

## SERVANT ROTATION

### ISF

7/26.....Ralph Mason/Edwin Weaver  
8/2.....Kevin Johnson/Randy Moerbe  
8/9.....Herb Hahn/Perry Winegeart  
8/16....Cody Chrismon/Ross Hendershot

### SONG LEADER

7/26.....Cody Chrismon  
8/2.....Ross Hendershot  
8/9.....Perry Winegart  
8/16.....Cody Chrismon

### COMMUNION PREP

July.....Babb  
August.....Hendershot  
September.....Moerbe

### CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASS

June-August

*Sunday*

2-4 years.....Sharron Mason  
K-2nd grades.....Lauren Babb  
3rd-6th grades.....Susan Barnick  
7th-12th grades.....Ralph Mason  
*Wednesday*  
Shelley Hendershot and Debbie Fougerat

## Abram & Lot Word Search

R	A	S	B	F	R	E	L	C	N	U	T	G	S	Q
N	P	T	S	Z	N	E	N	I	V	E	E	N	U	K
S	N	O	I	S	S	E	S	S	O	P	N	I	P	R
P	F	L	X	U	M	C	R	C	D	Q	T	T	P	I
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E	C	N	D	N	V	C	D	T	T	E	L	G	R	E
H	Y	R	A	N	I	M	A	L	S	E	D	I	T	H
S	E	A	Y	L	I	M	A	F	O	L	R	F	V	P
H	N	H	L	S	I	L	V	E	R	G	D	B	J	E
S	O	D	O	M	V	L	E	C	A	E	P	J	I	N

ANIMALS	POSSESSIONS
BRETHREN	RESCUED
CANAAN	SHEEP
FAMILY	SILVER
FIGHTING	SODOM
GOLD	STOLEN
HERDSMEN	SUPPORT
NEPHEW	TENTS
PEACE	UNCLE



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### LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

Bible Study	40
Morning Worship	51
Evening Worship	17
Wednesday Night	25
ISF (Residents)	7
Contribution	\$901.00
Special Contribution	\$20.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,422.00

### NOTES



July 26, 2015

WELCOME, VISITORS!  
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE. PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD  
FROM THE PEW RACK AND PLACE IT IN THE  
COLLECTION PLATE.

## Order of Worship

SONG LEADER: ROSS HENDERSHOT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#535—The Glory-Land Way

#678—More About Jesus

OPENING PRAYER

#679—'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

#344—Low in the Grave He Lay

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#83—God Is So Good

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#553—Have Thine Own Way

CLOSING PRAYER

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### WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday*

Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

*Evening* – 6 p.m.

*Wednesday*

Midweek – 6 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Today*

Fellowship Meal

Singing at The Heights

Men's Meeting

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### LOCAL MINISTER:CLAY MASON

### COMMITTEES

*Education*

Cody Chrismon, Herb Hahn

*Facility*

Perry Winegeart, Dave Epley

*Finance*

Ross Hendershot, Steve Ratliff

*Worship*

Cody Chrismon, Clay Mason

## *Clay's Corner*

An interesting thing happened to me while Mary and I were visiting Brodhead, Wisconsin two weeks ago. It was one of those moments in life that cannot be explained except that God is at work and He will use those who willingly allow Him to do so to accomplish His purposes.

In the history of the early church (Acts 17:16-34), Luke records an interesting story about a visit the apostle Paul made to a place called Mars Hill in Athens. There (in summary) Paul addresses a group of men who are interested in this "new" religion he has been preaching. And he does so in a very unique, unobtrusive manner.

Seeing all the statues around him, he notices one, entitled, "the unknown god" and uses that statue to tell those who had gathered to listen the story of the God of Creation. And he does so without being offensive. Basically what he says is this: "I see you have a statue here without a name. Let me tell you who this God is." And he goes on from there to explain Jehovah and His ways and ends with the resurrection of Christ. In just a few verses Paul explains who God is and introduces just enough information to strike the curiosity of many, which prompts them to ask him to speak to them again on the subject of the resurrection.

No bashing. No controversy. No heated debates. Just simple information spoken in a nonobtrusive way with the goal of further discourse at a later time. Easy as pie. And the story ends with some scoffing but many desiring to hear more.

Back to Brodhead, Wisconsin: I finally met a man who I have known via Facebook for over a year. He and his grandson were on their way to a private place to "read scripture". As they walked away I had a nagging feeling that I should join them. I almost didn't go. But something kept moving me in their direction. So I quick stepped over to where they had just sat down to read and asked if I could join. "You know I am a minister. Do you mind if I sit in while you read from the scriptures?" To which my friend answered, "We don't mind, but you probably won't want to listen as we will be reading from the book of Mormon."

