

APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Terry Trimble, Captain Tom Thompson

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Gerald Deskins..... .04/06- 04/12
- Wilma Deskins04/13- 04/19
- Thelmer McClanahan 04/20- 04/26
- Randy Roberts 04/27- 05/03

DEACONS

- Josh VanHoose • Robin Wells
- Steve Huffman • Barb Adams

GREETERS

- Josh & April VanHoose 04/06
- Barb Adams & Carli Deskins 04/13

Please contact a replacement if you are unable to serve. If you know of someone needing home communion, contact the appropriate Elder of

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

MARCH	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday School	28	0	25	37	13
Worship Total	112	72	82	144	72

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

UNBUDGETED OUTREACH	\$2,889.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	725.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	203.00
GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of March 23	\$ 51,570.55
Received as of March 23	\$ 50,988.00

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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PASTOR'S NOTES

One of the freshest and most insightful contemporary writers I know of is Donald Miller. Please give careful attention to these words from his book, Searching for God Knows What: "Do you know the easiest part of the gospel of Jesus for me to believe? The part that says 'the wages of sin is death.' I take that to mean that when Adam and Eve sinned...from that point on Adam and Eve began to die, not only physically, but in their souls, too, because they were separated from God. It makes sense that if a plant is separated from the sun, it dies, and that if people are separated from God, they die. And so now it feels as if we live on a planet where there is just a little bit of water left, poisoned as it is, and we all are trying to get it and drink it so we can stay alive. But what we really need is God. What we really need is somebody who loves us so much we don't worry about death, about our hair thinning, about other drivers pulling in front of us on the road, about whether people are poor or rich, good-looking or ugly, or about whether we feel lonely or about whether or not we are wearing clothes. We need this; we need this so we can love other people purely and not for selfish gain, we need this so we can see everybody as equals, we need this so our relationships can be sincere, we need this so we can stop kicking ourselves around, we need this so we can lose all self-awareness and find ourselves for the first time, not by realizing some dream, but by being told who we are by the only Being who has the authority to know, by that I mean the Creator." Thankfully, what Miller says we need we have. We all have a God who calls every single one of us His "beloved." You have probably heard all your life that "God loves you;" I encourage you in the days to come to think long and hard about what that really means...

Dr. Chuck Summers

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED!

In the weeks to come we are going to “experiment” with using “worship leaders” on Sunday mornings. Since this is something new to our church let me explain what it is and why we’re doing it. First the **WHAT**. We will be asking for volunteers to help lead worship each week. Those who agree to do so will simply *offer the invocation and lead the congregation in saying the Lord’s Prayer*. The invocation can be written ahead of time or prayed spontaneously. Now for the **WHY**. In the Disciples tradition the distinction between clergy and laity is minimized. In some of our churches, however, the clergy is the primary leader in worship. This is not healthy. Having worship leaders allows for more people to taken an active role in worship. This is healthy! Having worship leaders will also permit us to include members who are not currently serving as elders or deacons. It will likewise allow for us to use youth occasionally. It will help us take more seriously the vital doctrine of the priesthood of the believer and our affirmation that all members of the church are ministers. Hopefully having worship leaders will also help participants develop leadership skills that will benefit our church in other areas as well. So much for the what and why. Now for the **WHO**. Who will service as worship leaders? Whoever is willing. Are you? Please see Chuck or contact the church office if you would be willing to help your church move forward in this area. Your participation will be greatly appreciated and will help make our worship much more meaningful.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A big word of THANKS goes out to everyone who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebration so special this year. Gratitude is extended to all who helped prepare the meal for the Tuesday Holy Week service. You did an incredible job! Our appreciation goes out,

likewise, to all our musicians—young and old alike. The music for our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter services was fantastic! Thanks also goes to the Worship Team for helping to coordinate all of this.

YOUTH TO BEGIN MEETING SUNDAY NIGHTS



Jason Potter, our new youth director, has announced that the youth will begin meeting on **Sunday nights at 6:00** in the sanctuary for a special youth worship service. All of our youth, **grades 6 through 12**, are encouraged to come be a part of this new adventure. They are also encouraged to invite many of their friends to join them. On **Sunday, April 6**, the youth will be going to the Expo Center to hear contemporary christian artist, **Newsboys**. Students are to be at the church **by 5:15 PM** to ride the bus to the Expo Center. If you need more information about youth activities give Jason a call at **639-0209**.



NEWS AND NOTES

Even though it is just the beginning of April we are starting to get ready for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held this year **June 8th through 12th**. Our Children’s Director, **Laura Kegan**, will be coordinating things for us. Enclosed with this newsletter is a volunteer sheet for all those willing to help out this year. Please fill this form out and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

The senior adults will have their first monthly meeting **Tuesday, April 29**, at noon in the fellowship hall. This will be a potluck luncheon. The church will provide the meat, rolls and beverages. Our seniors are asked to bring a vegetable dish and dessert. **Chuck** will be doing a program called “*North to Alaska*” as part of the gathering. Please call the church office by noon on Monday, April 28, to make reservations.

Sunday, April 27, Casey Lequire will be our guest speaker. Casey is the area representative for the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**. Casey is doing an outstanding job working with the schools in our community. You will no doubt be blessed by the message he shares with us on the 27th.

Our church will be doing **Meals on Wheels** the week of April 14—18. Anyone interested in helping, please sign the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or contact **Dana Batten**.