

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS—Please join us on Wednesday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. The men will meet in the sanctuary and the ladies will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS DECORATING—If you can help with decorating for Vacation Bible School, please come to the church on Monday at 4:00 p.m. and Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

THE ARMOR OF GOD—The next sessions (Week 4 “The Shoes of Peace”) will be on Wednesday, **May 2** (video) and **May 16** (discussion), at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—The local observance will be held at noon on Thursday, May 3, at the Main Street Gazebo. Everyone is encouraged to attend and pray for unity in our nation.

MOVIE NIGHT—The “War Room” movie featuring Priscilla Shirer will be shown on Sunday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, etc.

CHURCH-WIDE BREAKFAST—Bring mom and the whole family on Mother’s Day, May 13, at 8:30 a.m. for a delicious breakfast and then attend Sunday School and church together!

AGAPE HOUSE—Your donations of food items are appreciated. **No more egg cartons, please.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—For the month of May please bring small stuffed animals. A box for your donations is in the foyer.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—All men are invited to Burger King each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR REVIVAL—Join us each Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Joyful Ladies room.



Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:40 a.m. Morning Worship & Children’s Church
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday

- 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (Burger King)

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer for Revival

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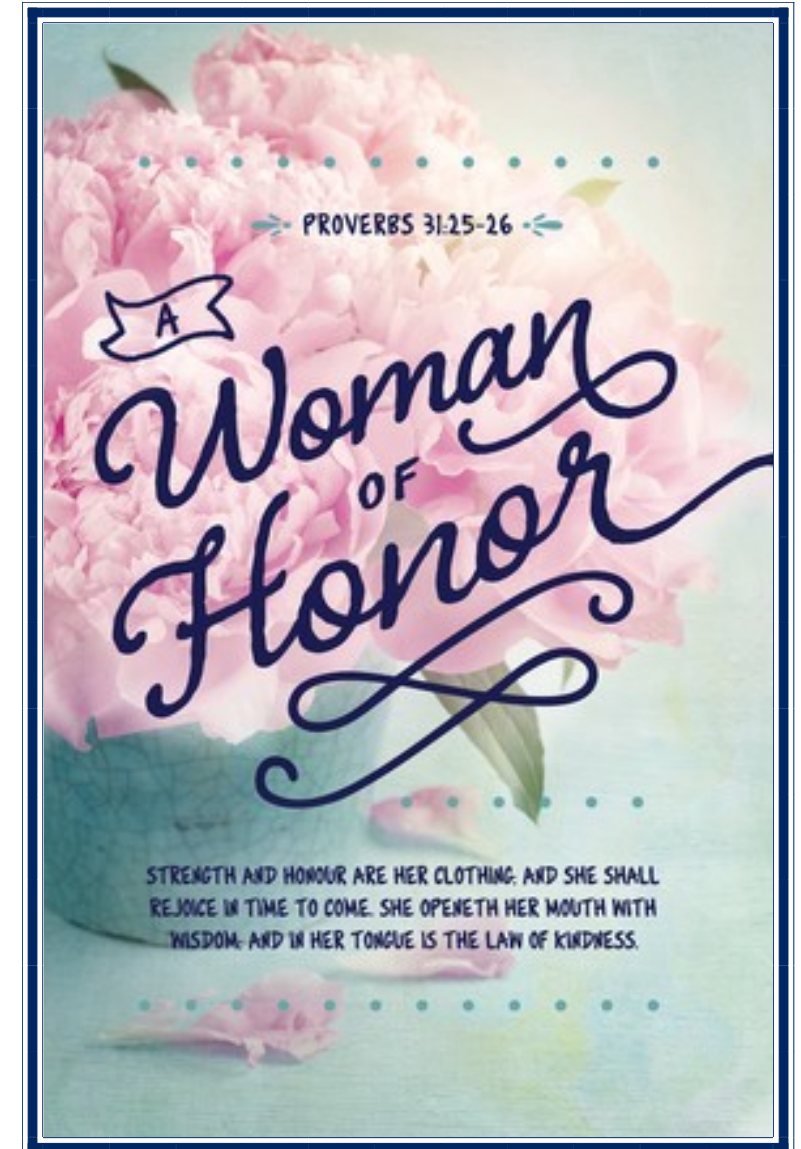
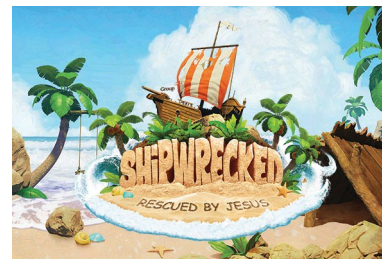
Welcome

New Member

Linda Studdard

Vacation Bible School

July 22-27, 2018



STRENGTH AND HONOUR ARE HER CLOTHING; AND SHE SHALL REJOICE IN TIME TO COME. SHE OPENETH HER MOUTH WITH WISDOM; AND IN HER TONGUE IS THE LAW OF KINDNESS.

