. The feedback from last years' "Dinner for Eight" was that it was a blessing to everyone. If you are interested in being a hostess call the church office at 234-2928.

- 1 Fred Grissom, Jack Herren, Christine Weaver, Vicki Rauwolf
- 2 Ed Dowling
- 3 Pat Stuttle
- 5 Jan Little
- 7 Linda Janes
- 8 Jason Morgan
- 11 Kathy Newlin
- 12 Destyne Arthur, Denny Booker
- 15 Katrina Fine
- 22 Olivia Morgan
- 23 Lisa Ingram
- 26 Susie Wilson, Mary Roberts
- 28 Scott Hampton
- 29 Bud Miller



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- 3 John and Linda Janes
  - 20 Mark and Shelly Scott
  - 24 Ed and Shirley Davis
  - 26 Ron and Judy Hatfield
  - 30 Denny and Jan Booker



## Serving Communion

**Sunday, April 1**

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Dan Cunningham, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Gene Swearingen

**10:30 am**— Max Betty, Donica Brand, Dennis Goings, Jeff Maninfior

**Sunday, April 8**

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Gene Swearingen, Colin VanDeventer

**10:30 am** — Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Josh Recker



Building Fund balance:  
\$262,531.68

### Church Attendance

March 18th — Traditional: 98, Contemporary: 61 = 159

March 25th — Traditional: 113, Contemporary: 98 = 211