

DEAR CHILDREN,
LET'S NOT MERELY SAY
THAT WE LOVE EACH OTHER;
LET US SHOW THE TRUTH

by our actions.

1 JOHN 3:18

THE SINLESS PERFECTION AND PURITY OF JESUS CHRIST

In the epistle of I John, the writer identifies one of the characteristics of true believers, true followers of Christ. He writes, "Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure," (1 John 3:2). It is hard for us to imagine being pure as human beings. For those in John's day it was not only hard, but for some of those who claimed they had attained an intellectual spirituality it was impossible to see Jesus as fleshly and human. Divine, YES, material, NO! They could not believe that anything in the flesh could be morally pure and without sin. How could anyone live in this world, contaminated by sin, and not be effected by the darkness of the world? But John not only insisted on the divine nature of Jesus, but also on the materialism of the human nature of our LORD.

Jesus was not only pure in his outward human nature, but also pure in his inward nature; his heart, mind and soul. It is one thing for us not to sin outwardly, in action, but another thing to remain pure in our mind, our heart, and in our motives. While I may not carry out a sin in my flesh outwardly, my thoughts and motives could still be impure. While I may not carry out an act of racism in overt actions, I could still carry unjust hatred in my heart and in my soul. While I may not say something with spoken words, I could still think unholy words in my mind. That is why laws can bring outward conformity but not inward change.

Jesus was doubly free from sin! He was not only pure in His desires and thinking, but pure in actions and words. The mind of Jesus moved in perfect harmony with the mind of GOD. In all the just men and women that have ever lived, you will still find some flaw, some peculiarity in their lives carried to excess. We see it in the zeal of Moses, the passion of David, the courage of Peter, the truth seeking nature of Thomas and loyalty of Paul. Not so with Jesus. Not one area of His human nature superseded another area. He was perfectly balanced. So when John tells us, "Everyone who has this hope purifies himself as He is pure," it is hard for us to comprehend this as a real possibility. But this is done and accomplished by faith and by the indwelling Spirit of Christ within us. As the writer of Hebrews says, "Because by one sacrifice he has made **PERFECT** forever those who are being made **HOLY**," (Hebrews 10:14).

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ADULTS ON SUNDAY

The Book of Joshua Lyndal Dale—Auditorium
The study of Israelites conquering Canaan with special emphasis on application for today's world.

Unity in the Church Dennie Stokes & Dexter Mott—Parlor
We are talking about challenges churches face. Topics include: autonomy, selfishness, decline, etc...

The SUM-Thing Jason & Lori Bratton—Room 221
In the series, **Five Lies That Ruin Relationships**, we'll define five of the most common lies that have the potential to ruin relationships with those we love. We'll also uncover the source of quarreling, how our words wound, and how not to make decisions. And together, we'll ask and answer the question: do wrong beliefs produce wrong behavior? We will discover that when we confront the lies we believe, there is power in knowing and applying God's truth to our relationships.

YOUTH MINISTRY BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAY

"Control" (10th-12th grades) John Warmath—room 217
A Biblical Teaching on the Nature of Authority.

Gospels (7th-9th grades) Kendall Lowe—room 205
A survey of the life and teachings of Jesus as told by his followers.

BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

Nursery April Stokes & Winkie Horton Room 104

3-4 year old Judy Shepherd Room 102

K-1 grade Sue Cash, Emily Cooley, Lori Nicholson Room 115

2-3 grades Jan Goslin, Carolyn Malone Room 218

4-6 grades Jessica Conn Room 114

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Lori Nicholson, Janice Simon, Anna Jackson, Becky Northcutt

CHURCH NEWS

LEADING PRAYERS

- **Mid-Service**-Bobby Stewart
- **Closing**-Richard Runions

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Judy Shepherd in the passing of her brother, Roger Love, on Tuesday. His funeral service was yesterday in Ohio.

MONDAY

- **GET FIT EXERCISE CLASS FOR SENIORS** at 1 pm in room 211.

TUESDAY

- **Ladies Potluck Luncheon** at Val's will be at 11:30. Bring a White Elephant gift & your pantry items.

WEDNESDAY

- **JACK RAINES MEMORIAL BIBLE CLASS** meets at 3 PM, in room 221. This year's theme is "Writings of Paul."

THURSDAY

- **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Join our group for a prayer in RASH Hall at 6:30 AM. Breakfast is provided.
- **GET FIT EXERCISE CLASS FOR SENIORS** at 1 pm in room 211.

