Prayer Concern

Travelers, Northeast Area,

Our nation, government, military and their families, and families needing a church.

**March Church Calendar**

1 Game Night 6:30 pm

5 Worship 9:30 am

 Fellowship Dinner 10:30 am

 (fundraiser provided by Women’s Min.)

8 Women’s Meeting 6:00 pm

11 Men’s Breakfast, Church 7:30 am

 Women’s Breakfast, Richie’s 8:00 am

12 Worship 9:30 am

 Fellowship Time 10:30 am

 Group Study 10:45 am

 MMM Supplies

 Daylight Savings Time Begins

14 Back Pack Day 9:00 am

15 Board Meeting 6:30 pm

19 Worship 9:30 am

 Fellowship Time 10:30 am

 Group Study 10:45 am

26 Worship 9:30 am

 Fellowship Time 10:30 am

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 Food Pantry Sunday

 **Fellowship News**

The next Fellowship Dinner on March 5, 2017, will be a Women’s Ministries Beans & Rice fundraiser.

 Thanks,

 Patricia Carson



 **March Responsibilities**

 **Elders:**

 5 Bill McDonald/Jerry Thompson

12 Dale Woodard/Jerry Thompson

19 Dale Woodard/Jerry Thompson

26 Dale Woodard/Jerry Thompson

 **Worship Leader**

 5 Ted Beaty

12 Shannon Oliver

19 Julie Craddock-Bragg

26 Dale Woodard

 **Fellowship:**

 5 Fellowship Dinner: Women’s Min.

12 Fellowship Time: Everyone

19 Fellowship Time: Everyone

26 Fellowship Time: Everyone

 **Statistically Speaking**

 **February 2017**

February 19 Offering - $1,585.00

February 26 Offering - $1,040.00

Feb. Offerings (Total) - $7,426.98

Week of Compassion - $428.00

**\*Monthly Budget - $8,966.00**

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============================================================**KEVIN’S KORNER**

March 1, 2017

 This week will begin the Lenten Season. Not many people pay attention to religious “seasons”. Our church observes Advent (season before Christmas) and Lent (season before Easter), so let me share a few tidbits to help you get ready for the season.

 According to Wikipedia, western Christianity observes Lent a little different than eastern churches of Christianity. Here is Wikipedia’s comments: Lent (**Latin:** Quadragesima: Fortieth) is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through **prayer**, doing **penance**, **repentance** of sins, **almsgiving**, **atonement**, and **self-denial**. This event is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches.

 We, as a church body and as individual members, want to be drawn closer to God and the world we serve. Lent helps us focus on ways we can be more intentional about all of this.

 I look forward to continuing our Group Study and finding ways we can be more intentional about observing the Lenten Season.

 Kevin

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***Blessings from the Blessing Box***

 Friday noon we fed the hungry. A young man traveling through town came to our door, tired and hungry and we fed him a meal. Jane’s grand-daughter even shared some of her pizza with him. We filled a lunch bag with snacks (& more of her pizza) and he went on his way. He was so appreciative – and we were once again so blessed. We try to always do as Christ would have us do in our little Blessing Box.

 On Wednesday morning, a young lady came by and needed to get to Sulphur Springs. Her car had broken down. Barbara Burt had just driven by and visited a second. She was on her way to Dallas. I called her, she came back and picked the lady up. Another blessing for all of us.

 We give $200 to our Week of Compassion offering each year. We give in honor of Frankie Brown because she strongly supports this special offering.

 We are the Blessing Box – some of our friends call us the box of blessings. I think that’s nice – I think that’s love – I think that’s what makes the world go round.

 Come by and visit – you’ll feel it –

 Thank you and

 May God Bless!

 Annita and The Blessing Box Bunch

 **Group Study – Let Hope In**

 We had our first lesson for our new Group Study on Feb. 26. The next session of the five remaining sessions will be on Sunday, March 12. We will end the Sunday after Easter. Let Hope In is a group study by Pete Wilson, who authored the book, *Let Hope In: 4 Choices That Will Change Your Life Forever*. Pete is the founding and senior pastor of Cross Point Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

 As in past group studies, we will have a time of Bible study, Video message, Discussion, and Prayer. The video section will be much shorter on these lessons – lasting only 8-12 minutes each time.

 The dates and themes are: Feb. 26 – **Hope Needed** (2 Samuel 9: 6-13); March 12 – **Hope Found** (Matthew 8: 1-13); March 19 – **Hope Personified** (Luke 15: 11-12, 20-24); March 26 – **Hope Expressed** (Psalm 138: 1-8); April 9 – **Hope Renewed** (John 18: 15-18, 25-27; 21: 15-19); and April 23 – **Hope Shared** (Acts 3: 1-10).

 We all need hope. Maybe we’ve made mistakes. Maybe we feel shame or regret over something in our present or past. We’ve tried to fix things in our lives and we’ve failed. If we’re not careful, we can be blinded by an onslaught of mistakes, shame, and regret. And in this blindness we can lose sight of hope.

 I look forward to our church growing and being strengthened through this study!

 Kevin

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

First, I want to remind everyone of the Beans and Rice Fundraiser on March 5. The Women’s Ministries will cook everything. We would appreciate a love offering and you won’t need to bring any food.

Three of us met to work on blankets on February 7. Several blankets were completed. Helping on them was Cora, Dale, and Julie. Our February meeting was held on Feb 8, and five women enjoyed a study on Hospitality in the Bible presented by Shannon Oliver. We completed plans for the dinner on March 5 and discussed blanket workdays. If we do any workdays in March, we will announce it in Worship services.

 Our meeting for March will be on the 8th in the church fellowship hall. Pat will present the study and worship.

February 14, several met to fill the bags for the Back Pack program: Kevin, Woody, Dale, Cora and Julie. In March, the date to meet will be the 14th. We will meet at the Rock Building on W. Broadway. They are also needing plastic bags.

Women’s breakfast meeting will be March 11 at Richie’s.

We have designated the 5th Sunday of any month for collection of Back Pack items. The next date will be April 29.

 We continue to support Morgan’s Mercy Mansion with a monthly gift of $30.00 and we do appreciate everyone’s participation in helping with their supplies.

Following is the list of supplies for the Back Pack program:

Chef Boyardee Meals; Campbell’s Chicken Noodle Soup; Single serve Kraft Mac n Cheese; Pop Tarts; Individual Packaged Crackers (Cheezits); Individual serving Fruit Cups; Individual Serving Applesauce; Nutri-grain bars; Nature Grain Fruit Bars; Nature Valley Cereal Bars; Jiff Peanut Butter On the Go Individual Serving; Peanut Butter Crackers; Individual Serving Tuna salad or Chicken Salad; Individual Serving Cereal Boxes.

Blankets sent out in February: Carolyn Albritton, Cindy Brown, Crissy Bamberry, and Lavonna Hitz.

**Morgan’s Mercy Mansion Needs for March:**

**Bleach/Laundry Soap**

