

**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<br>Goals | Last<br>Week | 1<br>yr ago |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Bible Study  | 60            | 45           | 44          |
| Sun AM       | 80            | 55           | 61          |
| Sun PM       | 40            | 30           | 26          |
| Wed          | 45            | 46           | 40          |
| Contribution | 1950          | 2395         | 1628        |

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*The Process to Success*

*Put a dream in your head  
 and desire on your heart,  
 Make designs for success  
 and don't get great hope from the start,  
 Then do it with your hands  
 in full, not in part.*

- Edd Sterchi

## 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 \* Teresa Yates (cancer)

### **Medical Updates**

- \* **Margie Huffman** was hospitalized last week with flu type symptoms. While there, they did some heart tests which checked out fine.
- \* **Karen Noe** had a pain pump put in on Thur. Everything went well.

### **Our Ladies Day**

- \* Our Ladies Day will be **Sat., Apr. 21**. Denise Chaffin and Julie Sterchi will be the speakers.
- \* There will be a planning meeting **tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m.** here at the church building. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

**Wedding Shower** - There will be a wedding shower for for **Don Franklin Jr. & Ginna Marsh** on **Sun., Apr. 29** at 2:30 p.m. here at the church building. They are registered at myregistry.com (also at Flowers & Things in Columbia).

**VBS** - Our Vacation Bible School will be **Sat., June 30** (we got the date right this time!) Mark your calendars and start making plans on helping. We will have another planning meeting in the near future.

**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.

**Birthdays This Week** - Willie Cary (Mar. 20)

**Potter Commodities Outreach** - The items to bring in are: **dry ranch mix**, **mayonnaise**, **mustard**, **pancake syrup**, and **shortening**. Bring them in by **Apr. 1**.



## **Demonstrate That He Doesn't Belong**

The student came into my office yesterday with a surprise. "Excuse me, but there's a snake in the hallway." "What?" I asked. "Yeah! A snake, right outside your office door!"

I opened the door, and sure enough, there was the foot-long garter snake, motionless in the middle of the hallway floor a full 50 feet from the front door. I deftly picked it up (the student said, "Eeewww!") and took it outside, releasing it in our flower bed with the Vulcan gesture and farewell greeting, "Live long and prosper!"

Returning to my office, I began to meditate about how often the spiritual Serpent has entered our Christian student center and how often he slithers into the church building. I know he must be a regular visitor at both places.

In fact, he's been sliding into the homes and assemblies of the righteous for eons, inflicting pain, suffering, and death wherever he is not discovered and tossed out. How can we deal with the Serpent more effectively? A simple plan would correspond to what I must do to keep that snake out of our building.

**1) Prevent the Serpent from entering in the first place.** There may be a neglected opening through which he enters again and again. Find it and stop it up.

**2) Assume that he will be trying to get in or is in already.** The Serpent likes nothing better than to sow discord among brethren (Proverbs 6:19; Galatians 5:20) or to cause saints to stumble (Luke 22:31-32). No doubt Christians are tops on his list of intended victims.

**3) Look around for him.** He may not be out in the open like mine was. He may be hiding behind good intentions, competition, or hurt pride.

**4) If you find him, get rid of him immediately.** The larger snakes grow, the more troublesome they become. "Resist.. and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

- Steve Singleton