From Your Pastor's Heart

HIDDEN HEROES—Thanks to Larry Hults and Robin Jobe for the new handrail downstairs and for all the men who volunteered to help cut the grass. Also, thank you to all the Nursery and Children's Church workers for the love and care they provide for our children along with everyone who gave to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We are so blessed to have such a caring and giving church family!

REVIVAL—For several months now we have been meeting each week to pray for revival to come to St. Clair Southern. Can there be any doubt that we need it? As more and more Christians realize, truly "**revival or ruin**" is what we face. With that in mind, I plan to share some thoughts about it in this column for the next few months. I have asked Bro. Jeremy Hostettler from Hermitage First Baptist Church to come and preach God's Word to us this fall as we seek the Lord in revival and spiritual awakening. But, please know that revival does not come just because we have scheduled time for it on the church calendar or just because we have invited a preacher to come and speak. No, revival comes when we seek the Lord for it and when He graciously gives it to His church.

How do we know that we need it? Well, for one thing it seems to me that Christianity doesn't mean very much to a lot of people who call themselves Christians. Why is it that Christianity seems to mean so little to so many?

Christians believe that they have been delivered from God's just punishment for their sins because Christ endured their hell when He died on the cross. There is nothing we can do to earn our salvation, but there are many things we can do to show our gratitude for salvation such as reading and studying God's Word, praying, regularly worshipping Him, giving generously to the Lord's work or showing love and appreciation to others. These and other things that God requires of us would seem to be the very least Christians can do to show their love and gratitude to God for saving them from hell. You would think every Christian would gladly do all that God asks and then ask, "What more can I do?" After all, being rescued from hell is no small thing!

And yet, as shocking as it sounds, there are many people who claim to be Christians who find these things to be too much for them. They never read their Bibles, pray or

attend church services. They give little or nothing to the Lord's work. They say they are saved, but they feel no gratitude to God. Church leaders find themselves faced with this question: **Why does Christianity seem to mean so little** to people who claim to be Christians?

One answer is that it's possible for true Christians to allow themselves to get into such a cold and backslidden condition that, for a while, they do not live as they should. But the more likely answer is that many of these people are simply not Christians at all! They think they are, but they are not! They may have walked down an aisle at church, got baptized or have their name on the church's membership list. But becoming a Christian means having your life changed. If there is no change, there is no Christianity! It's as simple and as frightening as that!

The sad truth is many people expect their so-called Christianity to get them to heaven, and yet it won't even get them to church! How horrible, sad and painful it will be when these folks hear those terrible words from Jesus: "I never knew you; depart from Me. . ." (Matthew 7:23).

Christianity comes down to just three words basically: GUILT, GRACE and GRATITUDE. All of us have the guilt—the guilt of sin. But only Christians have the grace and the gratitude. All Christians have received God's grace in salvation and all Christians show their gratitude. If there is no gratitude, it is because there is no grace!

Bro. Bill

Senior Adult Banquet Sunday, May 6



Mark your calendar and make plans to attend immediately following the morning worship service. A delicious meal and time of fellowship are being planned just for you as we show our appreciation to senior adults for your faithfulness and dedication.

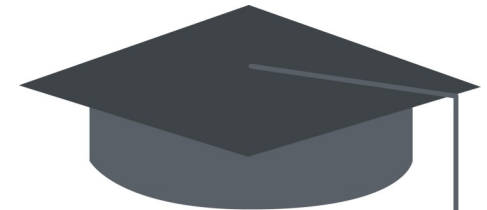
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UNITY

EPHESIANS 4:3
MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.


MAY 3, 2018

#PRAY4UNITY
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



*Jason Landing
Travion Mitchell
Jewel Woodcock*

Congratulations, 2018 Graduates!



Pick up a baby bottle on Mother's Day—take it home and fill it with a check, cash or coins—and then return it on Father's Day. All donations will benefit the Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Cuba. Please make checks payable to LPCC.