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You Are
Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

1st Morn. Worship.....8 a.m.
Sunday School9 a.m.
2nd Morn. Worship10 a.m.
Wed. nights.....6-7:30p.m.

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March

- Wednesday, March 1st -6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Night
- Saturday, March 4th -7:00 am - 4:00p.m. Kid Conference in Washington IL for K-5th grades
- Sunday March 5th -2:00 -4:00p.m. Good Friday Practice
-5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, March 8th -6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Night
- Sunday March 12th -2:00 -4:00p.m. Good Friday Practice
-6:00 p.m. Board meeting
- Tuesday, March 14th -6:30 p.m. Man Up at Tom Steven's House
- Wednesday, March 15th -6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Night
- Thursday, March 16th -6:30 p.m. Soul Sisters' meeting
- Sunday March 19th -2:00 -4:00p.m. Good Friday Practice
- Monday, March 20th -6:00 p.m. Camp Fellowship at Central Christian Church in Browning IL
- Wednesday, March 22nd -6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Night
- Sunday March 26th -2:00 -4:00p.m. Good Friday Practice
- Wednesday, March 29th -6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Night

Dates and times are subject to change. Please check your weekly bulletin for updates.



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10: 24-25

What did the beaver say to the tree?

It's been nice gnawing (knowing) you! Just this past week, someone was showing me pictures of beavers that he and others have trapped. In looking at these images, it's safe to say that I won't be trying to keep a beaver for a pet! They're large and somewhat mangy animals. Anyway, it got me thinking about how we view beavers. And the phrase that came to mind was 'busy little beaver', which got me thinking about where we get that phrase. Though I don't know for certain, I assume it has something to do with their tenacious gnawing habits. Did you know beavers gnaw for good reason? Apparently, beaver's teeth constantly grow. And their continuous gnawing wears down their teeth to a manageable level. If they didn't gnaw, their teeth would grow so large that they'd have trouble eating. So, beavers are busy for good reason.

But what about us? I know all of us are busy with schedules full of meeting and events and family functions. Most of our busyness isn't bad, but often in our busyness things come into conflict. We have to choose between two important things in our life. Adding kids and their schedules only amplifies the struggle. But what do we end up choosing when we have that conflict? What often gets pushed to the side?

I know for me, when I was working 6 days a week delivering mail, I had a difficult time some Sundays getting motivated to go to church. Just to be honest, it felt like Sundays were my only day to sleep in and rest a little and going to church wasn't always an easy decision. But I also knew that if I missed Sunday

services, I missed out on community and opportunities to grow and be encouraged. The verses in Hebrews 10.24-25 really made sense to me, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (ESV) We truly need to be together, especially when it comes to building one another up and caring for each other. I understand all of the busyness and the scheduling stuff and I know it's hard – and I certainly don't expect everyone to be at everything the church does – but the more we're together, the more we can share our lives, the more we build our community and our souls.

If you haven't been to our Sunday services for a while, starting March 12th, we'll be doing a unique Easter series called 'AHA', which is a 40 day journey helping us lift each other up well. See you there!

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Good Friday

Good Friday is coming up in just a few weeks and practices have begun for the annual Good Friday production. If anyone is interested in being in this program, from a major speaking role to a member of the crowd, please let Matthew know. Practices are Sundays from 2-4pm. at church.

Movie Night

Saturday, March 18th, Princess Theaters in Rushville is playing Beauty and the Beast. The church is carpooling down at 6:00pm for a fun family event together. Cost for the movie is \$5.

Youth Move Conference

We are going back to MOVE this summer. All high school students (current 8th through 12th grade) are encouraged to join us in Holland, MI for the week of June 26th to July 1st. The cost is \$50 per student, so see Matt for permission slips and more information. Deposits are due by March 29th.

AHA

We are starting a unique sermon series on March 12th to prepare us for Easter. It's called AHA and is a great time to invite others. There are also '40 Days to Lasting Change' devotional books that go perfectly with this series. If you're interested, you can find them online or let Matthew know. They are \$13.00 for hard copies, but only \$1.99 on the Kindle.

High School Game Night

We will be having a game night for 9th - 12th grade students on Friday, March 24th, 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. Please bring a 2 lt. soda or a snack to share. Hope to see you there!

Prayer list (2/26/2017)

Olivia Anaganostopolus - cancer treatment
Donald Anderson - cancer treatment(10-16)
Doris Baker – Alzheimer's
Joyce Belville's niece, JoAnn, cancer (10-16)
Leroy Bollinger - surgery Chicago (2-19)
Betty Bucher - congestive heart failure, hospice (11-16)
Jerry Carlock - waiting on hip surgery (2-26)
Richard Chockley - bladder cancer surgery & complications (12-16)
Hurley Crossman biopsy kidney tumor(12-15)
Justin Cozad - battling cancer

Jack Danner - hospice (12-16)
Ashley Davis- pregnancy risk due April 4th, Pat B.s granddaughter (2-19)
Brenda Fawcett - surgery this week, waiting results (2-26)
Linda Goodin - broken spine (1-1)
Sharon Griffith - heart, breathing problems
Chris Jones - tumor, surgery scheduled for March 30th (2-26)
Todd Hamm cancer surgery, treatments (2-5)
Rosemary Hickie - pacemaker (1-1)
Mike Hoffman - heart surgery recovery (2-5)
Lenard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)
Rachel Koenig - pregnancy (10-16)
Lloyd McCombs - fell (12-16)
Verna McCormick (9-16)
Bobby Mummert - health issues (12-16)
Bob Mummert - continued recovery, doing well (2-26)
Gerald Nelson bone cancer, chemo (1-1)
Denise & Kevin Owsley - health issues and loss of her father
Karen Sager - radiation (1-17)
Tammy Smith white blood count issues and surgery (2-5)
Linda Snyder - radiation (2-12)
Judy Wilson - needs kidney transplant
Condolences for the month of February:
The families of: Melba Burget, Victor Danner, Holly Hale, Bobby Vaughn, Ruby Weishaar, and Helen Bradford

Attendance/Offering February

Date	1 st	S.S.	2 nd	Offering	Needed
5	20	29	50	\$1,616.00	\$1,636.41
12	16	38	55	\$1,472.00	\$1,636.41
19	20	32	73	\$1,359.00	\$1,636.41
26	19	27	50	\$1,336.00	\$1,636.41
Toals	75	126	228	\$5,783.00	\$6,545.64
Averages	18	31	57		