

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today! There's an infant nursery up the stairs, first door on the left. Toddlers up through fifth graders will be dismissed from worship at about 10:10 a.m. for Children's Church.

TODAY The **Church Council** meets today after Sunday School.

THIS WEEK **Women's Fellowship** will be going to Shishewana this Tuesday, December 11 for lunch. All women are invited; meet at the church at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT WEEK **Family Christmas Service** -- Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m. followed by "birthday cake for Jesus". Plan now to attend and bring a friend.

Christmas Caroling -- Sunday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the church or meet at Drew's Place in Coldwater at 5:15 p.m.

COMING UP **Steak Out** -- January 12, 2019 at the Dearth Center. Men, contact Pastor Jim about purchasing tickets. Special speaker is Dr. Gary Rosberg, co-founder of America's Family Coaches.

PLEASE NOTE **Christmas Memory Garden** -- If you would like to purchase one of the poinsettias on the altar in memory or honor of someone, fill out the enclosed flier and put with \$10.00 in the offering plate. We will publish the names before Christmas. You will be able to take your poinsettia on December 23.

Sunday Morning Snow or Ice Storms -- In case of inclement weather, listen to 16 TVB (AM) on your radio or watch for a text. Cancellations will be announced by 8:30 a.m.

There is a revised **Nursery Schedule** for this month on the Information Center.

2019 Schedules -- There are sign up sheets at the Information Center for *providing altar flowers* for each month in 2019 and for *greeting* in 2019. *Thank you to all who provided flowers and served as Greeters this year!*

FINANCIAL UPDATE **Last Month's Giving and Attendance:**

	<u>Regular Collections</u>	<u>Ave. Attendance</u>	<u>2017 Ave. Attend.</u>
Nov. 2018	\$14376	125	106

Required to meet budget = \$18208/month

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DECEMBER 9, 2018

SERVICE: 9:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM



MISSION STATEMENT

"WE HONOR GOD THROUGH REGULARLY ASSEMBLING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP HIM AS LORD, STUDY AND OBEY HIS WORD, AND ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS PEOPLE. WHEN WE LEAVE, WE GO OUT COMMISSIONED AS CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES TO A NEEDY WORLD."

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SERVING TODAY

NURSERY Shanda Carpenter and Bridget Mayer

SOUND ROOM.....Matt Siefken and Scott Carpenter

GREETERS.....Bob and Bridget Mayer

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard

OPENING PRAYER David Minard

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING WORSHIP..... Jim Erwin

Silent Night..... Hymn 147

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1 and 4)..... Hymn 128

Joy to the World Hymn 125

OFFERING Solano deAraujo

MESSAGE..... Jim Erwin

Take My Life/Fully Alive Chorus

Next week's worship service responsibilities:

Nursery.....Sharon Shyrigh and Patty Leggett

Greeters.....Ron and Kathy Will

Sound RoomKenny Bennett and Josh Falknor

Offering Prayer..... Jim Wickey

ROMANS: HOW TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD

(Romans 8:1-17)

INTRODUCTION

***Romans: Salvation (Chapters 1-4)
Sanctification (Chapters 5-8)***

I. A CASE IN CONTRASTS *(Romans 8:1-11)*

SARX

(Self effort)

(verse 2) Enslaved to sin's power

(verse 3) Weak human nature

(verse 5) Mindset on sinful desires

(verse 6) Mind is spiritually dead

(verse 7) Mindset is hostile to God

(verse 8) Cannot please God

SPIRIT

(God's work within)

(verse 1) No condemnation

(verse 2) Set free from sin's power

(verse 4) Able to do right

(verse 5) Mindset on Godly desires

(vs.6) Peace of mind, mentally alive

(verse 9) Control of the Spirit

II. A SPIRITUAL OBLIGATION *(Romans 8:12-17)*

A matter of life and death!

Welcome to your new heritage!

"Sons of God" -- "Heirs of God" -- "Co-heirs with Christ"

Our destiny = Glory! (verse 17)

APPLICATION

1. Which list best describes your life?
2. Are you willing to live day by day "according to the Spirit", rather than the sinful nature?
3. If so, be filled with the Spirit (*Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18*)

**Satisfied Booklet*



A Call to Prayer

Recent additions

- *Pat Rigg* -- biopsy on lip
- *Spectrum Ministries* -- ministering in Tijuana
- *Carmel Roberts* -- home recuperating from perforated stomach
- *Sharon McMeen* -- esophagus issues
- *Sara Sloan* -- breast cancer
- *Eric Smotherman* -- COPD; possible lung reduction surgery
- *Jo Mayer* -- recovering from back surgery
- *Blake Schlueter* -- recently diagnosed with Crohn's Disease
- *Bob Mayer* -- ongoing health concerns
- *Bronson Youth* -- leading prayer on Tuesdays at lunch
- *Sherry McNees' mother* -- *Mary Jean Modert* -- recuperating from surgery
- *Annette Miller* -- tests and medication concerns
- *Craig and Shelly Schafer* -- missionaries in Indonesia - lost house in fire.
- *Arwan Mallay* -- ten year old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma -- recuperating from surgery to remove tumor.
- *Eddie Miller* -- nine year old from Quincy being treated for ITP.
- *Jeff Craft*, Sue Craft's son, soft palate cancer
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.

Continue to remember those in need

- *Danielle Howe's father-in-law, Tom* -- stage 4 liver cancer

Praises

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