



# THE CALLER

## Kyle's Korner

Last August, during the "Back to School" rush, a middle school in Georgia posted a welcome back message to their students that read, "Welcome Back Students. We are glad you are hear." The message was supposedly up for less than an hour before the correct spelling for "here" was posted. However, someone snapped a picture of the sign and it went viral on the Internet and covered on the TV news for a cycle. The school administrators caught a lot of flack for such an error -- however short-lived it was.

For three months during that same time, I had been driving by a church sign that contains a similar error. The sign read: "No prayer for 7 days makes one week." If I'm not mistaken, even with prayer, seven days is still one week. Clearly, the intent of the sign creator was to encourage prayer as a source of strength -- without prayer, we are weak.

Errors like these occur all the time, because we are human and we make mistakes. We are sometimes so distracted that we do not focus on the task at hand. I can not and will not fault folks for trying and falling short. However, for the spelling error to be posted all summer long -- left uncorrected -- is no longer a simple mistake. It's lazy -- the people in that congregation either did not care enough to fix it or were just not paying attention.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1. Lent is a 40-day journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb. Lent helps us prepare for the radical act of God in raising Jesus from the dead. Ash Wednesday is a day to think about our humanity and the frailty of life. The burned ashes from last year's Palm Sunday palms are imposed on our foreheads as a reminder that from the dust we were created and to the dust we will return when we die. It is from the acknowledgement that we are dust in God's hands that we begin to see what God can do in us and through us and for us -- as we are deeply known and loved by God.

The journey we take in Lent wakes us up to pay attention to our lives and to what is going on around us. The journey we take in Lent is not by ourselves, but with others who care about us and us, them. The journey we take in Lent shines a light in our dark places of our minds and souls that we may seek clearly the ways we obstruct God's movement and gives us a chance to change those things that prevent us from being the people God created us to be.

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## February Budget Corner

General Budget received in February	\$13,023.00
Building Accounts received in February	\$ 100.00

As we journey together this Lent, may you come to know God and God's love for you more deeply this year. There is power in joining together as a community of faith. When we challenge one another, we can do great things. Opening our lives to God's grace opens us to greatness beyond our imagining.

I'll see you Sunday.

Kyle

## **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism Commission Application: Due March 31, 2017**

The Christian Church in Tennessee is forming an all-new Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism Commission. Our Regional Minister, Rev. Dr. Christal Williams, and the Regional Board have appointed Rev. Dr. Judy Cummings, New Covenant Christian Church (Nashville) and Rev. Jay Hartley, Eastwood Christian Church (Nashville) to co-chair this new Commission. We are seeking up to 12 individuals to be part of the Commission. Our goal is to build a team balanced by age, race, congregation, and geography across the region. Toward that end, we are asking for interested Disciples to fill out the following application form and return to the Regional Office by March 31, 2017. The Co-Chairs will then select team members to form a balanced Commission.

### Commitment:

Commission members will be expected to attend an initial face-to-face meeting in Nashville in May or June and then an extended (multi-day) formal training in Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism work.

After that, we expect to meet via video conference a few times throughout the year and face-to-face in Nashville approximately 2 times per year. Since we are a new Commission we will create strategies and goals needed to implement and develop a Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism agenda for the Region that works.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN Food Needs**

Thank you again to everyone for your generosity in supporting Good Samaritan. No matter what time of year it is, Good Sam is always in need of food. We will continue to ask for any of the following: canned meats, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, crackers and peanut butter. You may also bring other kinds of food that is not mentioned above. Your continued support is very much appreciated!



**Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday night, March 12!**

**You don't want to be late for our Congregational Breakfast!!**

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Worship and Wonder: Children ages 3 years old through fifth grade are welcome to join Donnye and Bonnye Fields following the praise hymn the 1st & 3rd Sunday of this month for their own special time of worship in the Worship and Wonder room and sometimes in Class Rooms 2 & 3.

March 5                      Worship and Wonder  
March 19                     Worship and Wonder

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday School for adults. The Adult SS Class, led by Ruth Cartwright, meets in the Parlor. The Caring & Sharing Class, led by Wayne Schumann, meets in room 11. The Cross & Chalice Class, led by Frank Douglas meets in room 15. Classes begins at 9:00 am.

## ELDERS MEETS

The Elders will meet Sunday, March 19, at 8:00 am.

