A Thriving Congregation

'Keep on keeping on' may be the push that gets you through the day, but I dream of a time when the pastures are greener. Not to say that I don't need to get through days one at a time like everyone else, but I think God calls us to inhabit a bigger world. When Jesus left marching orders for the Apostles at the end of the Gospel of Matthew, he didn't restrict their outreach. It was expansive, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...." (Matthew 28:19)

I think we do ourselves a disservice when we accept a little change, when we are okay with a few new members, when we allow a bit of progress to inhabit our worship. Consider instead the possibility that we ought to set ourselves up to flourish in our community. As we begin Life Group studies centered on the body (1 Corinthians 12:12-31) I see a metaphor that can easily be interpreted as either keeping the body on life support or, expansively, building the body into a community that is thriving. Healthy, muscular, active, confident in our faith founded on the rock that is Christ, I see the potential for life affecting change for this congregation as well as for the community we live and work in.

Like the perseverance of an athlete, the gospel call is for a commitment to build ourselves up in love. It is 'not about me' but about a faith that is to be lived and formed by the words we know from the Scriptures, in grace, guided by the Holy Spirit. Not living in a legal, rules based way hedged in by fear, but instead fully believing that we are the people of faith we ought to be. Unencumbered by uncertainty, I see a family of believers who serve and serve well, who are thriving in the best sense, whose faith is seen, who are known by our love. — Mike

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:12-13

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.
13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

MARCH 20, 2016

Week's Schedule

Sunday,

9:30 A.M. Bible Classes 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Children's Hour Sharin & Stephanie: Resurrection 11:00 A.M.

Brian L.

6:00 P.M. Life Groups

Monday, A.M. & P.M. Howell's Reserve Bldng

Tuesday, 10:30 A.M. Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Bible Study

Thursday,

Friday,

Saturday. A.M.—P.M.
Scout Birthday Party

Mission Support

Disaster Relief Effort
Ashcrafts, in Africa
MtStates Children's Home
Spanish Lit. Ministries

LADIES: BIBLE CLASS MARCH 22, 2016

10:00 A.M CARD MINISTRY

10:30 A.M. — **Noon** <u>BIBLE STUDY</u>

Immeasurable Power by Casandra Martin Lesson #5 Immeasurable Grace

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"There is...."

BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30-10:15 A.M.

Teenie-Weenies 6 mo - 3 years Downstairs. Teacher: Nettie R.

Pre-School K-1st Grade Downstairs. Teacher: Cecelia E. **Grades 2 - 5** Upstairs. Teachers: Shawna & Lisa S. Middle School Upstairs. Teachers: Lynn & Karena S. High School Downstairs. Teachers: Shane & Lauren C.

Mike & Ruth D. Young Adults Upstairs. Teachers:

Adult Class Fellowship Rm. Teacher: _____. "The Minor Prophets" 11:00 AM. Children's Bible Hour: Sharon and Stephany "Resurrection"

Sermon: Brian Lewis: "New Life"

Sunday evening: Life Groups

Tuesday, 10:30 A.M.: Ladies' Class

Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.
Adult Class: Brian L., Sermon on the Mount lessons Youth Class: teacher, Stacey L.

Spring Break

In our house, we've been waiting for this week since 2016 began. It's spring break! For many in our church, spring break is just a memory. In our family of four, we have two students and a professor. Spring break still means something. In the weeks leading up to this, there have been several discussions about where we might go and what we might do. The primary thought has been clear: we're just ready for a break.

God understood that need within us, and He planned for that early in scripture. When He created, He rested on the seventh day. When He gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, He gave the Sabbath day to commemorate that and to offer us rest. In the New Testament, there are many examples of Jesus going off to a quiet place to pray. As people who stay busy, we have to be more intentional about finding those times of rest. Clear a day from your calendar. Schedule some time for prayer and contemplation. Embrace the fact that the God who designed us knows that we need that time of rest.

NEEDING PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING

1 Thessalonians 5:17

medication adjustments Leland W.; better health: Joanna S., Paul C.'s mother Betty, Mel and Janet J.'s new grand baby, Abel J.; treatment for cancer, Joelle Z., Dennis R., Bernice's son; for better health: Alice A.; others: JoAnn friend of George R.; Sandy K., liver failure;

WE PRAISE THE LORD for HIS healing in honoring our prayers.

