

Prayer Ministry

Many of you may know Teresa, a new member and a prayer warrior for our church. Teresa has felt the Lord's calling to offer in-home prayer for any church member desiring prayer.

If interested, please contact the Church Office or Teresa directly.



A/V Equipment

Thank you for your generosity in helping fund this exciting A/V project. We are only \$2,835 away from paying it off in full.



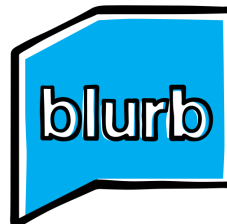
If you are interested in giving toward this project, we request that you do not take away from your normal tithes, but give as God calls.

Thank you!

**Total received toward this project:
\$13,165.**

Bulletin Blurbs

Do you have a small business that offers services that our church members may be interested in? Send your business/contact info and service details to the church office to be 'advertised' in the bulletin. For example:



Holly Hair

Holly Phillips is a mobile hair stylist who does cut & color. You can reach Holly at 980-406-8566 if you or someone you know is interested in having a mobile hair stylist!



May 19, 2024

*encourage
one another
and build
each other
up*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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Sunday, May 19 2024

Doing Life Together in Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:4-15

The Point: Believers share and experience life in Christ together.

The Bible Meets Life: *The Jungle Book* characters—Mowgli, Bagheera, Baloo, Kaa, and King Louie—have long entertained us. Mowgli, the boy raised by wolves in the Indian jungle, delights children and adults with his hilarious jungle adventures and animal friends. But the story of Dina Sanichar who inspired the book, was far from idyllic.

As a young child, Dina lived among wolves in the jungles of India, isolated from human contact. In 1867, hunters found six-year-old Dina and took him to a Sikandra mission orphanage. Initially, Dina continued to howl like a wolf and walk on all fours. He would only eat raw meat and chewed bones. Dina never learned human language or fully adapted to life among people. He died at thirty-five years old.

Experts say human interaction is essential for our mental and physical well-being. Loneliness and social isolation contribute to sleeplessness, reduced immune function, anxiety, depression, heart disease, stroke, and dementia. *We need* other people.

Nowhere is this truer than in the Christian life. Following Jesus is hard. We were never meant to do it in isolation. Believers were meant to *do life together*.

Live It Out: Find fellowship. Regularly invite someone at church you don't know well to dinner. Get to know this person more deeply.

Support your leader. Pray for your pastor every week. Call or send a note stating your support and appreciation for him this week.

Invite accountability. Ask a strong Christian of the same gender to be your accountability partner. Schedule regular times to check on how you're growing spiritually and obeying Christ daily. Share your weaknesses and welcome advice.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Special Focus: The Joy of Giving

Sunday, May 26 The Joy of Giving
(2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

Promises We Can Count On

Sunday, June 2 God's Promises of Fruitfulness
(Genesis 1:26-30; 2:16-17; 3:16-19)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, May 12

Indoor: 45

Online: 116



Wednesday, May 15

Online: 57

Youth: 16

Offering Plate

We have added an important element of worship back into our worship service: the passing of the offering plate!



Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26

May Offering

To Date:

\$6,990.00



Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump & Family

Peggy Dean

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Bob Hale (Shelia's Dad)

Christine Hinson

Bible Studies for Life

A new sermon series/BSFL unit starts on June 2nd. The unit is titled *Promises We Can Count On*. Books will be available in the SS classrooms and in the vestibule TODAY.

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House of Pearls

Volunteer Opportunity

Are you familiar with Facebook Marketplace? House of Pearls is looking for a volunteer who would come to the store, take pictures of bigger ticket items and post them on Facebook Marketplace for sale. If this sounds like something you could do, give them a call at Pearls

Monroe 704-218-2168 and let them



know you would like to be their Marketplace representative!