

## ATTENDANCE and OFFERINGS

	APR 6	APR 13	APR 20	APR 27
ATTENDANCE	170	164	200	156
Weekly Budget NEEDS:				
	\$8,593.65			
BUDGET RECEIVED:	\$ 16,572.60	\$ 10,461.00	\$ 5,055.00	\$ 5,276.00
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS:				
Building	\$ 1,750.25	\$ 565.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 725.00
Nadine Hicks	\$ 30.00			
Kindergarten/Day Care	\$ 141.00			
Annie Armstrong	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 597.00	\$ 3,812.00	\$ 1,310.15
Lottie Moon	\$ 10.00			
Benevolence	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
General Missions	\$ 0.25	\$	\$ 290.00	

In Memory of JD Alexander by Myrtle Fant, Gene & Faye Scruggs,  
Ken & Rovene Epperson, Rod Gray, Ann Smith

In Memory of Barbara Prince by Harold & Anne Batie, Nancy Conner,  
Barbara Mann, Gene & Faye Scruggs, Armstrong's, Dink & Charlotte Cosby,  
David & Faye Hindsman, Billy Jack & Glenda Gray.

Anonymously Given to Annie Armstrong in honor of all those who have  
a heart for missions.

### THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

We want to say "Thanks" to our church family for the love and concern shown me during my recovery from surgery. Thank you for all the beautiful cards with words of encouragement, and for the visits, the phone calls, the food and most of all your prayers. Don't think I could have made it without all of you & those prayers. **GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME!**  
—Ken and Rovene Epperson

We thank you so much for the cards, visits, phone calls and prayers, and the meal provided on the day of Barbara's service! We are truly blessed to have a church family so loving and caring.  
—Wayne Prince & Family

Thank you so much for all of the prayers and support, and acts of kindness toward our family during the past few months during the hospitalization of both Jett and Jaxon Ponder, and in the passing of JD (Spud) Alexander. We are grateful for all of you.  
—Tim and Lisa Ball

## SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

9:30 AM.....DEACON'S PRAYER TIME, PASTOR'S STUDY  
9:45 AM.....SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:50 AM.....MORNING WORSHIP  
5:30 PM.....DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING  
6:30 PM.....EVENING WORSHIP

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

6:30 PM.....ADULT WORSHIP SERVICE  
6:30 PM.....RA's, GA's, AND MISSION FRIENDS  
7:30 PM.....ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL



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The Power of Forgiveness

The most powerful thing one person can say is, "I was wrong, will you forgive me." One of the most healing things a person can do is to forgive a wrong. "I Forgive you" are impact-filled words. They overcome fear and worry, they set aside hurts and they are liberating in their effect.

Did you know that we are built to forgive? We are; but over time, we become cynical and jaded toward forgiveness. We even become bitter toward the one(s) who have hurt us and we refuse to forgive. Usually, its because we have been hurt by the same person or people repeatedly. Peter asked the Lord one day, "how many times should I forgive someone who has trespassed against me; seven times?" The Lord's reply was, "until seventy times seven. . ." As incredible as that may seem, God expects us to forgive like he forgives. Matthew 6:14-15 <sup>14</sup>"For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."

Forgiveness is not ignorance of what has happened to us, rather it is an intentional decision to not bring a wrong back up. When the Lord promises to "cast our iniquities into the sea . . ." Micah 7:18-19 or to remove our sins from us "as far as the east is from the west . . ." Ps. 103:11, he is offering to us a pattern that Jesus will personify. Forgiveness is bound up in the heart and nature of God. He makes an intentional decision to overlook our wrongs toward him, when we admit that we have been wrong, that we have sinned against him and we deliberately turn from the wrong to follow after him. Even if it takes us four hundred ninety times to get it right, he will forgive us every time and we should forgive others as well. We should all become expert at forgiving, it is a life long discipline that honors God.

Here are ten reasons that forgiveness is not only necessary but good for you:

1. Forgiveness goes against our human nature
2. Unforgiveness keeps us locked in the pain someone else caused
3. Unforgiveness is passed from generation to generation
4. Unforgiveness tends to lead to revenge
5. Forgiveness is beyond fairness
6. Forgiveness does not minimize the offense
7. Forgiveness requires time and maturity
8. Forgiveness does not absolve the offender of the consequence of his offense
9. Forgiveness speaks to the longing of every human heart
10. Learning to bless those who offend you and overlook the hurt means you are moving in the right direction

God bless you as you learn to practice forgiveness.

