



May 27, 2018

### Scheduled Activities

Sunday, May 27

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, May 30

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

### Pastor's Pondering

**"It's just a flesh wound."**

So go the immortal words of the black knight from Monty Python and the Holy Grail. If you are unfamiliar with the line, it is delivered after King Arthur has cut off both of the black knight's arms. Earlier, when he lost his first arm, the black knight referred to it as "but a scratch."

The humor is found in the ridiculousness of the knight, unwilling to acknowledge the truth of the situation. It is funny in a comedy, but not funny in real life. Ignoring a wound does not make it go away, and claiming that you are fine when you obviously are not does not help.

Realizing we are not alright is a key component of repentance and following Jesus Christ. Every person who decides to follow Jesus does so because they are convicted by their sin and know they are not alright. This doesn't just happen at conversion, though. Throughout our walk, we need to be able to look around and see whether we are alright or if we are sinning or hurting in some area. If so, we need to repent and strive to change it. This is true in our lives and as a church, too. Let's not identify an amputation as a scratch. Let's see the truth about ourselves. - Blessings, David

### On the Horizon

Evangelism Training – Sunday, June 24, from 12:00—1:30 PM. Lunch will be provided.

Riverbend Preteen Camp – July 16–20 for children who will complete grades 3–6 by this summer. Please see Philippe Lalonde for details; we have space for more children. Cost is \$180 a child; scholarships are available.

Eagle Mountain Arts Camp – Our 2018 camp is **THE SHOW MUST GO ON**, and will be in the evenings of July 29 – August 2. We are looking for teachers to lead art classes and to teach Bible study classes. Please see Pastor David if you, or someone you know, have a talent or art to share.

### Worship Preparation

We have a wonderful set of songs planned to focus our hearts and attention on God's love and to encourage us as we serve Him. For our lesson this Sunday, we go to **Acts 6:1-7**. This is often considered the creation of the first deacons, but the men aren't called deacons. We will take a closer look at what is going on and consider how it applies to us today.

### Sunday Service Teams

Lead Greeter

Sharon Rollins

Nursery Ministry

Linda Musick

Counters

Lonnie Hoyt & Bonnie Jones

**Physical Needs:**

- Louie's friend, Richard, is on waiting list for liver and kidney donor
- Dan Jansen, a missionary to Rwanda, is receiving treatment for depression caused by a vitamin deficiency
- Wilburn Smith is recovering from cancer surgery on his face
- Trish Raney will undergo surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Ginny Greenwood is receiving treatment for cancer
- Ed Hudson will treat blocked by-passes with medication

**In the Hospital:**

- Rick Ladner is on a new feeding tube
- Robert Williams has an infection in his lung
- Renee Smith is recovering from double mastectomy

**Praises:**

- Myka Davis is cancer free
- Delmar Holly is home

Thank you for your prayers. We know that many of our praises are due to the prayers of our fellowship.

**Personal Requests:**

- Those who are seeking employment
- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Loved ones struggling with broken relationships
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- For family members to endure the consequences of their actions with a positive spirit
- Chris is facing struggles with depression

**Ministry Requests:**

- Hailes Family in Madagascar
- Meagan Clark - in India with CSJ
- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

**In Nursing Care:**

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Oletha Oldham (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Eagle Crest)
- Roy Trotter (Azle Manor)

**Families who have recently lost loved ones:**

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**Family members in the military:**

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Michael Britt - Navy
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alexander Cole - Air Force

**Special Days:**

- Memorial Day is on the 28th
- Allan Taylor's birthday is on the 28th

**Member Notices:**

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