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Serving Schedule for April 1, 2018

Worship Leader: Doris Chlastak

Children's Moment: Doris Chlastak

Communion Prayer: LaVerne Matthews

Offertory Prayer: Steve Fowler

Van Driver: George McCall/Mark Richardson

Communion Preparation: Gene & Anne Roberts

Diaconate: Marion Parks, Stan Pinkston, Carol Swafford,
Linda Casey, Kim Wagganer



Upcoming Opportunities

SUNDAY, APRIL 1: Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4:

3:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, APRIL 5:

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SUNDAY, APRIL 8:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 10:

5:30 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11:

3:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, APRIL 12:

6:30 p.m. Worship Meeting
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 15:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 17:

11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship,
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18:

3:00 Youth

THURSDAY, APRIL 19:

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1:30 p.m. CWF, Gail's Home

SUNDAY, APRIL 22:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25:

3:00 Youth

THURSDAY, APRIL 26:

6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship at
Colton's
6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
at Lemonade House Grill

SUNDAY, APRIL 29:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church

Serving Schedule

April 8, 2018

Worship Leader

Matthew Clanahan

Children's Moment

Rev. Frank Chlastak

Communion Prayer

Steve Fowler

Offertory Prayer

Pat Fowler

Van Driver

George McCall/Mark Richardson

Communion Preparation

Gene & Anne Roberts

Homebound Communion

LaVerne Matthews/
Jack Maxwell

Hospital Visitation

Todd Richardson

Diaconate

Rob Blackwell, Carlos Hicks,
Jim Hillis, LuWanna Forister,
Shirley Kearbey



MAUNDY THURSDAY

This year the Maundy Thursday Service will be held in the **Freeman Chapel on March 29th at 7 p.m.** We have a Maundy Thursday Service to remember Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified.

There have been some problems with the church's cable broadcast. Please watch the program on Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. and let me know if it is airing ok. Thanks for your help.
-Linda



Congratulations to Sydney Clanahan.

Sydney was accepted into the Nursing

Program at Three Rivers and will start classes in the fall.



The annual Easter egg hunt will be after breakfast and before Sunday School (at approximately 9:00 a.m.) on Easter Sunday. Weather permitting, we will be hunting eggs outside in the courtyard of the church.



Mary Fears

By: Dr. Steven & Sherry Williams

Joe Hillis

By: Steve & Pat Fowler

Charles Forister

By: LuWanna Forister

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ATTENDANCE REPORT	ATTENDANCE REPORT
March 11, 2018	March 18, 2018
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
Worship.....50	Worship.....47
Children's Church.....0	Children's Church.....2
TOTAL WORSHIP.....50	TOTAL WORSHIP.....49
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Elementary A/B.....2	Elementary A/B.....8
Homebuilders.....7	Homebuilders.....6
Men's Class.....7	Men's Class.....7
Total.....16	Total.....21



SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

Sometimes what we think is most familiar is also the most unknown.

Take the case of one Midwest family.

The matriarchs of the family had passed along a time-honored recipe for the traditional Easter ham.

Along with the list of spices and herbs, rubs and glazes, cook times and basting procedures, was the absolutely strict instruction that the last three to four inches of the ham must be cut off and completely removed.

This order was an integral part of the recipe that their great-grandmother had passed down.

Grandma continued the practice, as did her granddaughter.

When the great-granddaughter was initiated into the secret recipe, she dared to ask "Why?"

Why the necessary amputation of the end of that holiday ham.

Neither her mother nor her grandmother had an answer.

Thankfully, great-grandma was still around and had a perfectly logical, if unexpected explanation for the recipe detail.

"My roasting pan was too short," great grandma declared, "I had to cut off the last few inches or the ham would not fit in the pan."

Although the conditions had changed for the ensuing generations of cooks, they had all continued to follow the old instructions, without knowing why, without embracing the new reality made possible by bigger pans for bigger hams.

For followers of Jesus, it is easy to get comfortable, to get routinized in a rut.

Thinking "outside the box" requires flexing some mental muscles, pushing out the walls of thoughts and expectations we find reassuring and familiar.

J B. Phillips in his book "Your God Is Too Small: A Guide for Believers and Skeptics Alike" explains that the trouble facing many of us today is that we have not found a God big enough for our modern needs.

Phillips says that in a world where our experience of life has grown in myriad directions, and our mental horizons have been expanded to the point of bewilderment by world events and scientific discoveries, our ideas of God have remained largely static.

It is nearly impossible, Phillips argues, for an adult to worship the conception of God that exists in the mind of a child of Sunday-school age, the "God-in-a-box" notion, limiting God to such inadequate conceptions as "Resident Policeman," "Grand Old Man," "Meek-and-Mild," and "Managing Director."

As a result of these insufficient ideas of God, many people live with an inner dissatisfaction, without any faith at all.

With the presence of God's Spirit guiding us, may we continue to grow in our faith and not limit God.

Glad to be your pastor,
Pastor Frank

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[Names will remain on our Prayer Concern list until the Church Office is notified to remove them.]

Looks who's having a Birthday in

APRIL

Barbara Britton 11

Susan Green 22

Jonathan Matthews 24

Chris Richardson 27

Steve Fowler 28

Sydney Clanahan 29

