

Worship in the Annex on Sunday @ 5:30PM led by the McKelvey/Cain Growth Group. After the service, the group will serve sloppy joes, chips, and cheesecake!

Yankee Candle Fundraising packets are in the foyer. Please pick one up and share it with your friends and co-workers through April 9th. Online purchases can also be made by indicating our group # which is in the packet. All checks should be made out to Karen Fitzpatrick. Your purchases will help the Honduras Mission Projects.

Hotdog and a Hug Ministry at the local Jail on **Saturday, April 1st, from 12:30 to 3 PM.** We will meet at 330 East 1st Ave. (across from the Jail). Come and help be spread the love of Jesus to hurting people in our community.



There is a signup list in the foyer, or let Karen McGee know if you can attend.

Church Directory There is still time to make changes. Please check your family's page in the sample directory in the foyer and make any needed changes. We will be printing soon, so please check TODAY.

***Congregational Prayer Session for Elder Selections:** Come and join us on Saturday morning, April 1st, for focused prayers on our upcoming selection of additional elders for our congregation. We want to pray that God will guide our hearts to select the men He has prepared for this responsibility, and that He will prick the hearts of these men to accept this role. Join us 8:00-8:30 am in focused prayer in the auditorium, and then stay for a light breakfast and fellowship from 8:30-9:15 am. Come and pray for our church!*

***Summer Schedule for Small Groups:** For the summer of 2017 we will continue our small group sessions on the study of LUKE for the first, second and third Sundays evenings each month. On the fourth Sunday evening we will meet in the Annex for a devotional on Luke and fellowship together as presented by assigned small groups.*

Selection Schedule for Appointment of Additional Elders

- Sunday, March 26th* *Announcement to congregation of schedule for selection of additional elders.*
- Saturday, April 1st* *Congregational prayer session in auditorium, 8:00 -8:30 am, followed by light breakfast 8:30-9:15 am.*
- Sunday, April 2nd* *Announce procedures to begin elder nominations. Nominations close April 16th. Nomination forms will be in the lobby.*
- Sunday, April 23rd* *Those accepting and recommended by the current elders will be announced to the congregation. Congregation will be asked to submit any written Biblically based objections of any nominee not later than May 3rd.*
- Sunday, May 21st* *Presentation and appointment of the new additional elders.*

No matter who you are,
where you've been,
or what you've done,
welcome
TO TODAY'S
praise & worship
ASSEMBLY
where imperfect people
serve a perfect god
March 26, 2017

Sometimes, when I look at the apostles, it seems like they are so far away from me and the struggles I face as a Christian. Some of them wrote scripture, and its so obvious that they are excellent people. Even those who just show up in scripture don't seem to be struggling people. Meanwhile, I am trying so hard to be a good man. My failure is obvious to me. I want to be close to God, but it is a struggle that takes a decision every day to do something to open myself to his influence. They walk close to Jesus, actually with him physically and close enough to smell his sweat and hear his breathing. I have nothing comparable to that.

And then Luke lets me see them as people.

The other gospel writers do this too, but in our passage this week, Luke does it so very powerfully. He shows us who they were, not by showing us their amazing faithfulness, but by showing us their failure.

Failure One: Who is the greatest. While walking with God himself in the flesh, all they can think about is their ranking in contrast with one another. They are with the very living parable of the humility and love of God, and they can't love each other? What's wrong with these guys?

Failure Two: Unable to recognize a friend. John reports to Jesus that he mistreated someone for the way that person was using Jesus' name. He seems to be expecting approval for what he did. The crime of the person John smacked down? To free demoniacs from their captors. Sure, it was an act of kindness, but without authorization. It had to be stopped. Jesus says in effect, "Was he hurting you? Then he should be an object of your cooperative love. He was your friend!"

Failure Three: War crimes. They want to visit a village on their way to Jerusalem, but the people there are Samaritans who hate Jerusalem. The villagers will not play host to Jesus and his people. So in a case what might be called slightly over-zealous, James and John want to call down fire from heaven. They want to burn up the whole village! They walk with the Prince of Peace, and they want to commit war crimes. And they think that there is enough probability that he will go for it that they pitch the idea to Jesus. Because obviously (and there may be some sarcasm here), that's what he has been teaching and how he has been behaving.

The good news is that Jesus never walks away from them. These are not minor mistakes, or errors at the periphery of Jesus' message. These are sins against the center of what he's teaching: the cross is born for the sake of love. Love everyone. Love each other, and everybody else!

And if Jesus didn't give up on them, then maybe he won't give up on me either. Maybe my mistakes aren't fatal. Even my rebellions don't leave me beyond repair. Jesus sticks with us, even when our faith is sloppy and full of failure. I know, because I can watch him stick with them.

