SHELTON MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**March 2025\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**OUR PURPOSE:**

***“Embracing the love of Jesus through ministry, mission & witness”***

**“David’s Idle Spring”**

**by: Rev. C. R. Chapman**

Spring begins March 20th. With the dawn of spring, one becomes more and more active; from planting gardens and preparing fields to hiking, biking, golfing, and more people will stir from their winter slumber and begin increasing in their activity. There was a man in the Bible who, when spring came, remained idle and did not resume his duties that came in the warmer weather. His name was David.

1st Samuel 11:1 says, “In the spring when kings march out to war, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah, but David remained in Jerusalem,” (HCSB). From David’s idleness would come an affair that would lead to him murdering Bathsheba’s husband because he had a child with her and wished the nature of the child’s birth to remain secret. David’s sin would have far reaching consequences that would haunt him till his death, indeed his sin would affect Israel greatly, and it all arose out of idleness. Cawdray once said that, “Idleness is very dangerous to those that are rich, and feel no want in this life; for, while they give themselves to it, voluptuousness overcomes reason, and they are snared in the deadly traps and deceits of the world, and are poisoned with carnal pleasures and fleshly delights, which are enjoyable for a little while, but at length leave them to shame and confusion.” Indeed, idleness is dangerous to all people.

King David had the duty of leading his armies to battle in the spring but instead sent Joab in his place all while choosing the idle life and palace comforts. In his idleness he saw something that caused his mind to dwell more and more upon it until he acted upon his sinful, carnal desire. His first sin led to another sin, which led to another until an unstoppable snowball had built itself up, leading him to murder. The Bible says that King David was a man after God’s own heart, (Acts 13:22). Even a person of great spiritual maturity can fall into the temptation of the flesh if they do not safeguard their heart. Idleness is a breeding ground for sin, just like a petri dish for bacteria. Winter has had us cooped up indoors and idle for far too long, now that spring is upon us it is time to shake off the dust and resume our lives filling them with the work that the Lord has placed before us for this season.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS**/\*ANNIVERSARIES**

03 – Jason Phelps

03 – Carol Tyler

03 – Donna McGaughey

05 – Witten Bohl

08 – **\*Darren & Janet Watson**

11 – Linda Spencer

12 – Tim McCauley

12 – **\*Darrin & Stacy Figgins**

14 – Darren Watson

15 – Bill Harrold

15 – Sara Watson

19 – Janet Watson

20 – Cory Post

20 – Dee Dee Daniels

21 – Kim Klein

24 – Derienne Pantoja

28 – Jodi Flores

29 – **\*Trip & Deanna Hull**

31 – **\*Gary & Sandy Howard**

If your special day has been missed, please contact the church office. 620-356-2305

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***Scheduled to Serve in March*:**

**Elders:** Wally Raines, Tamra Rundell

**Deacons:** Kelly Howard, Justin Howard

 Jason Phelps, Robyn Nordyke

**Communion:** Kim Klein/Kelly Rae Howard

**Worship Leaders**:

02: Jan Goehring 23: Tamra Rundell

09: Tammie Hensley 30: Robyn Nordyke

16: Monty Teeter

**Greeters:** Deacons for the month

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SMCC cares about you! You are loved and prayed for when you’re here and when you’re NOT here. AND YOU ARE MISSED!!!!! Remember, this is your home away from home!

**General Offering to SMCC thru February**

**$ 16,642.50**

**Thank you, God, for the generosity of this**

**Community of Believers and may their love for you and each other be an inspiration to reach out to those who are in need of knowing You and believing in your love, peace and grace.**

*If there is someone who is not on the prayer list but needs to be, please let the office staff know. We do want to pray for those in immediate need!! So, keep us updated, PLEASE. Rhonda*

**REMINDER**

If you have a loved one in the hospital, please let the church office staff know (620-356-2305).

**Known Prayer Concerns & Joys:**

Carol Welch, Norma McCauley, Linda Gross (Spencer’s friend), Glenda Randall (Shelley Phelp’s mom), Pam Annis, Nancy Grace, Catherine Fowler, Robert Annis, Kim Klein, Dorothy Zellers (Knee surgery), John Lysinger, Jamie Clodfelter, Karen Gatsby, Rebecca Giesbrecht, Jerald & Sharon Phelps, Kim McGaughey (knee), Jay Coleman (lungs), Harriet Arnett (Lovella’s friend), Linda Kepley, Baby Owen Heinrichs (respiratory), Sherry Whitehead, Rudy Perez, Mary Fowler, Sherie Riley, Don Dennett, Evelina Velasquez (cancer), Adam Heinrichs, Greg McHenry (Linda Post’s brother), Meredith Drees, Larry Daniels, Brad Bevan, Ron Limper, Bob & Lorine Myers, Dave Taylor, Linda Metcalf, Bob Moore, Sara Watson, Kasich Smyth, June Mason, Titus Smith.

Prayers for those who have recently lost loved ones!

**Pray for our Armed Forces:** Maison Wiginton,Dylan Carroll,Canyon Collum,Adam Lambing, Corey Ungles, Lacy Rundell.

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**Regular Monthly Schedule**

**Sunday 9:30 A.M. –** Christian Ed Classes

 ***Odds & Ends* – “Isaiah”**

 **10:30 A.M. –** Worship Service

 **LIVE ON FACEBOOK**

 ***1st Sunday* 9:00 A.M.** – Elder’s Meeting

**Monday 6:30 P.M. –** Every Man a Warrior

**Wednesday** **6:00 P.M. –** Bible Study

 **7:00 P.M. – Choir Practice**

 ***3rd Wed*.**  **6:15 P.M.** – Special Wednesday

 Prayer Meeting w/Elders (No Bible Study Group)

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**Monthly Schedule for MARCH 2025**

**Mar. 2nd – 9:00 A.M. Elder Meeting**

 **10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

Message by Pastor Casey Chapman

**Mar. 4th – 6:00 P.M.** Men’s Study Group

**Mar. 5th** **–** No chancel Choir or Bible Study

 **7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service**

**Mar. 6th – 6:30 -8:00 P.M. Sons of Thunder**

@ Bear CreekCoffee – SMCC Provides Meal

**Mar. 9th –10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

Message by Pastor Casey Chapman

**Mar.11th – 7:00 P.M.** Board Meeting

**Mar.12th – 9:00 A.M.** CWF Meeting

**Mar.16th –10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

Message by Pastor Casey Chapman

 Odds & Ends sponsor Baked Potato Luncheon

**Mar. 19th** **–**  **6:15 P.M.** Prayer Mtg in Sanctuary

 led by the Elders

 **7:00 P.M.** Chancel Choir Practice

**Mar. 23rd –10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

Message by Pastor Casey Chapman **Mar. 30th –10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

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