Ministry & Volunteer Rotations

Weekly—Charlie Mills

April 12—Ross Hendershot April 19—Randall Sweeney

April 26—Ralph Mason

May 3—Perry Winegeart

May 10—Henry Lind

May 17—Cody Chrismon

SONG LEADER

April 19—Phil Sweeney

April 26—Ross Hendershot

May 3—Jared Coburn

May 10—Perry Winegeart

May 17—Cody Chrismon

SECURITY

April 12—Perry Winegeart

April 19—Henry Lind

April 26—John Schumacher

May 3—Ralph Mason

May 10—Cody Chrismon

May 17—Ross Hendershot

May 24—Zach Babb

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COMMUNION PREP

April—Mills May—TBD

> **TEACHER ROTATION** (MARCH—MAY)

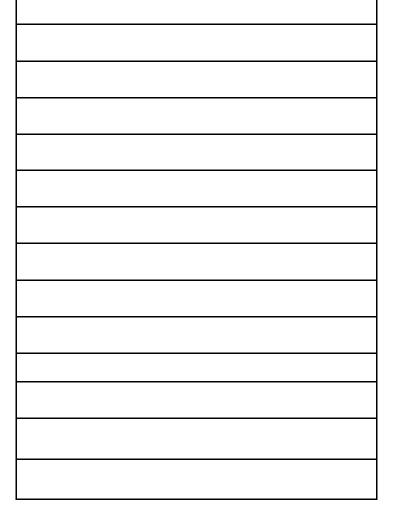
SUNDAYS

2-4 vrs—Lauren Babb K-2nd grades—Cheryl Pitts 3rd-6th grades—Jennifer Epley JH/HS—Zach Babb Adults—Rotation

WEDNESDAYS

2-5 yrs—Kathy Schumacher 1st-6th grades—Paige Mills JH/HS —John Schumacher Adults—Charlie Mills

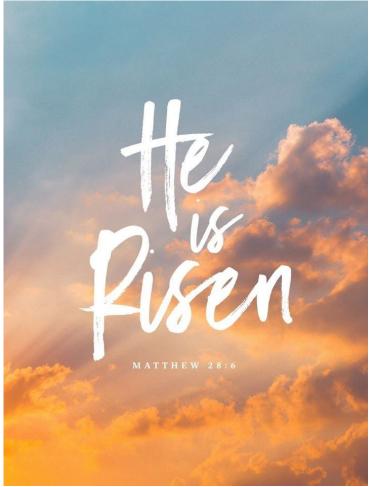
Notes



WELCOME

Guests, so that we may get to know you better, please fill out an information card from the pew rack and place it in the collection plate when it passes or leave it on the end of your pew.

APRIL 12, 2020



Meeting Times

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Study—9:30 a.m. Worship Service—10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING Bible Study—6 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Out of an abundance of care for our members' health and safety, and in keeping with recently-issued local and state orders, all organized activities are cancelled.

Leadership

PREACHING MINISTER Charlie Mills **WORSHIP & EDUCATION** Cody Chrismon, Kevin Johnson, John Schumacher

> Zach Babb, Perry Winegeart **FINANCE & BENEVOLENCE**

FACILITIES

Zach Babb, Ross Hendershot, Henry Lind

Birthdays & Auniversaries

TODAY Michael Sims MONDAY, APRIL 13 John Schumacher **TUESDAY, APRIL 14** Charlie Mills THURSDAY, APRIL 16 **Perry Winegeart**

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On Easter

During this quarantine Paige and I have introduced the kids to the Narnia movie series. The Chronicles of Narnia is a series of books written by one of the greatest Christian apologists to ever live, C.S. Lewis. I always see more Lewis quotes this time of year because of his comments on the topic of the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian system. If Christ did not rise, then what is anyone doing? This is not something we can merely half-heartedly believe. It means so much to an individual to receive the blessing that comes from the resurrection. It means Jesus is deity, as well as fully human. It means the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign. Resurrection proves that physical death is not the termination of human existence. It represents an assurance that we can have forgiveness from our sins. C.S. Lewis puts the importance of the death, burial, and resurrection in the forefront of all Christianity.

"To preach Christianity meant (to the Apostles) primarily to preach the Resurrection. ...
The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts. The Resurrection, and its consequences, were the 'gospel' or good news which the Christians brought." (Miracles, ch. 16)

I must wonder during this time of year, is this still the pattern we follow today? Is this the forefront of what we teach, and to me more importantly, how we live? As Christ followers, are we living like people who have not only believed whole-heartedly in the death, burial, and resurrection, but have received the blessings as well? Scripture is clear, when one has been baptized into the death, burial and resurrection we receive many blessings, two being the indwelling of the spirit and forgiveness of sins.

These are two of the most amazing things a person could receive from the creator. At the same time, they might be some of the hardest to receive. Living with the spirit means we have the confidence to accept any challenge because we know God is with us. We can ask anything and the spirit intercedes for us on our behalf. We have the promise that if we ask according to His will we will receive it. This still, for some, is the hardest thing for us to trust in.

Then, there is forgiveness. We sometimes have a hard time forgiving ourselves let alone trust in God's complete and perfect forgiveness. Then, there is the fact that if we accept complete forgiveness it's expected of us to forgive others as well. This is really tough. We may sometimes question motives or not think that their forgiveness is complete.

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This concept for us is not always easy. C.S. Lewis also speaks on forgiveness as well. "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." (The Weight of Glory, "On

Forgiveness") We need to accept we have been fully forgiven of our sins, cf. Colossians 1:13. We need to encourage, believe, and accept this in others as well. Living the gospel message means accepting God's blessing on self and others as well. When we live this message out it can do twice as much than thousands of words can.

Have a great quarantine Easter! We can't wait till this is over with to be with you again!

-Mills Family

Prayer

- Diane Acock—health
 Lauren Babb's step-mother
- Pauline Alvarez—health
- Norma Anderson—health
 Cheryl Pitts' friend
- Dawn Clarke
- Paul Faires—health Joyce's son
- Steven Faires
- Justin Gammons
- Nelle Hahn—health
- Russ Hahn—health
- Marilyn Irvin—healthArt Johnson—health
- Paige Mills' grandfather

- Kerri Johnson
 - Paige Mills' mother
- **Curtis Jones, Sr.**—Alzheimer's
- Curtis Jones, III—Army
- Mandy Kasper—health Winegearts' daughter
- Jeanette Laging—health
- Sharron Mason—health
- Martha McCarter—health Lauren Babb's grandmother
- Ted & Christalina Muniz marriage
- Kevin Noack

Art Johnson, Paige Mills' grandfather, is recovering from a heart attack.

Oretha Pennock—health
 Debbie Fougerat's mother

- Freeman Pickett—health
- Carrie Pitts—health Don's mother
- Don Pitts—health
- Sharon Saint—health
 Zach Babb's mother
- Dana Spradlin—health
- Nancy Tuttle—health Peggy Walls' sister
- Susan Williamson—health Lauren Babb's mother

By the Numbers

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION
LAST WEEK

Offering \$220
Budget \$2,253
Difference (-\$2,033

YTD \$22,918 \$31,542 (-\$8,624)

WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE; HEHAS RISEN! LUKE 24:5-6

Congratulations to Mitch Roberts of Shiner who was baptized on Monday, April 6!

IF YOU HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRAYER REQUESTS YOU WISH TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN, PLEASE CONTACT: VICTORIA JOHNSON AT 325-518-9205 OR VICTORIA@GONZALESCHURCHOFCHRIST.ORG.