

March 17, 2024

For He made Him who knew no sin to *be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21

This Week:

Monday: Co-Op, 9:30am-3:00pm, Life House

Tuesday: Bible Study, 10:00am, Life House

Wednesday: Youth Group, 6-8pm, Life House

Saturday, 8am: Men's breakfast and fellowship. Volunteers are welcome to come early and help with meal prep and cooking – please let David Clark know – call or text 540-525-0300, or use a blue card to let us know if you will attend.

Upcoming Events:

Next Sunday, March 24th: Immediately following the morning service, we will have an egg hunt and taco bar lunch. Anyone is welcome to stay - please bring a side dish or dessert. A signup sheet is on the back table with food items needed, as well as names and numbers of those attending. We have plenty of plastic eggs, but donations of wrapped candy are needed. Donations may be brought in by this Wednesday, March 20th. For more information, contact Kristina Neill at 931-637-8447.



Thursday, March 28th, 7pm: The Thursday before Easter is called Maundy Thursday and is when Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples before He was crucified the next day. On Thursday, March 28th, we plan to hold a Maundy Thursday service at the church starting at 7:00pm. We'll spend the time singing songs, sharing Scriptures, and meditating about Christ's sacrifice. We will close the evening by sharing in Communion.

Easter is one of the times people seem most open to coming to church. Please be praying about who you can invite.

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**Family to pray for today:**

Johnny Arbogast

**Prayer Focus for today:**

The Kanembu tribe of Chad Africa and the missionaries whom we support who are seeking to reach them.

**Birthdays for March 17-23**

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| Frannie Simmons      | 17 |
| Savana Tomblin       | 20 |
| Minnie Slayton       | 20 |
| Kae Lacy             | 21 |
| Ronnie Liptrap, Sr.  | 21 |
| Emmalyn Prior        | 21 |
| Mitchell Stinespring | 22 |
| Alan Taylor          | 23 |



**Anniversaries for this week**

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| Fred & Lucille Johnson  | 20 |
| Jared & Cassie Hayslett | 20 |

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Please pray for David Clark as he is preaching at  
Fletchers Chapel this morning.

Total Communion offerings to date for Bibles for North Korea is \$4,009.10. We will receive donations for this ministry through the end of March. Please designate your gift as Bibles or Communion.

We are seeking some people to serve in the nursery. We would like to have two people to be part of a once-a-month rotation. It would also be very helpful to have a few individuals that might be able to fill in on occasions. If you have interest in serving in this very important ministry, please use a blue card to let us know or contact one of the staff.

Beverley will be out of the office  
Tuesday, March 26th thru Friday, March 29th.

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**Elder of the Week:**

David Clark, 540-525-0300

Then the LORD answered me and said: *"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."* Habakkuk 2:2

Living Stones Ministries exists to:

Exalt the Lord our God...Psalm 115:1

Evangelize the lost....Matthew 28:18-20

Equip the saved to do the work of ministry...Ephesians 4:11-12 and 1 Peter 2:5.

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Daily Prayer and Scripture Guide

March	17	Johnny Arbogast	Mark 14:53-72
	18	Larry & Betty Arthur	Mark 15:1-24
	19	Wendy & Emma Austin	Mark 15:25-47
	20	Danny & Barbara Black	Mark 16
	21	Gerald & Melissa Black	Luke 21:1-19
	22	Ricky & Lisa Black	Luke 21:20-38
	23	Tim & Sam Black	Luke 22:1-46
	24	Don & Nancy Blanchard	Luke 22:46-71

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If you are visiting, we are grateful you have chosen to worship with us. In the seat pockets are blue cards. Please fill one out so we may have a record of your visit. You may also use this card to share prayer requests or other information. Please drop your card in the offering bags when they are passed.

Sunday: Location for classes held during Worship Service

Pre-School	Middle room downstairs
K-3rd Grade	Upstairs
4-6th Grade	Prayer room next to kitchen

Parents of Pre-School and K-3rd Grade children are asked to go to your child's classroom at the location listed above to get your little ones following the morning service. Thank you.

Welcome to Living Stones Ministries

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Pastor: Mike Rollins

Associate Pastor: Matt O'Meara

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5

1 Corinthians 1:17 - 25 - The Message Translation

God's Power and Wisdom are Manifest through the Preaching of the Cross. Man's schemes can weaken the message.

17 God didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn't send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center—Christ on the Cross—be trivialized into mere words.

18-21 The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written, I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head, I'll expose so-called experts as shams. So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered stupid—preaching, of all things!—to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.

22-25 While Jews clamor for miraculous demonstrations and Greeks go in for philosophical wisdom, we go right on proclaiming Christ, the Crucified. Jews treat this like an anti-miracle—and Greeks pass it off as absurd. But to us who are personally called by God himself—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's ultimate miracle and wisdom all wrapped up in one. Human wisdom is so cheap, so impotent, next to the seeming absurdity of God. Human strength can't begin to compete with God's "weakness."

1 Corinthians 2:1 & 2 MSG - You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you to let you in on God's sheer genius, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did—Jesus crucified.