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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Morning Worship
 Kingdom Kids Worship
- 6:00 pm Children's Bible Drill &
 Sunday Night Kids
 Adult Choir
 Youth Meeting
- 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study
- 8:00 pm Committee Meetings

Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Drill
- 6:15 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:50 pm Preschool, Children &
 Youth Mission Groups
- 6:50 pm Adult Prayer and
 Inspiration
- 7:00 pm Adult Ministry Projects
 and Prayer Meeting
- 8:00 pm Committee Meetings



Rick's Write

Dear Church Family,

I have witnessed God doing many new things over the years. It is so very exciting to not only witness God doing a new work, but also being involved in it!

One thing, I believe that makes it so exciting is that you don't know what to expect. When we only allow God to work through the structure and programs and traditions that are already firmly in place we know exactly what to expect — and how to be involved, and how to respond. There is very little left for us to question. As a matter-of-fact, we end up relying on how WE know to do things, and have very little reason to rely on God!

When God is doing something new, and we are willing to let it be, we do not have all the answers. We are not sure what is going to happen. And, we have to seek God to even know what our part is. In other words, we are forced to rely on God, to trust him. And when we do that, God gets the glory.

That is so much more exciting than doing everything as we always have. In this scenario we do not even need God. We know the plans, we know the routine, we know who does what and when. We know when it will happen and how it will happen. If the truth is told, we don't even need God. "We've got this!"

I imagine this is why we are so hesitant to let God do something new in our lives, in our family's life, and in the life of the church. We know the old way. We know what is expected, and we know what to do. "It worked before. Surely it will work again!" (Unless God is somewhere busy doing a new thing!)

Don't miss out on the blessing of discovering where God is at work and joining him there! And when you join him, don't start telling him what to do. He already knows what to do — and what he wants you to do!

Love,

Rick

February Birthdays

2/02 Nohelia Escalona Delilah White	2/10 Gary Head Ann Owensby	2/25 Isaac Hannah 2/27 Kelly Nygren
2/03 Jimmy Walker Susanne West	2/11 LaLisa Carpenter Tonya Price	2/27 Melody O'Donoghue
2/05 Ronda Branch	Katie White	2/28 John Rayborn
2/06 Russ Branch Kay Hartman Janelle McSwain	2/14 Bailee Moorehead 2/17 Dennis Bumgardner	
2/07 Kathy Beam	Ronald Sisk	
2/08 Clyde Cook Kathleen Wilson	2/19 Ronell Owesby 2/20 Tina Carroll	
2/09 Amber Carpenter Ray Elliott	Janice Mathis 2/24 Josh Carpenter	

This
Month's
Birthdays



March Birthdays

3/03 Kenneth McMurry Bobby Tallent	3/09 Joseph Frisbee 3/10 Sandra Gossett	3/24 Crystal Grier 3/25 Max Frisbee Ben Wilson
3/04 Lillie Bridges Donna Silver	3/11 Zachary Thompson	3/26 Robert Mathis
3/05 Sarah Melton	3/12 Kaylee Melton Storm Smith	3/28 Angie Hannah Lisa Larsen
3/06 Beth Page David Parker Duane Toney	3/13 Alaina Milling 3/14 Haley Queen	3/29 Tobin Davis Gordon Langley Mary Pruett
3/07 Richard Bridges Hallee Butler Ray Cook Arnold Gibbs	3/15 Jair Escalona 3/16 Glenda Beaver Blanche Ruppe	Larry Wyatt
Mike Page Tia Page	3/17 Patricia Flynn 3/18 Jesse Stewart Jane Vogels	
3/08 Ian Cook	3/22 Ethan Martin	



February/March Nursery Schedule

02/04 Crystal Grier & Kathrine Carver	03/04 Susan & Emily Beraver
02/11 Derrell & Beth Ann	03/11 Chrissy Helton & Michelle Davis
02/18 Rick & Tammy Falls	03/18 Kim Swink & Haley Cook
02/25 Kylie Larsen & Susanne West	03/25 Barbara Bumgardner & Leslie

Polkville Baptist Church
Rock 'n' Rollers
 (Senior Adult Group)

*Our Feet are on the ROCK and
 our Names are on the ROLL!*

Lunch at the church on
February 13th at 12 noon.
 Everything is provided!

Food Pantry

We are restocking our food pantry.
 Pick up a few extra non-perishable
 items on your next shopping trip!

**Operation Christmas
 Child**

February collection items:

Toothbrush/holder, Combs, Brushes,
 hairbows

March collection items:

Socks, Underwear, T-shirts

Collecting throughout the year:

Medicine bottles (labels removed),
 Happy Meal Toys, Hotel Soaps, Note
 Pads

**CHANGE YOUR
 Clocks**

**Daylight-saving Time
 Begins**

Sunday March 11th

Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour!

W.I.N.G.S.

Women in Need Getting Strength

March Meeting:

Tuesday, March 13th

We will pack college care boxes.
 Please bring items to pack. Please
 see Chrissy Helton if you need ideas
 what to pack.

Note to Congregation:

Please provide addresses for college
 students, those away and at home,
 by March 4.

Looking Ahead to April

April 1

Resurrection Day!

