

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH**

Sunday 10:00 am.....Bible Classes  
 11:00 am.....Worship  
 5:00 pm (first Sunday of the month only).....Singing  
 Wed. 6:00 pm.....Bible Classes

**WELCOME, VISITORS!**

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, here’s what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. As a result, we **sing** without the accompaniment of mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We have a weekly observance of the **Lord’s Supper** (cf. Acts 20:7) which consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (Matt. 26:26-29). This memorial is designed for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins to partake (Acts 2:38, 42). There will also be an **offering** collected from our members (1 Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. You will also hear the **preaching** of a Bible-centered message (Acts 20:7) and men leading the congregation in **prayer** (1 Tim. 2:8). We think you will find our worship meaningful and refreshing as we strive to do it in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We encourage you to observe carefully and stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you better and answer any questions you may have.

**Elders:** Chris Clark  
Steve Doss  
Steven Reynolds

**Deacons:** Harold Bradshaw (Young Adults & VBS)  
Cole Clark (Worship/Tech./Bldg & Grnds)  
Tyler Curry (Safety & Security/Bldg & Grnds)  
Edd Sterchi (Outreach/Benevolence/Youth)

**Minister:** Edd Sterchi office (270) 465-6851

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION RECORDS**

	2024 Goals	Last Week	1 yr ago
Bible Study	60	34	42
Sun AM	80	50	69
Sun PM	40	33	
Wed	45		39
Contribution	1950	1918	890

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**May 12, 2024**

**God Knew There Should Be Mothers**

God knew there should be mothers  
 to hear each infant’s cry,  
 to pat away the little tears  
 that fill a baby’s eye...

God knew there should be mothers  
 to hear a child’s first word,  
 to listen with attention  
 when a child’s voice must be heard...

God knew that each and every child  
 needs someone close each day  
 to help them out, to cheer them up  
 at home, at school, at play...

To teach them how to share this world  
 with sisters and with brothers  
 and so in His great wisdom  
 God created mothers.



- Jean Kyler McManus

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer List** \* Paxton Bloyd \* Richard Coffey (lymphoma) \* Riley Decker (leukemia) \* Tom Doss (cancer) \* Mildred Eastridge \* Jack Flippin (cancer) \* Jaxson Gass (neuroblastoma) \* Becky Gatewood (cancer) \* Wilma Landis (cancer) \* Eli Marcom (brain tumor) \* Rhonda McFarland \* Susan Morris (throat cancer) \* Ricky Page \* Lindsey Parson Scarborough (colon cancer) \* Al Watson (stroke)

### **Medical Updates**

- \* **Richard Harden** got a good report from the surgeon and made it home on Fri.
- \* **Patty Reynolds** took a tumble last week. She is bruised and sore.

### **Vacation Bible School Information (Please Read All of It)**

- \* **Work Day** - There will be a work day at the church building **this Sat., May 18**. Please come and help get the place spruced up for our upcoming VBS.
- \* **VBS Meeting** - There will be a short VBS meeting after morning services **Sun., May 26**. Please plan on staying and giving your input.
- \* **VBS Dates** - Our VBS will be **June 19-21** in the evenings.
- \* **Sign Up Sheet** - There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. **Please sign up as soon as possible** to volunteer.



### **Possible Dates for Our Friends and Family Day**

Our elders have decided to have a Friends and Family Day this fall sometime. Possible dates are Sept. 22 or 29. Please let one of the elders know which of these dates would be best for you.

### **Reminder**

There are still change cans for Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries Silver for Children campaign. If you have not taken one yet, please do so and start filling it up. They need to be brought back by Sept. 15.

**Anniversaries This Week** - Brian & Erin Sadler (May 14)

## **The Three Bears**

Once upon a time, there were three bears... No, no, no – that's the wrong three bears. Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in Galatians 6 are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears".

**Bear One Another's Burdens** (v.1-2). This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "**Share Bear**".

**Bear Your Own Burdens** (v.3-5). This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The words that follow in v.6-9 are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "**Aware Bear**".

**Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body** (v.11-17). Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word "marks" in the Greek text. It is the Greek word "stigma" and literally means "a mark pricked or branded upon the body". Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ – not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ – he was Christ's slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase "the Lord Jesus" – Jesus was Paul's Lord and Master (v.14). Thus we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let's identify this bear as "**Declare Bear**".

My hope for all of us is what Paul's was for the Galatian Christians: "*Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit*" (v.18). And let us be reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

- Edd Sterchi