

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARTYE UNDERWOOD-01
 NICOLE RAMSEY-02
 BARBARA EDEN SHIELDS-03
 GINGER DITTMAR-04
 RICK PENDLETON-05
 GUYLA WHITE-06
 REAGAN JENSON-07
 JERRY BROWN-08
 LISA PATTERSON-10
 KOLE TRAMMEL-12
 SANDY ROGERS-14
 NATHAN TONNE-14
 CHARLETTE DUNCAN-16
 GLYNN COAPLAND-18
 DONNA JENSON-20
 MAGGIE BATES-21
 C.J. HART-22
 SHELLEY GIPSON-23
 BRET LOCKHART-24
 MIRANDA McINTIRE-27
 AMANDA CLEAVENGER-28
 MIKE COLBERT-29
 BERNADETTE LITTLEFIELD-29
 RUSSELL CARTER-29



FALL FESTIVAL
 OCTOBER,
 2015



PRAYER CONCERNS

DICKIE ROGERS
 JOHN AND CAROL CONNALLY
 LEVI ADAMS
 CONNIE ALLEN
 JACK BROWN
 RONNIE AND SUSAN PENDLETON
 BETTY JEAN SALKINS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

HOBBIE LEITER-grandmother of Melissa Trammel
 NANCY CALDWELL-cousin of Rosa Leveridge
 JANICE GEE
 DOUG NEECE-Albany
 JANICE EDDY-Monica Burchett's mother recuperating from hip surgery
 KATHY OWENS-breast cancer. Elaine's neighbor
 KENNETH EPPERSON-Don Epperson's brother
 CHARLES AND EILEEN BREWSTER
 EDDIE KENDRICK-cancer has returned and he is undergoing treatment.
 JACK ROGERS- great-great -nephew of Sue Lodor
 COBY MEINZER-cousin of Juana Ash. Diagnosed with ALS.
 DENNIS LODOR
 BONNYE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland
 JOHN BOLE-Cindy Barefield's dad



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OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

AUSTIN BURKHALTER-Scott Air Force Base, Illinois grandson of Larry and Jinger Mahan
MICAH CLAY-Navy, Cypress, Texas-son of J.R. and Julia Clay.
JASON GRAHAM-deployed to Kuwait, cousin of Melissa Trammel.
ARIC HOLLY-Fort Worth Naval Air Station. Son of Sherry Strickland.
ZACHARY KARL-Fort Hood. Grandson of Elaine and Bobby Goswick.
PFC DIEHLAN KEY-Fort Hood, son of Michael and Nickie Leveridge. Grandson of Mike and Rosa Leveridge.
MAJOR JEFF MATSLER-deployed to Afghanistan
ROBERT RICHARDSON-Fort Hood, son-in-law of Rick and Sharon Pendleton

PIE BAKING FOR TURKEY DINNER



TURKEY DINNER PREPARATIONS

It's time to start thinking about Turkey Dinner, so all you crafters and bakers, let's get busy and fill up our Country Store with some new and ingenious items that will entice people to purchase their Christmas presents with us. Plan now to bake some baked goods or freeze some casseroles to sell in our Bake Sale and be on the lookout for great items for our Silent Auction. Let's make this the best Turkey Dinner/Country Store/B Sale/Silent Auction yet!



PASTOR'S COLUMN
NOVEMBER, 2015

The drought and the downturn in the price of oil has created a one-two punch that has knocked many people in our community and our county into the darkness of fear and anxiety. The economic hardships that many people are facing can seem like a great storm cloud that threatens to bring disaster and ruin. These times of darkness can make us question God's love and even question God's existence. Times of darkness have threatened people as far back as recorded history. The book of Job in the Old Testament is a detailed account of one man's journey through a dark time of terrible suffering and injustice. In a sense, Job's story of suffering and questioning is our story as well. In the midst of our dark times we want to question God and we hunger for a logical reason for the pain we experience. If you could ask God just one question and you knew it would be answered, what would it be?

Barry Cooper and Paul Williams have spent several years asking people this question, and they compiled the thirteen most frequently asked questions about God. Check out the first five

1. If you are really there, God, why on earth don't you prove it?
2. Isn't the Bible just a bunch of made up stories?
3. All good people go to heaven, right?
4. If you are a God of love, why send anyone to hell?
5. If Jesus really was your Son, how come he got killed?

Leslie Weatherhead, a famous Christian author, once wrote about a time he experienced a very dark time of suffering.

"When I was once passing through a very dark phase, due largely to physical illness...I did not know whether to accept an onerous and very demanding position, or to withdraw from it."

Dr. Weatherhead did survive his personal time of darkness, and he became a stronger Christian man as a result of it. Here is how he described his victory.

"I can only write down this simple testimony. Like everybody, I prefer the sunny uplands of experience, when health, happiness and success abound. But I have learned far more about God and life and myself in the darkness of fear and failure than I have ever learned in the sunshine. There are such things as the treasures of darkness. The darkness, thank God, passes. But what one learns in the darkness, one possesses forever."

Don't just survive the darkness, learn from it. What are your "treasures of darkness?" What about God and your faith has the darkness taught you? Are you stuck asking questions, or have the questions transformed you and strengthened your Christian faith?

See you Sunday,
Pastor Cal

BAKE SALE AND CRAFTS

**Turkey Dinner is fast approaching.
Please plan now for your bake sale goods and craft items.
THANKS.**



All ladies/girls are invited to a Christmas Sock exchange

on Sunday, Dec. 6

from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

At the parsonage, 1510 W Elliott St.

Please bring: - A pair of new Christmas or other novelty socks wrapped for a Chinese Christmas exchange

- Your favorite Christmas snack to share

- A package of children's socks to restock the Children's Chest

Drinks will be provided. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship and fun of Christmas!

Dear Cal,

Thank you and your young people for the blessing of communion for me last Sunday. What a joy to see those young people out with you and the leader of their group rendering a meaningful service to me. I received such a blessing. Thank all of you for the joy I received. God bless each of you.

Thursday, November 19th

11 am – 1:30 pm

TICKETS \$10

PLEASE MAKE OUR FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS BY SELLING YOUR TICKET PACKETS AND TURN IN YOUR MONEY TO ELAINE.

THANKS



Happy Thanksgiving

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