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You Are Welcome At  
Our Services!

## Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

## Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

## March Events:

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| Wed, Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 6:00 p.m. Family Night                 |
| Thur, Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 p.m. Camp Kickoff Meeting         |
| Thur, Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 p.m. Backpack filling             |
| Sun, Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting                |
| Tues, Mar 12 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30 p.m. Man Up                       |
| Wed, Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 p.m. Family Night                 |
| Sun, Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 4:30 p.m. Youth Committee              |
| Mon, Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 p.m. Camp Fellowship:<br>Browning |
| Wed, Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 p.m. Family Night                 |
| Thur, Mar 21 <sup>st</sup> | 4:30 p.m. VBS Meeting                  |
| Wed, Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 p.m. Family Night                 |
| Sun, Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>  | 9:00 a.m. Youth Offering Sunday        |



*I don't usually watch the Oscars* but this past week I sat down to watch the first couple hours of the award show. And it was funny at times and a little emotional, but overall it wasn't all that spectacular. And there wasn't anything wrong with it by any means, and if you enjoyed it, I'm glad you did. However, throughout a fairly uneventful show, there were few highlights for me. And really there was one key phrase in one acceptance speech that stuck out to me.

It was, poetically as you'll see, the speech given by Regina King who won for Best Supporting Actress. And I don't know much about Ms. King other than her appearance in multiple TV shows and movies throughout the years. But she must have some sense of faith based upon her comments at the acceptance speech. And though I appreciate that she thanked God and closed her speech with 'God is good, all the time', what really stuck out to me was an almost passing phrase she used. She said, "It's appropriate for me to be standing here because *I'm an example of what it looks like when support and love is poured into someone.* Mom...I love you so much."

And that's so true of many of us. Without someone behind us, supporting and pouring love into us, we wouldn't be where we are today. Maybe a mom or dad. Maybe a grandparent. Maybe a spouse or a sibling. And I often wonder if there are others in our world who struggle and are down only because they don't feel any support or love for what they're doing or even really who they are.

And I know, personally, that to get through the tough times, the long nights, the lonely hours can only be done well when I have that solid support. That rock-solid foundation. That person or persons who I know will back me up no matter what others might say or do.

And I know that I couldn't do my job without it. And I'm so thankful for those in my life who regularly and consistently provide that for me. And I pray that I do even a fraction for them of what they do for me.

But really, that's what the church is about, isn't it? God didn't put us together only that we could meet together on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights and do stuff together. Serve together. Minister together. Even worship God together. Those are all good and necessary things, but even more, I think the way we support and encourage one another is essential. I can serve alone. I can minister by myself. I can worship and praise Jesus solo. But I can't encourage myself. I can't lift myself up when I've fallen down. I need you. I need you to thank me even when my sermon was awful. I need you to pat me on the back even when I say the wrong thing. I need you to tell me it'll be alright when I'm a nervous wreck. And YOU need it too. Hopefully you hear it from me, but if not, you need to hear it from someone. That's not to say we aren't honest and direct with each other when we mess up, but we can still support each other in those times. And I appreciate when people tell me when I've messed up.

But I pray, continually, that we are a church that supports and pours love into one another. That we encourage and uplift even when we don't agree or even when we dislike each other. That we are patient, humble and generous in how we treat each other. Because that, to me, is what the church is all about.

Serving Him and you,  
Matthew

### *LaMoine Camp Registration*

We will be sending home information for camp at LaMoine Christian Camp in a month or so, but if you're interested in signing up early, you can do so at their website [app.campdoc.com/!/home/auth/login?r=lamoine](http://app.campdoc.com/!/home/auth/login?r=lamoine). In order to only pay your half of the fee now and have the church pay the other half, you'll need to use the code **ASTCC1950**. Please contact the church office with questions.

### *Prayer Meeting*

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Oak Ridge Café at 7:00pm** we will be having a community prayer meeting where we will spend time in prayer for the needs in this community and around the world. This is open to everyone.

### *Community Choir*

The churches in this community are coming together to form a choir that will perform on Good Friday (April 19th) at the school. This is open to anyone, even if you can't sing, to participate. We will meet most Sundays from now until then, with additional practices as it draws closer. Please watch the bulletin, Facebook or contact the church for locations and times of practice.

### *February Financials*

	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
Feb 3rd	\$ 1,787.27	\$ 5,658.49	\$6,656.45
Feb 10th	\$ 820.35	\$ 6,478.84	\$7,987.74
Feb 17th	\$ 891.00	\$ 7,369.84	\$9,319.03
Feb 24th	\$ 1,414.63	\$ 8,784.47	\$10,650.32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,913.25</b>		

### *Prayer List*

- Tina Althiser (Judy B's friend) – cancer treatments
- Tammy Bowan – blood pressure issues
- Cory Chockley – health issues and job
- Shelly Claxton (Pam K's friend) – cancer spreading
- Nathaniel Griffin – mouth surgery in March
- Todd Hamm - cancer treatments
- Amanda Hammond – digestive issues
- Miranda Hoppock – cancer treatments
- Gary Hulett – check up at Mayo Clinic
- Shawna Jackson – kidney decisions
- Leonard Kaufman - cancer
- Margarent/Anthony Klinebough – house fire
- Garry Myers (Dusti H's coworker's dad) – late stage cancer
- Tytus Rennert – recovering from knee surgery
- Brandi Rudd – cancer treatments
- Ben Sherrod – Osgood-Schlatter disease
- Eugenia Striker – leg pain
- Marissa – cancer (Letha Stambaugh's friend)
- Hailey (14 y/o friend of Carlocks) – cancer
- Mary Belville's friend – cancer
- Mary (Pam K's aunt) – cancer
- Joe Stambaugh's mom – fall & recovery

#### **Praises**

- Steve Derry – home, doing better
- Birth of Baby Dayle Klinebough

#### **Condolences**

- Family of Jeffrey Batterton
- Family of John Lindsey