

40 Days of Prayer

Our prayer booklets will be available to pick up this Sunday. We will officially begin this time to **Seek God for our City** and world on Wednesday, March 6. Jesus invites us to ask, seek, and knock. Let us obey the Lord together.

Choir Schedule

Choir members please mark your calendars for the following dates: Practice from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27, and April 3. Choir will sing in the worship services on April 7, 14, and 21. Thanks to Jerrey Baker for volunteering to guide the choir through this spring season.



Thank You

This note from Judy was lost in route to FBC. We apologize for the delay.

Thanks to the wonderful friends at FBC for the super Christmas gifts. They are all useful and some are tasty. Blessings to all of you. Love, Judy Bierie

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your beautiful cards, kind words and prayers during the loss of my sister. Your thoughts are greatly appreciated.

Blessings, Dick Crispen family



Status Updates

Judy Bierie – Judy's health recently declined sharply and she was hospitalized. But after treatments, Judy is now stable and out of the hospital.

Larry Gilly – Larry is living at Markle Health and Rehabilitation. He has had some seizures, which are now controlled with medication. Larry enjoys the music at their worship services, and when someone provides a special concert.

Ed Goetz - Ed is doing well, finding it comfortable to stay at home this winter. However, he misses the fellowship.

Clyde Shady – Clyde communicates effectively, thinks clearly, and has been walking routinely with assistance. He has been doing arm exercises and strives to shake hands with that affected right hand. Clyde is in good spirits and is eating well.



Biblical Relationship Principles

Love

Love is a core principal of Christianity. God is the perfect representation of love. The LORD gave His only Son for us. God's kind of love is sacrificial and self-giving. True love is about putting the other person's needs before our own. We show Christ's love to each other by making sacrifices for each other. It's a hard but valuable choice to put one another above ourselves.

Forgiveness

Being able to forgive someone is an important part of our faith. Christ died on the cross so our sins could be forgiven. While on the cross our Savior asked the Father to forgive His persecutors. When we believe in Jesus, we receive the divine capacity to forgive. Because God has forgiven us, we too should forgive others. Forgiveness is only possible with the LORD's help.

Faithfulness

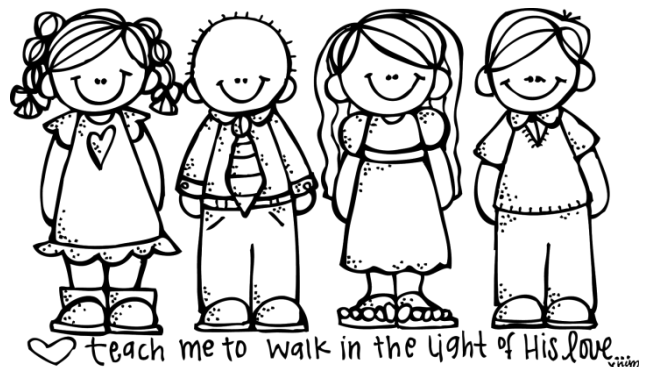
When we accept Christ, the Holy Spirit begins to work in us to produce qualities like faithfulness (Galatians 5:22). To be faithful means to be reliable, unwavering, and steadfast. God always keeps all promises and fulfills all commitments. Anyone can hang in there when things are going well. Faithfulness calls us to keep going in the face of relational heartaches or hardships.

Grace

God knows us perfectly and still gives us tons of grace or unmerited kindness. It takes effort to give someone grace, while seeking to understand their perspective. We can all get pretty selfish when our egos get in the way. A commitment to grace helps us to assume the best about those we love. Even when people fail or offend us, grace allows us to forgive and forget their offenses.

Make It a Great Week!

Les





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February 2019

Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service