



Mark's Mark...

The Unseen Hand of God

In John 11 we read of the sickness and death of Lazarus. Jesus had been told well in advance of the serious illness of his friend. But instead of coming immediately to heal him, Jesus waited several days before he came to visit. Our Savior knew well in advance that Lazarus would soon die. When he finally arrived in Bethany, the first thing Martha said was, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" John 11:21. A few minutes later Mary told Jesus as well, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died" John 11:32. Filled with emotion, Jesus wept with his friends and then raised Lazarus from the dead. Why did Jesus not heal his friend Lazarus before he died? Jesus said, "This is done for the glory of God, that the Son of Man may be glorified through it" John 11:4.

Do you ever have times where you wish you could stand in God's place and do his job? If I could be in his place for only an hour, I would heal so many from their diseases, change so many financial situations, and fix so many of the problems that plague my friends and loved ones. But God in his wisdom knows more than I do and accomplishes more than I understand. He operates with an unseen hand to bring glory to himself and faith to our hearts. God is in control and will bring glory to himself through the moving of the Ages.

My task is to be a person of faith. While I may like Mary and Martha remind God, "If you had been here, then _____ would not have happened," my job is to cling to the Lord until he brings about the end that he intends. Doing this requires a huge amount of faith, a good deal of patience and a healthy dose of humility. When I made my commitment to my Savior through baptism, I showed by my actions that I trusted God to keep his promises. Through the years my faith has grown as God has worked in my life and the life of others to bring glory to the Lord's cause. The Bible reminds us "all things work together for good..." Romans 8:28. And while I don't always see it from my perspective, I know there's an all-knowing hand moving the tide of history.

Our Vision: *Striving to be the Hands of Jesus*

Our Values: *Worship, Spiritual Growth, Edification, Christian Living, Outreach, Benevolence*

PRAYERS

Regarding the Sick

Regina Hines is home after having back surgery in Nashville last week.

Ashley Lyles had a consultation with her doctors on Thursday January 7th.

Kevin Farley will have surgery January 12th, at 7:30 at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

Sandra Johnson will be having surgery on her Carotid Artery January 13th at Baptist Health.

Fred Miller will be having back surgery January 21st.

Continue to remember: **Gerald, Dorothy & Sandy Bean, Glen Burse, Shella Mae Collins, Sue Cope, Wilma Darnell, Sharla Henson, April Jones, Flo Jones, Gerald Jones, David Knight, Cindy Lowe, Sylvia McCarty, Rowena Northcott, Tom Reeves, Florence Robertson, Marion Rose, Joelette Ross, Pam Ross, and Betty Stevenson.**

Elders

Doug Lyles	703-9971
Sonny Rommelman	527-8956
Lonnie Woodruff	703-8161
Bob York	354-6891

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Travis Terrell 270-703-1332
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DEACONS

Scott Chambers	906-5944
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Widows

Karon Crocker	527-7534
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Office

Kevin Farley	527-2409
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Worship Assignments

Chris Gunn	703-6112
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Middle & High School

Randy Jackson	493-0220
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Widows

Jason Jones	703-0751
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Kids First

Jeff Jones	527-3017
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Children's Education

Jim Kelley	703-1897
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Benevolent

Brent Lents	205-7566
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Visitors, Welcome & Follow-up

Aaron Lyles	559-4207
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5th Grade and Under

Adam Lyles	252-5525
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5th Grade and Under

Jared Morgan	577-8276
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Foreign Mission

Jason Perry	906-5354
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Prison Ministry

Luke Phillips	703-7681
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5th Grade and Under

Scott Phillips	703-2227
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Technology

Gerald Rainey	703-0465
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Outside Grounds

Matt Ross	527-8705
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Worship

Byron Rudd	527-1533
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Sound

Phillip Rudd	527-3682
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WITB Radio

Jerry Sells	527-1477
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Library & Christian Scholarship

Paul Thurman	527-3773
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Cemetery & Church Finance

Dennis Tucker	527-3948
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Kitchen Supplies & Furniture

Don Walker	205-2096
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Special Events

Cory Westerfield	437-3872
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After School

NEWS

The next food pantry night will be Monday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. and our Wednesday night potlucks for the month of January are January 13th and 27th. We would love to have more church members involved with these events.

Luke Janiec and Zach Martin will be going on a Mission trip to Guyana, South America this coming summer. In order to raise funds for this trip, the men would greatly appreciate helping with any odd jobs or yard work. Please contact Luke or Zack if you are interested in helping out.

Our annual corporation meeting will be conducted at the conclusion of our worship service on Sunday morning, Jan. 17, 2016.

We are going to be printing new directories but before we do, we would like our members to double check the information on file so that we print off and give out the correct information. There are three copies printed and placed on the table under the bulletin board in the foyer. If any information is incorrect please correct it on the booklet or write it down and place it in the secretary's folder in the office.

On the Calendar

Sunday, January 10:

9:00 Morning Worship
 10:15 Bible Class
 5:00 Evening Worship

Wednesday, January 13:

5:30 Potluck
 6:30 Mid-Week Services

Birthdays

January 12 Joe W. Mathis
 January 13 Sharon Kelley
 Cathy Thompson
 January 14 Travis Terrell
 January 16 Brad Miller
 Jenna Poague

Care Crew - Jan. 11th

Toiletries & Canned Soup

Please remember your pledge!