Bro. Keith

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**MAY 2014  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**USHERS FOR MAY**  
*Harold Hall*  
*Keith Long*  
*Aaron Benefield*  
*Mark Yancy*  
*Ben Lakcey*

**TELLERS FOR MAY**  
*Robert Kile*  
*Cathy Hicks*  
*Debbie Nabors*  
*Aaron Benefield*

**MAY HOSTESSES**  
*Nalda Childs*  
*Lillian Owens*

**SUNDAY DEACONS of the WEEK**

**5/4** *Tommy Gibson* (256-390-7093), *Keith Long* (256-492-8818)  
**5/11** *Skip Hardenstine* (256-438-4387), *Melvin Fant* (492-6526)  
**5/18** *Joe Childs* (256-613-0331), *David Webster* (205-533-1967)  
**5/25** *Oscar Bryant* (256-390-2560), *Daniel Henson* (256-399-1099)

**NURSERY WORKERS**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS:**

**5/4** *Penny Tolbert, Judy Fant, Daryl & Megan Henson*  
**5/11** *Kim Gibbs, Charlotte Cosby, Nalda Childs, Linda Laughlin*  
**5/18** *Casey Lackey, Stacey Yates, Madison Cole, Audrey Fort*  
**5/25** *Alan and Beverly Neal, Staci & Daniel Henson*

**SUNDAY NIGHTS:** *David & Beth Webster*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:**

**5/7** *Linda Laughlin*  
**5/14** *Staci Henson*  
**5/21** *Bonita Gomez*  
**5/28** *Jill King*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS**

**5/4** *Sherry Eubanks, Melanie Ford*  
**5/11** *Joe Zahorscak & Cami*  
**5/18** *Donna Ingram, Jeremy & Jill King*  
**5/25** *Daniel & Staci Henson*

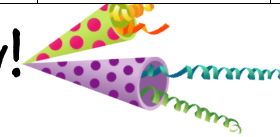
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**THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Thank you to our church family: A special thanks to Bro. Keith, Barry and each of you that visited, brought food, sent cards, and prayed for us during Glenda's recent surgery. Please keep us in your prayers as she continues to recuperate.

All our love,  
 Billy Jack and Glenda Gray

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 2014</b>						
				1	2	3
4 Bridal Shower Melissa Lorenz 2:00-4:00	5	6	7 Bake Sale Orders Due	8	9	10 Cake Pick-Up 10:00 AM-Noon
11 No Evening Services	12	13	14	15 Senior Adults Catfish Cabin Leave at 10:15 AM	16	17
18 6:00 PM Pinterest Fellowship	19	20	21	22 EBA West Virginia Team Meeting 6:00 PM	23	24
25 Business Meeting PM	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

**Blessings on Your Birthday!**



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|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1... Alexis Benefield<br>Randa Harris<br>Moe Smith                              | 5... Mitchell Upton<br>Jann Yates   | 12... Tammy Gray<br>Ginger McNair<br>James Penney                   | 17... Collin Gray<br>Kim Ward  | 27... Joseph Jackson<br>Emily LeCroy  |
| 2... Gary Carroll<br>Morgan Talbot<br>Aubrey Tolbert<br>Peggy Yancey            | 6... Laura Elliott<br>Mallory McGinnis                                      | 13... Jake Cranford   | 18... Frances Smith<br>Ginger Watkins  | John David Stonecypher<br>Marie Whitaker  |
| 3... Jeff Napper  | 7... Carrie Brown   | 14... Dan Suddeth<br>Stephanie Thompson<br>Sally Tinker             | 20... Robert Baker   | 28... Audrey Daves<br>Joseph Kirby<br>Kathy Sims  |
| 4... JoAnn Fort<br>Dustin Fuller<br>Kristy Miller<br>Misty Sieber<br>Linda Tuck | 8... Allen Gore<br>Tiffany Chapman Lee<br>Phillip Thompson<br>Randa Tolbert | 15... Hunter Gibbs<br>Pamela Griffith<br>Dustin Quinn<br>Robin Usry | 21... Barry Benefield<br>Joe Zahorscak   | 30... Amanda Franklin<br>Laurel Hale<br>Shirley Hardenstine<br>Sheree Henson<br>Stan Langston<br>Kris Lusk<br>Jack Sims |
|   | 9... Daniel Cook<br>Luellyn Lassiter<br>Joe Nabors                          | 16... Marcus Harris   | 23... Patty Lowe   | 31... Karen Hall<br>Harvey Ingram   |
|   | 11... Luke Long<br>Joshua Parrish<br>Dawn Wagnon                            |   | 24... Emily Eubanks<br>Dianne McGinnis   |   |
|   |   |   | 25... Owen Beason<br>Kerri Leach   |   |
|   |   |   | 26... Taylor Batie<br>Staci Clayton<br>Tim Hardy<br>Janice Lee<br>Emily Vaughn |   |