—Ethan Brown

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Prison Ministry donations:
canned drinks, individually wrapped snack cakes
and individual size bags of chips

Honduras Medication Collection
March: Zantac (Ranitidine is generic name)



Remember our sick and hurting

Mary Cain
Jerry Chitwood
Debbie Davis
Ron & Nancy Farley
Learned Family
Cora Perkins
Sam Ruth
Mike Ulman
Carter, Franklin, Menyhard, & Planck Families
Suzanne Gore recently found out that she has advanced cancer.

Family & friends to remember

Patricia Audia, Mark's sister-in-law
Ashley Baillairge (Susan F.'s granddaughter)
Josh Carland
Brian Conway (SECH)
John Craig, Naomi Bullard's brother
Steve & Carmen DeMerritt (Kristen B's family)
Larry Farley
Charles Gambill (Dianna Teel's father)
Floyd Grindstaff's mother
Gary Henry (Darlene's brother)
Ken Hyder
Valerie Reed, Kathy M. & Sherri L.'s friend
Josh Robertson
Matt Sinko, David's son-in-law
Eliza Watkins, Mark Audia's co-worker in coma
Ramona Weller, Phil Carland's aunt

Visit our shut-ins

Phillipe Gilissen
Doris Killebrew
Mary Francis Lykins
Helen Swayngim
Collie & Lena Whitted



Calendar of Events

- 3/26 Evening Worship led by McKelvey/Cain Growth Group
- 3/30 Ladies Bible Class @ 10AM
- 4/1 Prayer Breakfast @8AM
- 4/1 Hotdog and Hug, 12:30—3PM
- 4/6 Ladies Bible Class @ 10AM
- 4/14 Movie Night @7PM
- 4/20 Ladies Bible Class @ 10AM
- 4/28 Movie Night @ 7PM

Family News and Prayers of Praise

Mary Cain's nuclear stress test revealed that there are no blockages! There is a slight flutter at the top of the heart, but the doctor believes that it may be able to be managed with medication.

Pray for our Mission Efforts

Domestic
Jerry Senn (Burnsville, NC)
Southeastern Children's Home (SC)

Foreign
Eastern European Missions
Mission Lazarus (Honduras)
Nekemte (Ethiopia)
Samrit Kammanee (Thailand)
Steve & Dianna Teel (Baxter Institute)

An attended nursery is available for ages 0-2yrs. Busy Bags for use by any age are in the lobby.

TONIGHT
Worship in the Annex @ 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
HVL Café 6-6:30PM
Menu:
Homemade Lasagna
Make reservations by filling in the space on the attendance card or contact the office before noon on Monday. Donation is \$5 per adult, kids eat free.
Classes at 6:50PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:
-SUNDAY-
9:30 am—Bible Class
10:30 am—Morning Worship
5:30 pm— Evening Worship

-WEDNESDAY-
6:00 pm—HVL Café (Meal in Annex, all welcome)
6:50 pm— Bible Class

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9AM—3PM
Secretaries: Karen McGee & Kylie Cochran

MINISTER Dr. Ethan Brown —1-806-789-3606

ELDERS
Lloyd Cain—891-4459
Bill McKelvey—891-4787
Hugh Price—698-3841
Sam Williams—1-828-748-3263

Morning Worship

Welcome Members and Visitors! Please fill out Attendance Cards and place them in the collection tray.

(Due to a need to change our printing schedule for this bulletin, the song titles and numbers are not listed. They will be projected during the service. Thank you for your understanding.)

Song Leader ▪ Fred Gore
Songs

Prayer ▪ Hugh Price
Song

Communion Leader ▪ Don Yelton
Serve: Bill Frye, Bob Huff, Chuck Borman,
Dale Calmes, David Shaffer, Doug Jarvis

Song

Children's Worship (2yrs—2nd grade)

Luke 9:51-56 ▪ Jeremy Cochran

The High Calling of the Patient Christ ▪ Ethan Brown

Song

Announcements & Prayer ▪ Bill McKelvey

Worship Coordinator: Bill Fitzpatrick
Ushers: Floyd Grindstaff and Garrett Adkinson
Nursery Attendant: Kate Robertson
Sound Room: Tim Godley and Jacob Bullard

Recent Weeks' Statistics			
Attendance	March 5	March 12	March 26
Sunday AM	118	72	127
Sunday PM	61	62	53
Contribution	\$6,284	\$2,906	\$6,242
Budget			\$4,967
YTD Budget			\$59,596
YTD Contribution			\$58,231
YTD Weekly Average			\$4,853