## BOARD MEETS

The Board meets Sunday, March 19, at 11:30 am

## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will host our monthly Congregational Breakfast on March 12, at 7:45 am. Kyle will continue with our monthly Congregational Conversation immediately following breakfast.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

As we begin the season of Lent, Rev. Kyle will be doing an Ash Wednesday Service, March 1, at 6:00 pm. Please plan to join us as we move into the Lenten season and the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**CWF** will meet March 14, 2017 beginning with Helping Hands at 9:30 am, followed by a luncheon (provided) at 11:30 am. Rev. Laurie Ralston will be our guest speaker.

## CIRCLE I

Circle I will meet, March 21, 2:00 pm in the Parlor

## CIRCLE III

Circle III will meet Tuesday, March 21 at 4:30 pm

## In Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Assisted Living

### *Carriage House Inn*

Rose Marie Clark  
Mary Lynn Prince  
Carolyn Ray

### *The Heart Remembers*

Mattie Ray Wisner

### *Brookdale Senior Living*

Cornelia Riddle

### *Celebration Way*

Harriet Melson

## At Home

Lisa Adams  
Ernie Brewbaker  
Edna King  
Wallace & Brenda Hancock  
Virginia Ann Haynes  
Edna King  
Eric Newell  
Annette Palmer  
Kerry Thompson  
Naomi Thompson  
Ted York



## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Albert Smithson

Naomi Thompson

### In Memory of Matthew Thompson

Rose Marie Clark  
George & Kay Dennis  
Rhoda Gunter  
Anne McMahan  
Bobby & Freida Newell  
Mary Lynn Prince  
Buddy & Ellen Taylor  
Ruby Taylor  
Ted & Lita York


## Reading Through the Bible Schedule

### March

- 1 Corinthians 3-5 Psalm 61 (Ash Wednesday)
- 2 1 Corinthians 6-8 Psalm 62
- 3 1 Corinthians 9-11 Psalm 63
- 4 1 Corinthians 12-14 Psalm 64
- 5 1 Corinthians 15-16 Psalm 65
- 6 Matthew 1-4 Psalm 66
- 7 Matthew 5-7 Psalm 67
- 8 Matthew 8-10 Psalm 68
- 9 Matthew 11-13 Psalm 69:1-18
- 10 Matthew 14-16 Psalm 69:19-36
- 11 Matthew 17-19 Psalm 70
- 12 Matthew 20-22 Psalm 71
- 13 Matthew 23-25 Psalm 72
- 14 Matthew 26-28 Psalm 73
- 15 Ruth Psalm 74
- 16 Judges 1-3 Psalm 75
- 17 Judges 4-6 Psalm 76
- 18 Judges 7-9 Psalm 77
- 19 Judges 10-12 Psalm 78:1-39
- 20 Judges 13-15 Psalm 78:40-72
- 21 Judges 16-18 Psalm 79
- 22 Judges 19-21 Psalm 80
- 23 Romans 1-3 Psalm 81
- 24 Romans 4-5 Psalm 82
- 25 Romans 6-8 Psalm 83
- 26 Romans 9-11 Psalm 84
- 27 Romans 12-13 Psalm 85
- 28 Romans 14-16 Psalm 86
- 29 1 Samuel 1-3 Psalm 87
- 30 1 Samuel 4-6 Psalm 88
- 31 1 Samuel 7-9 Psalm 89:1-18



# March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7 pm Choir	2 9:30 am CBS	3	4
5	6	7	8 7 pm Choir	9 9:30 am CBS	10	11 <b>TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR!!!</b>
12 7:45 am Con- gregational Break- fast & Conversa- tion.	13	14 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:30 am CWF	15 7 pm Choir	16 9:30 am CBS	17 	18
19 8 am Elders 11:15 am Board	20	21 2 pm Circle I 4:30 pm Circle III	22 7 pm Choir	23 9:30 am CBS	24	25
26	27	28	29 7 pm Choir	30 NO CBS	31	



### March Birthdays

- 3 Lita York
- 8 Rhoda Gunter
- 11 Missy Eakin
- 12 Ellen Taylor
- 12 Brady O'Neal
- 15 John Carlton  
Landon O'Neal
- 19 Roger Sinquefield
- 22 Mary Jane Sinquefield
- 27 Elisa Harris

### March Elders

- Ruth Cartwright
- Johnny Reed

### March Deacons

- Tara Davis