

Dear Church Family,

Anyone who knew my Mother knew how much she loved her church! And ... everyone in it. Mike, Elijah, Robin, Kim, thanks so much for the service. She was very happy ... "believe me." As I have said many times along with others, she and Dad are dancing again! Many thanks again ...

Most sincerely, Scott & Family



Are your kids interested in attending summer camp? Go to [www.campmoval.org](http://www.campmoval.org) for more information and dates.

#### Board Notes

At the March meeting, the church board voted to use the 2018 surplus of \$6,000 for local outreach.

Last week a check in the amount of \$3,000 was delivered to the Stoddard County Nutrition Center to help with the Meals on Wheels program and other needs.

A second check in the amount of \$3,000 was delivered to the Dexter Public Schools to help out with student delinquent lunch accounts.

Also, we received a generous gift in April that paid off the loan on the Disciple Center.

What blessings!

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.* 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NRSV)

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One of my favorite moments in the life of our congregation is the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of baptism. On Easter Sunday we welcomed four new sisters into the kingdom of God. Brooklyn Staggs, Mattie Thompson, Lucy Thornton, and Sidney Booker all proclaimed their faith in Christ and their readiness to follow him. The church lifted them up in prayer and celebrated as they took their first steps in a life of discipleship.

Many people commented on how confident these young women were while standing before the church. They carefully explained what they had learned during the baptismal class in ways that many adults could not. 1 Peter 3:15 tells us that we should always be prepared to explain the hope that we have in Christ. That is exactly what our newest Disciples demonstrated.

In order to better equip everyone in the church to do this in our own lives, we are starting a "Are You Smarter than a Third Grader?" sermon series. Each week's sermon will cover the same 16 Sweet Truths that the girls learned during Lent. For those of you who are lifelong Disciples, this is going to be an extended version of the "Five Fingered Exercise" that has long been a part of our Stone-Campbell movement.

Every week we will post the topic, an introduction, and a Scripture reference on the church Facebook page. By reading ahead and praying through the Bible verse you will be able to come better prepared for what the Holy Spirit has to teach us on Sunday.

Finally, as the school year comes to an end it is time to begin thinking seriously about summer and the Christian Church (DOC) General Assembly scheduled for July 20-24. This biennial event is an exciting opportunity to get together with our fellow Disciples from all over the US and Canada. In addition to conducting the business of our denomination, there are classes and service opportunities covering all aspects of Christian faith. It is very much a giant family reunion.

Our church is authorized to take four delegates. If more people would like to come, they will be seated as representatives of the Mid-America Region. The congregation will pick up the tab for registration, lodging and transportation to Des Moines. Please let Kim or myself know by May 15 if you would like to attend. We had a great delegation in Indianapolis two years ago and would love for you to be able to experience it this time for yourself.

*May  
Serving Schedule*

**Elders:** Tommy Horton & Jean Swinger

**Diaconate:** Pam Horton & Brooklyn Staggs (communion prep.); Scott, Kerri & Andie Kruse, Dallas Norman

**Greeters**  
Sue Christian & Volunteer

**Welcome & Worship**

**Leader**

5-05 Tommy Horton  
5-12 Debbie Vanslyke  
5-19 Sean Vanslyke  
5-26 Lily Williams

**Acolytes:**  
Mattie Thompson & Volunteer

**Computer/Sound:**  
*Need Volunteers*

**Open/Close Church:**  
Tommy Horton

**Special Music:**  
5-05 Larry Speight  
5-12 Quinn Garner & Emerson Hunter  
5-19 Jansen Williams  
5-26 Robin Rieffer

*(If you will not be able to serve on the Sunday listed, please find your replacement and notify the church office who will be serving in your place.)*

**PRAYER LIST**— Friends & Family of Mary Ellen Blankenship, Bill & Dee Boesen, Charles Carrier, Carolyn Carroll, Mona Chilcutt, Connie Millington Churchill, Carryl Clippard, Amanda Corbett, Carolyn Corlew, Maxine Daniel, Elizabeth Demaree, Angie Dugan, Shirley Edwards, Sue Waggoner-Flowers, Louise Francis, Nina Geary, Juanita Gossett, Lori Hawkins, Raydean Hendrix, Josephine Hueckel, Elvena Martin, Betty & Bob Mayer, Carolyn Montgomery, Winnie Morgan, Diana Orr, Mae Pope, Jack Rodgers, Betty Russell, Jim & Carrol Russell, Scott Russell, Linda Smith, Rita Speight, Marty Thompson, Jerry Thrower, Lois Vaughn, Family of Leon Ward, Bonnie Yersak



**Outreach Kit for May and June is Baby Bundles!!**

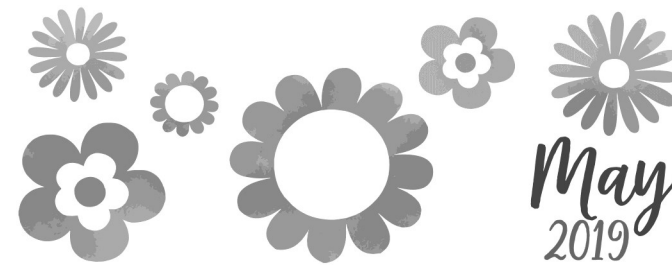
The following items constitutes a baby bundle kit:

- 2 receiving blankets                      2 sleepers
- 3 onsies    1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 8 disposable diapers

We would like to complete 50 kits, so that is a lot of baby stuff! If you like to go to yard sales, you can sometimes find some really nice, lightly used items. Sizes 3 to 6 months. Thanks for your help.



We arrived on Easter morning to a perfectly mowed and manicured church lawn. Weeding accomplished. Shrubs trimmed. It was perfect! A little bird told us that it was done by the Pope Boys headed up by Eddie. Thank you for a job well done!!



**SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH**  
Bob Mayer  
Crowley Ridge Care Center  
1204 N. Outer Road  
Dexter, MO 63841  
A visit, card or phone call would mean so much.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00-7:30 Youth Campfire at the Parsonage	6 6:00 p.m. Zumba	7  8:00 a.m.	8	9 6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting at Wesley Hall 6:00 p.m. Zumba	10	11
12 8:15 Elder's Meeting 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	13 6:00 p.m. Zumba	14  8:00 a.m.	15	16 6:00 p.m. Zumba 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	17	18
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	20 11:30 CWF Meeting at Airways 6:00 p.m. Zumba	21  8:00 a.m.	22 1:00 p.m. Pastoral Relations Meeting	23 6:00 p.m. Zumba	24	25
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	27  MEMORIAL DAY	28  8:00 a.m.	29	30 6:00 p.m. Zumba	31	1