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Upcoming Opportunities

SUNDAY, JUNE 4: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church **FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH**

THURSDAY, JUNE 8: Next Issue of The Bluff City Christian 6:30 P.M. Worship Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 11: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 13: 5:30 p.m. Day Care Board Meeting

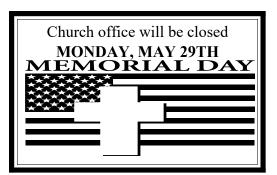
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14:

Нарру SUNDAY JUNE 18: Father Day! **Ugly Tie Contest** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church

TUESDAY, JUNE 20: 11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 22: Next Issue of The Bluff City Christian 6:00 p.m. Thursday Women 6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship at Dexter BBQ

SUNDAY, JUNE 25: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church



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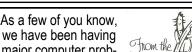
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Serving Schedule June 4, 2017 Worship Leader Mark Richardson **Children's Moment** Steve Fowler **Communion Prayer** Kathy Richardson **Offertory Prayer** Mark Richardson Van Driver George McCall/Mark Richardson **Communion Preparation** George McCall Diaconate Marion Parks, Stan Pinkston, Linda Casey, Kim Wagganer

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Prayer Chain There is a Prayer Chain sign up sheet in the Narthex. Anyone is welcome to sign up and be added to the prayer chain list.

********** Southeast Gateway Area • 2017 Prayer Calendar • <u> May 28 - June 6</u> New Life Christian Church • United, Poplar Bluff, MO 4 <u>June 4 - 10</u> Youth and Outdoor Ministries



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Church f lems in the office. A computer company has had to make several trips to work on things and even had to take the system out of the office a couple of times. Hopefully, we are up and running successfully now. I would like to commend Pastor Frank for his computer knowledge and skill in helping with the problems. Some information was wiped out so if I ask you for information that I should already have please bear with me.

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Technology is great (when it works)! -Linda



Serving Schedule for June 11, 2017

Worship Leader: Todd Richardson Children's Moment: Ed Lewis Communion Prayer: Gleta Gorman **Offertory Prayer:** Kay Gilbreath Van Driver: George McCall/Mark Richardson Communion Preparation: Jan Duffy Homebound Communion: Gail Doss/Todd Richardson Hospital Visitation: Steve & Pat Fowler Diaconate: Rob Blackwell, Carlos Hicks, Jim Hillis, LuWanna Forister, Shirley Kearbey

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SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

I call the world we are living in TGIF. Many would said that it means "Thank God It's Friday."

But I've re-acronymed TGIF as "Twitter, Google, iPhone, Facebook."

So let me begin with some TGIF questions: Do you blog? If you do, do you blog with people on your block? Are any of your immediate neighbors your Facebook "friends" or Twitter "followers?"

Do you connect with more people digitally than you do physically? If the answer is "no" to the first two and "yes" to the third, then you are . . . pretty typical. The good news is that now absolutely no one need be cut off from contact with others in this electronic age of "relationships."

The bad news is that if everything in our lives is part of some enormous "social network," how we ever differentiate the devotedly "personal" from the digitally "social?"

It is fun to have lots of Facebook friends.

It is cool to have an entourage of Twitter "followers."

But as important as these "social media" are, there are times and places in our lives when a different kind of connectedness makes the difference between life and death.

Rising spring waters have poured across our state and neighboring states graced by the presence of the Current, St. Francis, Black and Mississippi rivers.

So much flooding, in fact, that whole communities have been forced to flee their homes.

The only bright spot in these regional disasters and personal tragedies has been the out-pouring of local community care and support.

I predict that one of the greatest stories of 2017 will turn out to be this one: Love and compassion have easily overwhelmed the water-power of the rivers.

Being a flood victim myself, I personally witnessed neighbor helping neighbor and churches that do not normally work together putting aside their theological difference and offering loving and compassionate helping hand.

Let us trust that this spirit of love and compassion will continue beyond the days of flood.

Pastor Frank

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