Continue prayer for those of the congregation who are on vacation and traveling....and all those on Spring Break.

Luis and **Alex** are working, during Spring Break, with a group doing construction projects in Mexico. **Juanita L.'s son-in law** is also working with the group. They all will appreciate our daily prayers.

Unborn and unwanted children.

Each of our "teen-agers"!

Sunday Evening Life Groups.

Our Military, Veterans and their families.

Civil Servants....Police Officers....(Hebrews 13:17)

Our President, Congress, United States of America.

World Bible School. Missionaries in foreign countries.

Peace in and among nations.

<u>Pray at every opportunity for victims suffering from Terrorist attacks.</u>

<u>Pray at every opportunity for victims suffering from severe weather in the United States of America.</u>

Keep Philippians 4:8 in heart.

Because of the Christ, focus on JOY!

Lost-n-Found Table/Want-Need Board

Look at "lost & found" table in the hallway next to the kitchen also read the "want-need board" in the same hallway.

NOTE: fellowship hall, kitchen, & gym reserved March 21&26

TRAINING for CPR/AED/First Aid

May 7 9:00 A.M. CPR/AED/First Aid class.
Instructor: **Tim Casey**\$15 per person
Sign-up with Denise Foreman as soon as possible.

BIRTHDAYS

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Sur	nday,	20

Hannah T. Randy J.

Monday, 21

Marina I.

Tuesday, 22

Jake O.

Wednesday, 23

Juanita K.

Thursday, 24

Mindy C.

Friday, 25

Saturday, 26

ANNIVERSARIES

March 24

Randey & Nettie R.

March 27, 2016

Official Day:

Next Sunday

Daily Broadcasts
Begin From Madagascar.
The Entire World Will
Be Covered With
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Andy Baker World Christian Broadcasting Franklin, Tennessee

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RECORDS

Last Week

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Mar.Weekly Av\$3,450.
2016 WeekNeed\$3,269.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

SONG LEADER

A.M. —Trey T.

P.M.— Life Groups

OPENING PRAYER

A.M. — Tyler C.

P.M. — Life Groups

COMMUNION

David S.

Servers: Roy G., Mel J., Ken L., Dillon R., Van M., Sub: David S.

CHILDREN'S HOUR

Sharon and Stephanie: Resurrection

PREACHING

A.M. - Brian L.

P.M. — Life Groups

CLOSING PRAYER

A.M. - Dan H.

P.M. — Life Groups

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THE SOUTH SIDE

LIVE YOUR **ETERNITY** WITH GOD **AND JESUS**

I Peter 3:21

MARCH **GREETERS**

06-Josh & Jamee 13-Larry & Shirley H. 20-Van & Kim M. 27-Beth F.

CONGREGATIONAL READING THIS WEEK: Matthew 6

WEDNESDAY EVE SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike D.

PRAYER:

Mar. 23—Paul M.

Next Week March 30— Don C.

SONG LEADER:

Mar. 23— Josh D. Next Week March 30— Roy G.

SUNDAY SERMONS

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INSTEAD, SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, WE WILL GROW TO BECOME IN EVERY RESPECT THE MATURE BODY OF HIM WHO IS THE HEAD, THAT IS, CHRIST. FROM HIM THE WHOLE BODY, JOINED AND HELD TOGETHER BY EVERY SUPPORTING LIGAMENT, GROWS AND BUILDS ITSELF UP IN LOVE, AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK.

EPHESIANS 4:15-16

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Welcome: (Mike) Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 12-13

SONG LEADER: Trey T.

SONG: #714 I Will Call Upon The Lord SONG: #646 Just A Little Talk with Jesus SONG: #720 Sing Hallelujah to The Lord

SONG: #86 We Will Glorify

OPENING PRAYER: Tyler C.

COMMUNION SONG: #698 I Love You Lord COMMUNION THOUGHT: David S.

Servers: Roy G., Mel J., Ken L., Dillon R., Van M., Sub: Dave S.

Children's Hour

Sharon and Stephanie: Resurrection

SONG: #1 Our God, He is Alive SERMON: Brian L.

INVITATION SONG: #155 The Old Rugged Cross CLOSING SONG: #733 Hear O Israel

CLOSING PRAYER: Dan H.

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The End

Which actually is the beginning of next week