

Praises: Dot Williams came dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized in Him on Sunday, January 18th!!! Praise God and congratulations to Dot!!! Sylvia Krelø also made the decision to dedicate her life to Christ and was ALSO baptized in Him Sunday, January 18th!!! Praise God and congratulations to Sylvia as well!!! Joshua Ridgeway is doing better and the family would like to thank everyone for praying!; Baby Blaise Mezo is finally home after being born 12 weeks early and spending an extended period of time in the NICU!!

New Members:

Surgery & Recovering: Matt Brown (surgery at Carbondale hospital to repair broken legs after being struck by car while walking his dog); Bobbie Starr (elbow surgery in January); Jeanette Thompson (knee replacement in February)

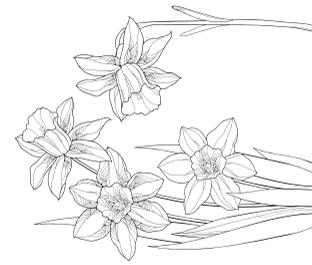
Others in Need:); John Proz (requiring 24 hour care) Shawun & Brenda Hamley (providing John Proz with 24 hour care-pray for strength and stamina as they provide a caring home for John); Larry Thompson (brain bleed); Ellen Rath; Larry White; Blake & Cori Moon (lost young son in house fire);Ashlee Murry; Clifford Whittington (Serious health issues from a recent fall); Kayla Wilson (Liver issues will need a transplant in the future); Jeff Collins (on hospice care); Jeannette Thompson (multiple health issues); Kara James (young mother of 2-heart attack-at St. Louis University Hospital); Thelma Viernum (new placement in assisted living); Clifford Bishop (health issues); Patty Manis (continued carotid issues);Rick Greenley (frontal temporal dementia-no treatment and is progressing); Dagan Crews (Nashville, TN-heart problems); Margie Tanner (health issues from fall);); Alec Valerius (Prayers for sensation to return in legs below the knees); Gavin Barnett (diagnosis on Barreyt's esophagus); Lonnie Jacobs (health issues); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Dawn Conner (heart issues); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health); Doug Myers (heart issues)

Those With Cancer: Paula Ellis; Sara Hinde (Lung Cancer); Mehgan Russell (39 years old with cervical cancer); Denny Elledge (lung cancer); Bill Jenkins (lung & kidney cancer); Lori Kelly (Carla Bigham's- stepdaughter-Kidney cancer-surgery 10/27); Rachel Rider (pancreatic cancer); Robin Frailey (diagnosed with ovarian cancer); Donny Turner (also pray for wife, Donna); Courtney Severs (brain cancer); Lisa Bastien (melanoma); Stanley Webster (pancreatic cancer); Allen Russell (Jeanette Thompson's son-in-law's brother, having bone marrow transplant for leukemia); Mary Lynn Morber (ovarian cancer); Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma); Raelin Chaffin(thyroid cancer); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer);

Kathy Yates; Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo; Sherry Hargis (Chemo Treatments, not doing well); Jason Stutes (lymphoma returned for 3rd time); Reice Mae Albright (Goreville High School student-brain tumor); Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O'dell (stage3 cancer);

Military Service: Gabe Kreid (Air-Force); William Meadows (Air Force-stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada); Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming);Micheal Brown (Navy); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Major Luke Grieder (Army-stationed in Poland); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed in Puerto Rico); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizaillion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

Those in Mourning: Family of Jerry Aken



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Services and Times

Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

(September through May)

Meal 5:45 p.m.

Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March Wednesday

Night Menu

Meal starts at 5:45 p.m.

Cost is \$7/plate or \$18/family

3/4/26 Baked Spaghetti, Salad, and
Breadsticks

3/11 Grilled Chicken Wraps, Pasta Salad, and
Chips

3/18 Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green
Beans, and Rolls

3/25 BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, and
Potato Salad

The ECC Monthly Minute

Recently we said goodbye to a beloved church member, Jerry Aken. Jerry's impact on ECC is immeasurable and he will be fondly remembered here for generations. He never met anyone he didn't share the love of Jesus with. One of his many gifts here shared with ECC was a monthly newsletter article called, "A Senior Moment" where he shared stories and wisdom. We are thankful for Jerry's life and witness and would like to share his newsletter article from March, 2011.

This time of year 15 years ago Jerry wrote this introduction:

I have been reminiscing the past few days, looking back on my life that has been so blessed, I just don't know how I have deserved the wonderful things that God has placed in my life. Sure, there have been some difficult times. Some were caused by my own actions, but most were just part of living in God's world. I am so thankful for God's wonderful gift of memories. I was looking over some old papers and reflecting back, and ran across this article about a little boy looking for God.

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies & a six-pack of root beer, and he started his journey. When he had gone a few blocks from home, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park near the water just staring at some birds.

The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer, when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. The old man gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so incredible that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Once again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was, and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps; he turned around, and ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug.

The old man gave him his biggest smile ever,

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked her son: "What did you do today that made you so happy?" The child replied: "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added: "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen.

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and asked: "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied: "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." But before his son responded, he added: "You know, He's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring. All of which have the potential to make someone's day a very special one, or even turn someone's life around.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Rom 12:9-15

SEE YOU SUNDAY
Jerry

We love you and miss you, Jerry. Thank you for it all. We know you're enjoying Heaven with your Lord and Savior right now.

