

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH**

Sunday 10:00 am.....Bible Classes  
 11:00 am.....Worship  
 5:00 pm.....Worship  
 Wed. 7:00 pm.....Bible Classes

**WELCOME, VISITORS!**

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, here’s what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. As a result, we **sing** without the accompaniment of mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We have a weekly observe the **Lord’s Supper** (cf. Acts 20:7) which consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (Matt. 26:26-29). This memorial is designed for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins to partake (Acts 2:38, 42). There will also be an **offering** collected from our members (1 Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. Feel perfectly comfortable passing the collection plate down the row. You will also hear the **preaching** of a Bible-centered message (Acts 20:7) and men leading the congregation in **prayer** (1 Tim. 2:8). We think you will find our worship meaningful and refreshing as we strive to do it in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We encourage you to observe carefully and stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you better and answer any questions you may have.

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**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION RECORDS**

	2018 Goals	Last Week	1 yr ago
Bible Study	60	44	43
Sun AM	80	63	77
Sun PM	40	40	42
Wed	45	32	41
Contribution	1950	2286	1432

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**Try Harder**

I’m convinced that many of us may not resist the temptation to sin as we should. It’s not that we want to sin, for we don’t. It’s just that when temptation crosses our path, we don’t fight it as though we were in a life or death struggle. We may resist, but the resistance is only token.

Not long ago, a friend of mine gave a lecture in which he raised the question, “What if every time we sinned, an ugly scar appeared upon our face? How much harder would we resist sin?” Good question. None of us would like to have our faces scarred. Scars to our faces would be embarrassing, affecting our relationships and our behavior. I’m sure we would tenaciously fight the temptation of sin if succumbing meant a big scar on our faces.

You see where I’m going, right? Why should we fight harder to preserve our temporal flesh than we would to preserve our eternal soul? The fact that we can’t see the scars sin leaves upon us doesn’t mean they’re not there. Friends, resist the temptation to sin, using not just a token resistance before you succumb, but a persistence that reflects a life and death struggle.

- Steve Higginbotham

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer List** \* Paxton Bloyd \* Debbie Bradshaw (lymphoma) \* Sharon Cornett \* Riley Decker (leukemia) \* Matthew Edwards (cancer) \* Dessie Frankum \* Britany Harden \* Willard Holliday \* Amanda Jewell (mitral valve stenosis) \* Wilma Landis (cancer) \* Eli Marcom (brain tumor) \* Kenny Perkins \* Kara Reed (cystic fibrosis) \* Ancil Reynolds \* Janet Sterchi (cancer) \* Teresa Yates (cancer)

### **Medical Updates**

- \* Eugenia Davis had hip replacement surgery last week and all went well.
- \* Several continue to be sick during this cold and flu season. Please be praying for those affected.

### **Sympathies**

- \* Margie Milby, Alice Ann Clark's mother, passed away last Monday. We extend deepest sympathy to Alice and all the family.
- \* Our dear sister in Christ, Peggy Clark passed from this life early last Friday morning. Peggy was Pat Perkins' daughter, Patty Reynolds' sister, and Steve Clark's wife. We extend heartfelt sympathy to all the family and friends.

### **Potter Commodities Outreach**

We will again participate in the commodities outreach program for Potter Children's Home. The items to bring in are: dry ranch mix, mayonnaise, mustard, pancake syrup, and shortening. Bring them in by Apr. 1.

### **Backpack Buddies**

Don't forget that Backpack Buddies in an ongoing program. Please continue to help out. A list of food items is in the foyer.

**Ladies Day** - The Elizabethtown church's Ladies Day is Sat., Mar. 17.

### **Birthdays This Week**

- \* Julie Sterchi (Feb. 11)
- \* April Clark (Feb. 13)
- \* Anniston Carmicle (Feb. 13)

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation"*  
(2 Cor. 1:3-4)

## **Love for All the Saints**

An interesting tidbit from the New Testament Scriptures is that only one time does the Greek word for "saint" (hagios) occur in singular form. That occurrence is in Philippians 4:21, and even there it is in reference to more than one "saint" as it is prefaced by the word "every." In other words, every reference to the concept of the followers of Christ as "saints" is in the plural form. Without a doubt, this shows the strong bond we are to have with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Christianity is indeed an interactive, loving, symbiotic existence (Ephesians 2:19; 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:26-27). It is God's desire and design that Christians involve themselves and their lives with one another.

Getting back to the word "saints" in the Scriptures, just notice this concept of how we involve ourselves with one another. Here is *"the faith of the saints"* (Revelation 13:10):

- \* *"distributing to the needs of the saints"* (Romans 12:13)
- \* *"devoted...to the ministry of the saints"* (1 Corinthians 16:15)
- \* *"the fellowship of...the saints"* (2 Corinthians 8:4)
- \* *"the equipping of the saints"* (Ephesians 4:12)
- \* *"praying always...for all the saints"* (Ephesians 6:18)
- \* *"Greet every saint"* (Philippians 4:21)
- \* *"washed the saints' feet"* (1 Timothy 5:10)
- \* *"hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you"* (Philemon 7)
- \* *"the prayers of the saints"* (Revelation 5:8)
- \* *"the righteous acts of the saints"* (Revelation 19:8)

Truly, this is how we show our *"love for all the saints"* (Ephesians 1:15; Colossians 1:14; Philemon 5): by interacting in helping, ministering, fellowshiping, training/mentoring, serving, refreshing/edifying, praying, and acting in righteous ways.

Take a good look at your life currently. Do you interact with your fellow saints? Do you show your love in the ways which were just listed? If you are truly a saint of God, then resolve to live up to your holy name!

*"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints..."* (Ephesians 2:19).

- Edd Sterchi