April 7

**Fundraising Day for
 Lillie Bridges**

April 20

Secret Church

April 25-27

Orange Conference

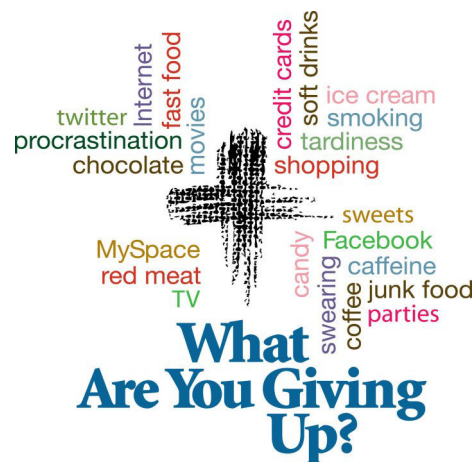
April 28

Operation In-as-Much



for North American Missions

Offering will be received throughout March and April



What is Lent?

Lent is a season of repentance
 leading up to Resurrection
 Sunday. Lent begins on Ash
 Wednesday and lasts 40 days, not
 counting Sundays. This year Lent
 begins on Wednesday, February 14.

Traditionally, during this season
 Christians "give up something," or
 "fast something." By giving up
 something we find cause to remem-
 ber the reason for our self-denial —
 confession, repentance, and conse-
 cration — in preparation for cele-
 brating Christ's death and resurrec-
 tion during Holy Week (Sunday,

March 25 though Sunday, April 1).

Many will add something beneficial
 to their spiritual lives along with
 giving up something, such as time
 of prayer, Bible study, daily acts of
 kindness, etc. In a sense, we **lay
 down** our lives and **take up** our
 cross!

This year, during the season of Lent,
 our pastor will lead a **Lenten devo-
 tion each Wednesday at 7 pm**
 for those attending prayer meeting.
 In addition, Sunday morning wor-
 ship services will each play a part in
 leading up to our most holy day,
 Resurrection Sunday, on April 1.



from the **YOUTH** minister

Waiting

They say that Patience is a virtue and we know that is for sure a fruit of the Spirit, therefore it is something for which we should all strive, right? We should be asking God this very second (no need to

wait!) for more patience, shouldn't we? I've always heard it said that when you pray for patience, God doesn't just zap you and suddenly you are more patient-wouldn't that be awesome?! Rather, when we pray for patience, God will give us opportunities to exhibit that patience and place people in our lives that might "test" our patience. I absolutely think that we should desire Patience and ask for God's help in that regard, but we must not be unaware of the task that goes before us in developing patience.

Waiting can be a difficult thing to do. Especially when the thing you are waiting for is important-whether it's because you are waiting to open gifts at Christmas or waiting to hear news from a doctor coming out of surgery, waiting is never easy. I think it is even more difficult when we are forced to wait because we live in a culture of immediacy-with fast food restaurants, microwave ovens, and high speed internet, we can have all that we "need" within minutes. There are very few people who actually enjoy waiting.

I imagine this is the same attitude that Peter's readers were dealing with when he wrote his second letter. In Chapter 3, Peter is speaking to them about Christ's return; you see, there are some people who have begun to comment on the fact that it has been so long since Jesus said that He would return. Peter reassures his readers saying, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9) Peter is letting them know that there is a reason for the waiting-it is not that God is trying to "test their patience", but rather God is demonstrating His love for everyone and His desire to see all be saved.

What a great comfort for all of us as we still look forward to Christ's return. What a marvelous God who loves us so much, that His desire is for all to be saved. So next time you find yourself waiting, remember that though we wait now, a time is coming when we will wait no more and finally see Jesus face to face.

In eager anticipation of the Revelation of our LORD,
David



February/March Calendar

Wednesday, February 7

FX-Family Experience

Sunday, February 11

Koinonia Fellowship, 6pm

Wednesday, February 14

Koinonia Fellowship, 6:50pm

Sunday, February 18

Koinonia Fellowship, 6pm

Wednesday, February 21

Koinonia Fellowship, 6:50pm

Sunday, February 25

UP Night @ Christ Covenant, meet at the church at 4:15

Wednesday, February 28

Koinonia Fellowship, 6:50pm

Sunday, March 4

Dinner in Shelby, meet at 5:45pm

Wednesday, March 7

Koinonia Fellowship, 6:50pm

Sunday, March 11

Koinonia Fellowship, 6pm

Wednesday, March 14

Koinonia Fellowship, 6:50pm

Sunday, March 18

Koinonia Fellowship, 6pm

Wednesday, March 21

Koinonia Fellowship, 6:50pm

Sunday, March 25

UP Night - More Details to come!



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Wednesday Impact at 6:50 pm

Life Apps for Preschoolers

February — *Sweet Shop:*

Jesus loves everyone

March — *Gone Fishin':*

I can follow Jesus

Life Apps for Elementary/Preteen

February — *Rewind:*

Kindness deserves a replay

March — *Jump Ball:*

Finding peace in the madness

FX (Family Experience)

February 7 @ 6:50

Great opportunity for family worship and fun!

Bible Drill/Speaker's

Tournament News

Church Drill

Sunday, March 18 — 6:00 pm

Be praying for all our Bible Drillers and their leaders as they make final preparations for the church drill and then the association and regional drills!