Oops. What now? I know many who would have walked away. I know many who would have condemned and debated. But I did what I was called to do; witness the power of the resurrected Savior to those who will listen. And that is what I did. I sat in silence as the words were read and I waited. And when the opportunity presented itself I shared the message of Christ in the same manner Paul did that day long ago on Mars Hill. Without offense.

Results? I don't know. I may never know. But I planted seed. And I shared the love. And two people who were used to hearing about how wrong they were from others, looked at a minister of the "real" gospel of Jesus Christ with a sense of curiosity which one day may cause them to ask further questions. And as I walked away I heard the words, "Thank you."

My dad used to tell me, "You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar." Well played dad! Well played.

### **PRAYER LIST**

- **The Babb Family**
- **Mark Broadway** (Jettons' son-in-law, medical mission in Zambia)
- **Terry Boaz** (Haley Ratliff's stepmother, recovering from horse accident)
- **Dawn Clark** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister, homebound with rheumatoid arthritis)
- **Elsie Egger** (Peggy Walls's sister, under hospice care at The Heights nursing home in Gonzales)
- **Lance Fougerat**
- **Nelle Hahn** (recovering from pacemaker surgery)
- **Evy Lynn Lawrence** (Sweeney's granddaughter, in hospital in Ft. Worth)
- **Margain Lewis** (Kevin Johnson's mother, health concerns)
- **Bob Merrill** (friend of Weavers, health concerns)
- **Walter Moerbe** (Randy's father, health concerns)
- **Carolyn Teague** (Jennell Bansom's sister, GI cancer)
- **Sharon Saint** (Zach Babb's mother, recovering from liver transplant in Houston)
- **Maria Vasquez** (Joyce Faires's neighbor, health concerns)
- **Barbara Walls** (Mary Mason's sister-in-law, room 584, DeTar Hospital, Victoria, broken leg)
- **Linda Watson** (Victoria Johnson's aunt, recovering from foot surgery)

### **PRAYER UPDATES**

**Nelle Hahn's** pacemaker surgery went well. She returned home on Thursday. She is sore, but is doing well.

**Margain Lewis** (Kevin Johnson's mother) has a knot above her eye that remains after being drained. She is on antibiotics for that and beginning treatment for fibromyalgia.

**Carolyn Teague's** (Jennell Bansom's sister) cancer is quite invasive and pressing on many organs. Her option at this point is chemotherapy, which will consist of IV treatment one week every three weeks and oral treatment the other two weeks. The doctors will do another scan in six months to see if the treatment was effective.

**Barbara Walls** (Mary Mason's sister-in-law) fell out of bed on Saturday and broke her leg. She is in room 584 at DeTar hospital in Victoria and expected to be there approximately three weeks.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Activity Schedules

Parents: If your child or teen is involved in sports or extracurricular activities, please provide a copy of their schedule(s) to Victoria Johnson so those events may be included in the bulletin and monthly calendar.

#### VBS Pictures

Thank you to Lauren Babb for taking and printing pictures from Vacation Bible School. There are several pictures on the table in the foyer and on the bulletin board by the women's restroom. Please feel free to take any of them home with you!

#### E-mail Sign Up

If you would like to receive prayer updates and announcements by e-mail, please notify Victoria Johnson.

**Lance Fougerat** is scheduled to move from the facility in San Diego (Texas) to a center in Del Valle this Wednesday, July 29.

**Evy Lynn Lawrence** (Sweeney's granddaughter) is in her own room and scheduled to go home on Wednesday, July 29. She is still on limited oxygen and is feeding well. Pray for her parents, Brittany and Cody, as they make this transition.

**Sharon Saint** (Zach Babb's mother) had liver transplant surgery on Friday in Houston. The surgery went better than expected. She will remain on dialysis and the hope is her kidneys will also improve with the new liver.

**Maria Vasquez** (Joyce Faires's neighbor) is on dialysis and losing her eyesight. She is in her 40s and has two young daughters, Sophia and Aracely, who attended our VBS in June.

#### Fellowship Meal Today

Today we have our monthly fellowship meal in the annex immediately following worship service. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of food and fellowship!

#### Singing at The Heights

This afternoon we have our monthly signing at The Heights Nursing Home (701 N Sarah Dewitt Drive) at 3:30 p.m.

#### Men's Meeting

There is a men's meeting this afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday Morning Men's Meeting

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at 6:20 a.m. for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

#### Wednesday Evening Series

Please join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. as we continue our series, "Follow in His Steps."

If you have any announcements or prayer requests you wish to have included in the bulletin, please call, text or e-mail Victoria Johnson: 325-518-9205, [victoriawjohnson@outlook.com](mailto:victoriawjohnson@outlook.com).