

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
P.M. Prayer	Dan Preaus
P.M. Closing Prayer	David Duty
Lord's Table	* R. Hudoba, J.E. Albritton B. Anderson, Justin Preaus
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	Mike & Connie Kerrigan
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Skylar Read Kaia Read
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Joe Preaus (10-14-20)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Tracey Brantley
A.M. Closing Prayer	Billy Anderson
P.M. Prayer	Charlie Reeves
P.M. Closing Prayer	David Williams
Lord's Table	* J. Rhodes, Chris Cook S. Richardson, D. Dvorshock
Song Leader	Billy Anderson
Greeters	D. Dvorshock & R.L. Roller
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Sharon Anderson Casey Fletcher
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Ben Walker (10-28-20)

The Record Speaks	
Date	Oct. 4, 2020
Bible Class	47
A.M. Worship	101
P.M. Worship	--
Contribution	--
Date	Oct. 7, 2020
Wed. Attendance	36

Schedule of Events	
Oct. 11th thru Oct. 17th	
Oct. 11th 9:45 A.M.	Bible Class
10:45 A.M.	Worship
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
Oct. 14th 12:30 P.M.	Men's Prayer Group
7:00 P.M.	Bible Classes
Benevolence:	Ron Hudoba – 368-4886 Tracey Brantley – 368-9106
VBS – Third week in June every year	

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night at 6:30.

AA and Al-Anon meetings
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6:30.

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**... seek peace
and pursue it.**
Psalm 34:14



Sidewalk Chalk

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. James 4:14

Sidewalks decorated by children with chalk are a common sight in most neighborhoods. From your porch, you can see the careful selection of colors and the great attention to detail. Little ones put a lot of time and effort into creating something that will be faded by the sun or washed away by the rain. Stick figures, hopscotch patterns, and other works of art are here today and gone tomorrow.

Many of the things we spend our time and attention on are as fleeting as a child's sidewalk chalk art. We spend precious moments focusing on trivial pursuits that only provide momentary pleasures. We plan for tomorrow while wasting today. The problem is that we are not promised tomorrow. All we can be absolutely certain of is the present moment.

In chapter 6 of Matthew's gospel, Jesus instructs believers not to worry about tomorrow. James reiterated this important truth in his book. Our lives are only a mist. We need to focus our attention on the things that make a difference in eternity. Financial gain, popularity and the praise of men are like works of art made with sidewalk chalk. Though pleasant in the moment, they are only temporary. One mistake, illness, or change of fortune, and it could all go away in an instant.

So, what are you focusing on? Where are you spending the majority of your time, finances, and energy? Are you working on something permanent, or could a little rain wash it all away?

The world makes so many things appear important, Lord. Give me discernment about how I spend my time and energy. I want to keep my gaze on You. --Copied

Developing A Slow Mouth

In the course of their quest to live peaceably and simply, the Amish have developed many wise proverbs. This is one of my favorites: "Swallowing words before you say them is so much better than having to eat them afterward."

Were I to attempt writing a proverb of my own, it would go like this: "If you desire more peace, let your ears be quick and your mouth be slow." Though I haven't always lived by that bit of practical wisdom, I have learned to be careful about spouting off on political or religious topics, because doing so often subtracts from the peace rather than adding to it. Responding too quickly often means speaking carelessly, without giving enough thought to what others are saying or to how they might respond to your words.

The familiar phrase "hold your peace" provides a useful visual. When we "hold our peace," we are maintaining our silence. Our decision to keep quiet unless and until it's time to speak gives us the ability to stay peaceful, helping to maintain the peace around us. Exercising this kind of self-control can also increase our influence, because people tend to listen to calm voices rather than anxious or angry ones.

Peace is something precious, something to be guarded and protected. The next time you find yourself in a situation in which you are tempted to respond with rapid fire words, try imagining yourself "holding your peace." Do your best to think calmly, asking God for His wisdom to shape your response. --Copied

You Need to Know

Birthdays this week:

Monday, Oct. 12 – Faye Risinger & Klint Kelley

Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Judy N. White

Thursday, Oct. 15 – Gary Cobb

Friday, Oct. 16 – Fred Futch

Anniversaries this week:

Sunday, Oct. 11 – Roy & Doyline Bird

Thursday, Oct. 15 – Todd & Jamie Futch

Please pray for the family of Norman Starling in their loss. He passed away last Monday night at his home in Texas. Burial was in Sardis, MS. He is the brother of Elta Knight.

To maintain the six foot distancing, we will have half the auditorium blocked off. We have the fellowship room in the back set up with access to the livestream of church service and with communion items. Anyone who cannot find distanced seating in the auditorium is welcome to participate in the worship services from the fellowship room.

At this time we are not resuming Sunday evening service, and we are not resuming children's classes on Wednesday nights. However, children are welcome in the Wednesday night auditorium class...so please come if you can and study the Bible with us.

Heart Sisters will meet this Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have supper followed by a Devo & Service Project. We are looking forward to working together to bring glory to God.

Those in Need of Special Prayer

Yyvern Taylor	Doris Roller
Lynette Hughes	Joe Albritton
"Bee" Stewart	"Hoss" Brantley
Eloyce Everett	Letsy Everett
Alan & Liz Hyde	Steve Brantley
Sherry Taylor	Dan Albritton
Cooter Anderson	Cindy Lanham
Pam Holloway	Bobby Fletcher
Elaine Brantley	Betty Reese
Tommy Lomax	Steve Davis
Betty Perot	Roxanna Gill
Elta Knight	Patsy Williams
Betty Swarers	Laiken Heard
Lorraine McDaniel	Bruce Rice
Molly Bergeron	Joyce Watson
Wanda Trichell	Caden Wilson
Charles Archibald	Krew Martino
Misti Walker	Ben Nivens
Pam Denton	

I Wish I Was You

Batsel Barrett Baxter once wrote: "I remember several years ago, on a Sunday morning after I had preached a sermon, I came down from the pulpit, as my custom was, and sat down on the front row while the Lord's Supper was being served. There was a little boy, pre-school age, on that front row, who inched over toward me until he sat very close beside me. Then, he leaned close to my ear and said, "I wish I was you." Nobody ever said that before and nobody since. Just a little boy whose name I did not even know. I knew his family. I had seen him a few times, but I did not even know his name. But he had heard me preach about Christ, and he had seen me stand in front of the congregation. It was impact as a preacher, not as an individual, that had impressed him so deeply. His statement left an imprint on me." Oh, if we could only feel the power of the influence that we wield upon the lives of others. --Copied