Bible Classes

Sunday 10:00

Aud Gospel of John Mark Ray
Rm 51 Modern Parenting Doug Lyles
Rm 52 Colossians Bob York
Rm 35 New Converts Sonny Rommelman

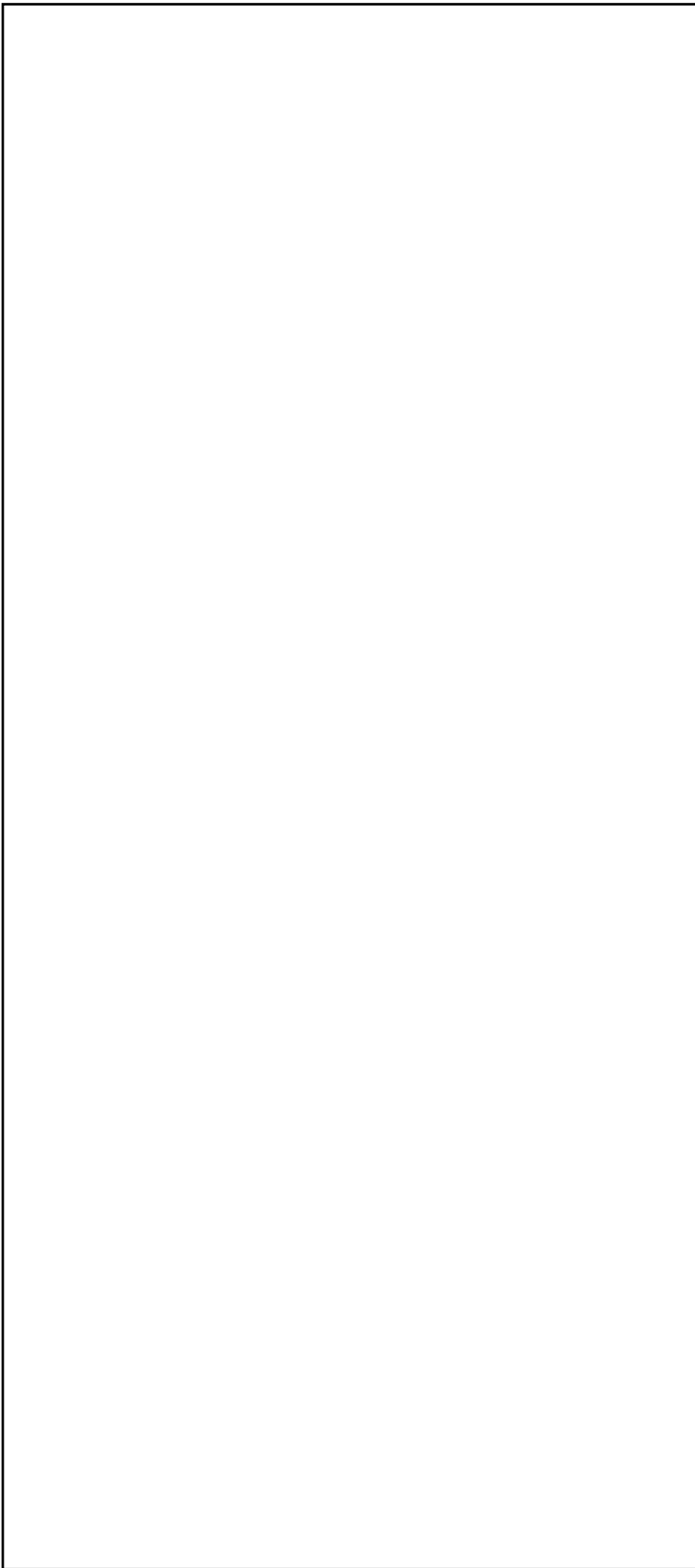
Wednesday 6:45

Aud Genesis Mark Ray
Rm 51 The Christian & Violence
 Jared Morgan & Jeff Jones
Rm 52 The Life of Daniel
 Sandra Stevenson

Our Record

January 3, 2016

Sunday AM	262
Bible Study	235
Sunday PM	212
Contribution	\$11,754.75
YTD Actual	\$604,915
YTD Budget	\$605,650



Welcome: Phillip Rudd
 Song Leader: Scott Phillips
 Opening Prayer: Roger Jarrett
 Lord's Supper & Offering: Don Walker
 Lord's Supper:
 Gene Phillips Jason Jones
 Jared Vincent Kyle Walker
 Ethan Walker Byron Rudd
 Daren Rudd Bob Hines
 Scripture Reading: Chris Edwards
 Psalm 23:1-8
 Sermon: Mark Ray
 Not About Me
 Shepherd's Benediction: Lonnie Woodruff
 Greeters: (North) Byron & Laurie Rudd
 (Center) Gerald & Jackie Rainey
 (South) Tim & Susan Ross
 Nursery Attendants: Gail Lyles & Bethany Jones
 Unable to Serve Call: **Kyle Walker**
 270-703-8351

PM Service

Shepherd's Welcome: Lonnie Woodruff
 Song Leader: Jim Kelley
 Opening Prayer: Jared Morgan
 Reading: Dennis Tucker
 Hebrews 13:7
 Sermon: Mark Ray
 Church Leadership
 Lord's Supper: Gerald Rainey
 Closing Prayer: Ken Campbell
 Unable to Serve Call: **John Walker**
 270-703-0070

Wednesday 01/13

Welcome: Phillip Rudd
 Song Leader: Bryce Rudd
 Speaker: Jeff Jones
 Unable to Serve Call: **Travis Ross**
 270-906-3408
 Lord's Supper to Shut-Ins: Evan Farley & Aaron Lyles
 Bus: **Bob Hines 994-4765**
 Sound: Byron Rudd
 Security: Scott Brown

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