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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Kevin Judkins
Scripture	Daniel 9:9-11
	*David Keele
(S)	*Ken Martin
(N)	Steve Mitchell
(N)	John David Keele
(N)	Jacob Thurne
	David King
(S)	Jared Mullican
	Clent Kesey
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Kane Maynard
Scripture	Revelation 2:12-17
Lord's Table	*Michael Andrews
	*David Chilton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Jeff Templeton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7158) Eddie Palmer
Lead Singing	Ethan Duncan
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Joe T. Cantrell
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jeff Templeton

Welcome Committee

A.M	Jeff Rhea Family
P.M	Ronnie & Elaine Hoover

Bus Driver:..... Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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Ushers:	Ben Biles & Seth Bouldin	
Attend Nursery:	Kara Hurst	
Lock Building:	Caleb Graves	
Prepare Communic	on:	
-	Templetons	
Assist with Baptisi	ms:	
Cynthi	a Duncan & Amy Lawrence	
Pantry Item:	Peaches	
Elder Closing Remarks: Doug Hendrixson		
Record For The Week		
A.M. Worship	295	
Bible Study	253	
P.M. Worship		
Wednesday Bible Study		
Contribution	\$5,253	

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Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister) - following stay in hospital

Phyllis Reynolds (Iona King's sister)

Perry Woodlee (Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin's brother)

Butch Mullican (son-in-law of Joe T. & Mary Lois)

In The Hospital:

John Biddle - River Park Mildred Glenn - River Park

Jack Hudson (father of Elaine Hoover) - moved to NHC # 108

Joe Adams (father of Cindy Rogers) - St. Thomas #738

Glann Lee (Ken's brother) - St. Thomas ICU following by-pass and valve surgery Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene

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Sermon Topics

Sunday AMFive Ways God is Disobeyed Sunday PM.....Christ To The Churches: Pergamum

Baptism

We rejoice with brother Bruce Nunley who was baptized into Christ last Tuesday evening.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Rachel Graves on Sunday afternoon, March 1, from 1-3 pm at the home of Caleb & Rachel Graves, 51 N. Steeplechase Dr. Its a girl!

Simple Thoughts From Scripture

God told Moses, "'Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it." Deuteronomy 1:38. "'But command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.'" Deuteronomy 3:28. Would Joshua have been the great leader that he was without the encouragement and support of Moses? Moses could have been bitter and resented Joshua because he would lead the children of Israel into the promised land. But he didn't. Moses was a bigger man than that. He taught him and prepared him for the great job for which God had selected him.

Consider also the great encourager of the New Testament, Barnabas. "And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus," Acts 4:36. He undoubtedly encouraged the Apostle Paul to be the great man that he was. Later on, he took the young man John Mark, and encouraged him after he let everyone down by leaving the work. Would John Mark have penned the Gospel that bears his name, and become a "useful" man in the Lord's work (2 Tim. 4:11) without the encouragement of Barnabas?

One must make a concerted effort to see that he is a source of encouragement to those who lead and serve in the Kingdom. Do I take the time to encourage the elders as they lead the congregation spiritually? They need to know that the congregation stands behind them. Do I encourage the teachers who mold and shape the children to be faithful Christian adults? Do I encourage the youth that face numerous challenges each day? Sometimes just a small kind word from a older Christian can make the difference for a young person through a trying week.

Encouragement is infectious. After one begins to encourage others that same encouragement returns back. We can all lift one another up as we serve God.

Tony Lawrence

Upcoming Youth Events:

Thursday Feb 19th - Sunday Feb 22nd

Pigeon Forge Family Retreat

Wednesday Feb 25th

Birthday Wednesday

Saturday Feb 28th

- Bible Bowl Study Session @ the Newby's **Sunday March 1**st
- Bible Bowl at Morrison (Bus leaves at 1:20pm)

From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: A New Life

The most incredible, most important, and by far the most impactful miracle of all was the resurrection. But surrounding the story of Jesus' resurrection, Mark also follows the stories of several other individuals. As Mark tells the story of Jesus, he highlights the stories of Mary Magdalene, the disciples, Peter, and finally, all of creation, including you and me.

The story of Jesus' resurrection includes the story of Mary Magdalene. Mary witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus (15:40). She watched Him as he was buried (15:47). She arrived at the tomb very early on that Sunday morning to anoint His body (16:2). Mark 16:9 gives us some insight as to why Mary followed Jesus so closely. This verse described Mary Magdalene as a woman "from whom he had cast out seven demons." Mary was completely enslaved by the power of Satan. She had no hope, except in Jesus.

Throughout Mark, we saw an emphasis on the unbelief of his closest disciples. Even after witnessing miracle after miracle, they continually failed to believe in Him. We do not see maturity in the faith of his disciples until the resurrection. Mark 16:20 reads, "And they went out and preached everywhere."

Mark especially notes the story of Peter. In Mark

14:66-72, Peter denied Jesus three times. But even after Peter's weaknesses, the young man in the white robe instructed the women at the tomb to "Go tell his disciples and Peter" (16:7 – emphasis added). Peter, who denied Jesus three times, was considered one of the first who needed to hear about the resurrection.

Mary Magdalene was enslaved by Satan. The disciples could not believe. Peter repeatedly denied the truth. They were spiritually dead. They were hopeless. The same could be said for you and me.

But we have not been left alone in our death. Jesus died also. "He breathed his last" (15:39). "He was dead" (15:45). He was buried (15:47). But then, he rose back to life.

Jesus' resurrection freed Mary of her bondage. Jesus' resurrection gave faith to the unbelieving disciples. Jesus' resurrection granted forgiveness to Peter. And Jesus' resurrection gives salvation to you and me.

Before Jesus left the earth, he commanded his disciples, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (16:15-16).

It does not matter how enslaved to sin we have been. It does not matter how faithless we have lived. It does not matter how often our actions have denied Jesus. Jesus was dead, and he rose again. Therefore, through belief and baptism, we too can be saved.

Family Vacation Bible School

The *Unity church of Christ* will host a Family & Friends Day on Sunday March 8, and then that evening begin their Vacation Bible School from 6:30-7:30 pm. The theme is "Fishing With The Master."

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