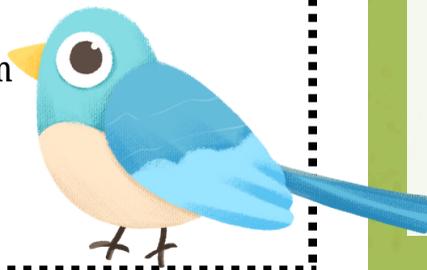
For More Information

- Men's Breakfast- Tim Gossett is leading the devotional
- Women's Breakfast-Lisa Bastien will be leading the devotional
- Book Club- Our Book of the Month is *The Seven Rules of Elvira Carr* by Frances Maynard
- Easter Eggs. Easter is April 5th this year! In order to prepare for this year's Children's Easter Egg hunt, we will be collecting FILLED plastic easter eggs for kids to find! We will start collecting the first Sunday in March and will collect the entire month.



Calendar + List of Events

- 3/1 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m
- 3/2 Paint Class with Joyce Elledge 6:00 p.m.
- 3/4 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 3/7 Men's Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 3/8 Guest Services Meeting after church
- 3/8 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 3/9 Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- 3/11 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 3/14 Women's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- 3/15 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 3/16 Area Men's Meeting at Heartland Christian Church in Marion
- 3/17 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon
- 3/18 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 3/21 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 3/22 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 3/25 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 3/26 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 3/29 5th Sunday FUNday
- 3/29 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m



MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Youth Group	2 Paint Class with Joyce	3	4 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
8 Guest Services Youth Group	9 Book Club 6 p.m.	10	11 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.
15 Youth Group	16 Area Men's Meeting at Heartland	17 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon	18 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
22 Youth Group	23	24	25 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	26 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	27	28
29 PALM Sunday 5th Sunday FUNday Youth Group	30	31				

Birthdays

7th Trent Tuthill
 12th Cheradon Lively
 12th Kathi Jones
 21st Ty Kreid
 23rd Leah Weil
 23rd Oakes Piper
 25th Beth Alongi
 26th Teresa Weil
 27th Dalton Olmsted
 27th Brody Wilt
 27th Randy Manis
 29th Hailey Nosalik
 29th Don Lovel
 29th Tori Porter
 30th Ron Reams
 30th Vickie Parry



Anniversaries

1st Warren & Kathy Yates
 11th Ross & Sara Cook
 18th Steve & Jennifer Harsy
 20th Lyle & Joyce Thompson
 20th Tom & Jenny Scott
 25th Matt & Kathi Jones
 26th Ron & Carol Ritter
 30th Charles & Tina Fesquet



Serving Schedule

Communion Purchase

Vickie Carter

Communion Prep

Sunday School Milk & Juice

3/1 & 3/8/26 Vern & Necie Rees
 3/15 & 3/22 Gordon & Becky Burroughs
 3/29 Steve & Vickie Parry

CommunionMeditation

3/1 Tim Gossett
 3/8/26 Cayla Reiman
 3/15 Kevin Asbury
 3/22 Brandon Buser
 3/29 Lyle Thompson

Communion Servers

<u>3/1/2026</u>	<u>3/8/2026</u>	<u>3/15/2026</u>	<u>3/22/2026</u>	<u>3/29/2026</u>
Paula Dunlap	Tim Gossett	Don Garver	Kevin Asbury	Brandon Buser
Jeremy Keith	Jason Will	Mark Wilson	Tom Scott	Luke Buser
AJ Keith	Heather Will	Jordan Evans	Kathy Elson	Jake Gibbs
Dirk Valerius	Erin Carter	Larry Hickman	Dennis Bastien	Gary Monroe
Christian Kistner	Grace Godoyo	Joyce Hickman	Bruce Ridgeway	Ron Ritter
Dale Odom	Lyle Thompson	Warren Yates	Gordon Burroughs	Lisa Bastien
Gary Jones	Aaron Thompson	Kathy Yates	Andy Burroughs	Steve Parry
Mike Stewart	Maddax Thompson	Jarrold Kreid	Tyler Burroughs	Rich Bernardini

Inside Greeters

3/1 Diane Dunbar & Joyce Elledge
 3/8/26 Vickie Parry & Kathy Aldridge
 3/15 Kathy Elson & Maggie Elson
 3/22 Gordon Burroughs & Jesse Brooks
 3/29 Sabrina Bandur & Dale Odom

Hall Greeter

3/1 Randy Manis & Dale Odom
 3/8/26 Mark Wilson & Jake Gibbs
 3/15 Aaron Thompson & Gordon Burroughs
 3/22 Larry Hickman & Steve Parry
 3/29 Brandon Buser & Doug Gibbs

Exit Greeter

3/1 Dale Odom
 3/8/26 Vickie Carter
 3/15 Paula Dunlap
 3/22 Dale Odom
 3/29 Vickie Carter

Nursery

3/1 Julie Miller with Amani Miller
 3/8/26 Emily Evans with Ginny Reiman
 3/15 Jenni Porter with Paislee Porter
 3/22 Donna Waller with Sylvia Krelo
 3/29 Carla Bigham with Ginny Reiman

Opening Prayer

3/1 Lyle Thompson
 3/8/26 Lance Weil
 3/15 Gary Pruitt
 3/22 Tom Bailey
 3/29 Gordon Burroughs