

Dear Church family,

So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God. Peterson, E. H. (2005). *The Message: the Bible in contemporary language* (Php 1:9–11). Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress.

Paul was encouraging the church at Philippi to love others well. It is easier to love those we know and are comfortable with. But God asks us to love everyone He brings into our path. We do not love with our love, but His love in us causes us to love well. Is there someone in your life today that God is stretching you to reach out and love for Christ's sake?

As you know, we are reaching out this week to help a new church plant in Cincinnati with demolition of a building they are preparing for worship space. This summer I would like our church to make the effort to help those in need here in Russell county. If you know of someone who needs yard work, maintenance help with a home, or anything like that. Please let Amanda know at church, and then we will plan a day in June and July to go and help those folks in need. Please keep your ears and eyes open to God's activity.

Please join us for two big events: Mother's Day breakfast at 8:30am (May 13th) and the following Sunday (20th) we will celebrate our graduates during the service, and then have a picnic next to the playground. We will grill hamburgers and hotdogs; you bring the fixin's and desserts along with a comfortable chair.

In addition, Amanda will be sending out a questionnaire for our church family to fill out to help our Personnel committee see places where people may serve in the church. Please fill these out for us, and let us know what you are interested in doing.

See you Sunday,
God is on the move!

Scott

Jamestown family,

We had a busy, busy month in Kuma Student Ministries this past month. We had our second biggest event of the year, Discipleship Now Weekend on April 20-22. Many of you all heard me talk about it and many of you all helped out in some way during the weekend. I wanted to update everyone on how it went. God moved in some amazing ways. There were many teenagers who got refocused on God. There were many who confessed and repented of their sins, and there is at least one teenager who wants to follow in obedience to God's command of baptism too. That will be happening soon. I am thanking God for all that He did in the lives of the teenagers during Discipleship Now Weekend. Thank you to everyone who helped with the weekend. Events like this only happen when the entire church comes together and being submissive to the will of God.

Summer is always a busy time in youth ministry, so we have a couple busy months planned for the youth in May and June. Check out the major events and dates listed below.

MAY

18- Russell County High School Graduation

20- Graduation Sunday for all of the seniors

JUNE

1-2- Youth Lock-In

23-27- GoTell Summer Camp

God bless,
Dylan Johnson

JAMESTOWN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY

FAIR OAKS

There will be singing at Fair Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, May 13th at 2 p.m.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart will be held on Tuesday, May 8th at 12p.m. Please join us with your favorite side dish.

We will have a Church Picnic on Sunday, May 20th at 12:00 p.m.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Please join us with a favorite side dish and a lawn chair.

YOUTH

The Youth Group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. They will resume meeting on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Dylan Johnson will be graduating from Campbellsville University on Saturday, May 12th at 11:00 a.m.(cst).

FRIENDS

“Friends” will meet on Wednesday’s at 6:00 p.m. through the month of May. The last meeting of “Friends” for the 2017-18 school year will be on Wednesday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m. The last day of school for students is on Monday, May 21st.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is Wednesday, May 3rd. There will be a special 30-minute prayer service held that day on the lawn of the Russell County Judicial Center at 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a Business Meeting with No meal on Sunday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

There will be a Waffle Breakfast for all Mothers on Sunday, May 13th at 8:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

GRADUATION SERVICE

The High School Graduation will be on Friday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at RCHS. We will have our Graduation Service on Sunday, May 20th during the morning worship service, to honor our graduates. If you have a child that is graduating, please send the information and a picture of the child to the church office.

KENDALL PARK SERVICES

The church services at Kendall Park will begin on Sunday, May 27th at 8:00 a.m. Services will continue on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. throughout the summer.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 28th. Please remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

DONATIONS FOR GOD’S FOOD PANTRY

The Young Adults Sunday School class will be taking up donations for God’s Food Pantry through the month of May. Please put your donation of non-perishable food items in the boxes in the front foyer of the church.

SMALL GROUP

Due to all the events in May, Small Group Bible Study will begin Sunday, June 3rd.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| Stella Thorpe | 05 | Sarah Stranak | 16 |
| Bill Severns | 06 | Elizabeth Rzad | 17 |
| Sheila Langbauer | 06 | Branson Henson | 19 |
| Athena Cooper Bradshaw | 11 | Pearl Dunbar | 20 |
| Debbie Perry | 11 | Carl McClure | 24 |
| John Mark Carter | 12 | Katie Rzad | 24 |
| Dee Dee Monin | 14 | Calleigh Carter | 26 |
| Ann Popplewell | 14 | Casey VonGruenigen | 28 |
| Eva Bogie | 15 | Scott Russell | 29 |
| Amanda Helm | 16 | | |

Loved to Jesus

One morning my aggressive driving made me give thought to my witness for Christ? I try to be a gentle witness – not an aggressive one. I am always mindful of those souls out there that have been wounded by God’s people. Perhaps they came from a more legalistic faith or perhaps they were betrayed by those within the church or perhaps they are lost but like an abused animal, it takes time to find trust. Let me explain why. Many years ago, I found myself in the midst of a divorce. Let’s add another layer - My ‘best friend’ saw my husband with his mistress every morning for months and she had shared it with all of our co-workers but not with me. One day she called an end to our friendship. I was at a loss as to why our long standing friendship ended. A mutual friend had to tell me why - guilt. My friend had betrayed me. Wait, not quite finished with the layers – I was clinging to my faith – trying to keep my footing when the church minister pulled me aside one Sunday and told me I could not teach Sunday School any longer because of my pending divorce. Despite that I kept on attending church. A couple of weeks pass and he pulls me aside again to tell me not to come back because my divorce made people uncomfortable. I was humiliated and hurt. So let’s see, I was a good and faithful wife but I was paying the price for being betrayed. I wondered if that was how Christ felt - paying for sins that were not his. He was without sin so he forgave them – Forgiveness took longer and came harder for me. It took me years to find my way back to church in any real way . It was only with gentle loving persistence that I came back. I had bolted from every other push because of the damage inflicted years before. Why am I telling you all this? Sometimes the people to whom we are witnessing need to be loved into church, not pushed and prodded. Wounds that run deep are seldom seen so we must tread carefully as we share our faith. We must be ready to love someone to Jesus. We must be able to say, I know someone has hurt you but Christ will not. With him you are never abandoned, never pushed aside, never betrayed, never alone. He will love you and shelter you when God’s people fail you. Who are you witnessing to today? Do they need to be loved to Jesus? Are you the instrument of their healing? Sister Rita

Sunday morning Bible Study or Sunday School Classes start at 9:30 A.M.
Sunday morning Worship Service is at 10:30 A.M.

Mothers Day~May 13, 2018



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