FRIDAY

- **BREAKFAST CLUB:** Join us at the Shake Shack at 9AM.

SATURDAY

- **WMCS** is inviting all alumni, faculty and board members, past and present, to **breakfast** at 9AM in the all-purpose room at the school (1101 N. Missouri).
- **WMCS SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER** will be at 6PM at 1101 N. Missouri. For tickets contact Angela Seale. You can also buy them by calling the school office (870) 400-4000.

OCTOBER

- **BABY SHOWER** for Mary Lynn Lee will be at the home of Angela Seale on Sunday, **October 14th**, at 1:30pm. It's a girl! Anyone who wants to help, please contact Angela.
- **CAMP TAHKODAH** will be on **October 20-21**. This year's theme is *Owning Your Faith*.

SODA TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Please save your soda tabs & bring them to the bin in the courtyard hallway. You can visit the Ronald McDonald House website for more information about their tab program. Becky Northcutt

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT

Roy Wooten needs 7-9 more volunteers.

THANK YOU

- Dear Church Family... Thank you for the plant, calls, visits & many prayers during my mother's illness & death. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. She loved her church family & was happiest in her spot on the back row as she talked to everyone that passed by. In Christian Love, Bill Harris & family.
- Dear MoSt Church family... Thank you so much for blessing Zo & me as we began our marriage. We couldn't do this without your support, prayers & love. God Bless. Zo & Madison Pollum.

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PRAY

PRAY FOR CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE WITH LONG-TERM ILLNESSES
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES

HOSPITAL

- **Lee Keltner**, father of Doris Bridges' friend, is in a hospital in Jackson, TN
- **Madison White**, sister-in-law of Sandra Newcomb's brother.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

- **Kelly O'Neal**

SHUT-INS

- **HOME:** Ruie Harmon, Marge Young
- **NURSING HOME:** Broadway Healthcare Center—Griffin Elzey, rm. 303; Nema Richmond, rm. 320; Gwen Townsend, room 212; Willowbend Nursing Home—Helen McNair.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MoSt FAMILY: Norman Vickers, Al Creekmore, Diann Combs, Clara Barnes, Inez Reavis, John Townsend, Peggie Curtis, Peggy Griffith, Sheryl Taylor, Glenda Runions.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS:

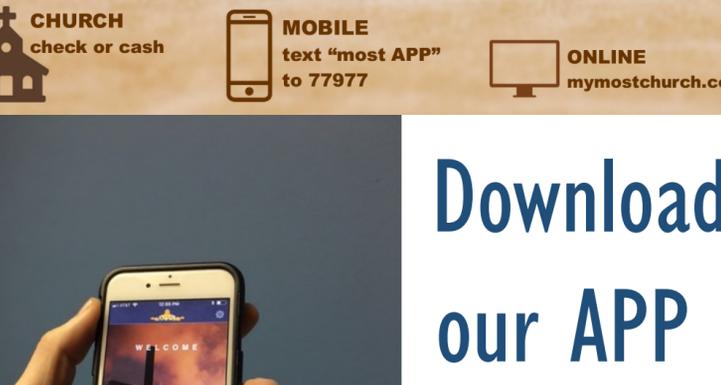
Cancer

- **Steve Stoker** (brother of Val Ramer & Karen Summers—waiting for surgery)
- **Jim Stoker** (brother of Val Ramer & Karen Summers—in hospice care).
- **Lorri Petty**

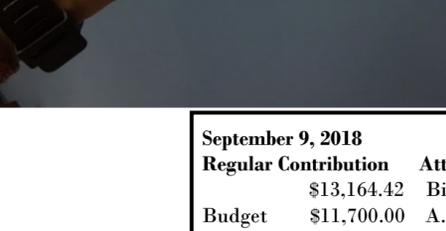
Jenny Goode (surgery on September 18—Baptist Memorial), **Betty Honeycutt** (Sharron Foster's sister-in-law), **James & Heather Lawrence** (son & daughter-in-law of Gretta Blanchard), **Noah Rickard** (Grandson of the Yens - polycystic kidney disease).

If you want your prayer request to be mentioned in our prayer list please contact the church office either by email (victoriadeal@comcast.net) or by phone (870.735.3394). If there are changes please let the office know. WE START A NEW LIST EVERY MONTH.

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- ONLINE** mymostchurch.com



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Budget \$11,700.00	A.M. Service		245