

March, 2021

To God Be the Glory



## West Corinth News

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### **Pastor's Corner:**

Here we sit on the cusps of the second month of the year coming to a close. It seems as though many things in our lives have come to a screeching halt over the last several months, but one thing has not slowed. That is the passing of time. As we are well aware, the month of February is framed around Valentine's day. It is a day that has been set aside to celebrate LOVE, the love we have for our families, our friends, and those that bring positive light into our lives. However, the greatest love that has ever been shown was not written in a Hallmark card or in the sky by a plane. It was not signified by a diamond placed on a finger but rather by Jesus hanging on the rugged cross. The Bible tells us in I John 4:16 that "God is love" and that love has never been on greater display than when Jesus Christ was crucified for the sins of mankind. May we never forget the great sacrifice He paid for us.



We are so blessed here at West Corinth to have talented people who are willing to give of their time and effort for the benefit of us all. This was on clear display this year at our Valentine's Day banquet. The spaghetti and all of the fixings were absolutely delicious, the skit brought tears to my eyes as I laughed so hard but yet at the same time, it carried a great message on the definition of love. The songs that were sang took all of us back to a time of great memories. To sum it all up, it was one of the best dinners and times we have had. So, thank you to all who made it possible for us to enjoy.

The evening before this writing, Karen and I were able to make it to the senior dinner where we were fed salad, a baked or sweet potato, and of course dessert! The meal was delicious. but that was not the memory that I carried home with me. Karen and I sat at different tables filled with the seniors of our church talking about a vast array of subjects, some that made us laugh and some that were very serious and solemn.

To circle back to the beginning of this newsletter, I thought about time. I thought about the lives that had been lived, and the knowledge that had been gained by those that I had the privilege of sharing a table with. I am 56 years old and have been the pastor of West Corinth for 18 years, and yet there is so much that I can learn about love, life, and the church from those we call seniors. I would encourage all of you, especially our young people, to not let the days slip away without spending time listening to those that have already lived much of their lives and learn from their wisdom. Time is one thing that we cannot get back once it is gone. It was our privilege to spend time with the seniors of our church (of which we are not far away from being ourselves). Make time each month to show your love one for another!

God Bless, Pastor Robert



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**Let's Celebrate!**

Happy Birthday to...

Bill Love - 1st  
Shirley Nantz - 1st  
Kay Cabe - 8th  
Daniel Pinkerton - 8th  
Kathy Webb - 12th  
Danica Pinkerton - 14th  
Lisa Cook - 15th  
Don Honeycutt - 18th  
Pat Myers - 20th  
Linda Leazer - 27th  
Sharon Archer - 30th  
Sondra Pope - 30th  
Haley Smith - 30th



Happy Anniversary to...

Bryan and Cheryl Leazer - 11th  
Fred and Brenda Leazer - 14th  
Braddie and Sue Lowery - 18th



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**Mark your Calendars:**

**March 14:**

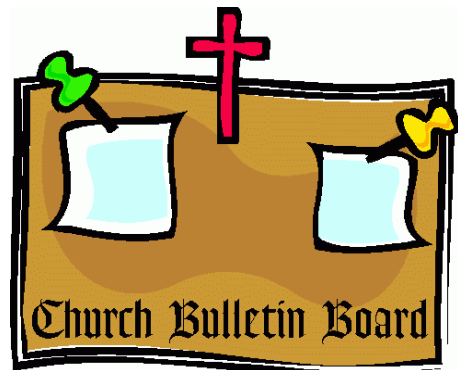
Daylight Saving Time begins  
Deacon's Meeting (Evening)

**March 27:**

Movie Night: Passion of Christ  
6:00 PM

**March 28:**

Baptist Men  
Palm Sunday



**Daylight Saving Time begins this month:**

Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 14. Remember to "spring forward" on Saturday evening.



## **Our Special Guests:**

We enjoyed Jeremy Hall's mission update several weeks ago and always look forward to seeing his family. Please continue to pray for Jeremy Hall's mission work in South Africa. If you do not receive his newsletter, you can find one on the bulletin board in the multi-purpose building.



## **Senior Citizens:**

Seniors met at the church on February 20th for food and fellowship. We enjoyed a Potato and Salad Bar with all the fixings. We had thirteen in attendance.

Our group usually gets together every other month. We'd love to have anyone over 50 join us for our next outing! We are looking forward to being able to eat out as soon as the virus and weather permits! Watch your handouts for our next outing date.



## **Parents' Night Out**

Due to Covid, our PNO program is still on hold. Our March lessons and activities have been mailed. We are monitoring the virus and still anticipate starting back this spring. We are currently working on getting our playground ready as we hope to meet outside. Please help us pray for good weather, and we look forward to meeting in the coming months!

## **Baptist Men:**

Did you know our Baptist Men support the following?

—Mobile Meals - this project is led by Unity United Methodist Church to assist people in our community.

—Backpack Ministry- this ministry provides weekend/holiday meals and snacks for elementary aged school children. The program has looked differently during Covid, but local elementary schools are returning in March, and they will need support.

—Foreign Missions - this project was supported this past Christmas season. Funds supported foreign countries through a program which helped provide families with farm animals to raise their own food.

Thank you, Baptist Men, for reaching out in these (and other) special ways.

The Baptist Men meet at 8:00 AM on the last Sunday of each month for food and fellowship. All men are invited!



## Phillip Orbison

**How long have you been a member at West Corinth?** *50 years*

**What has changed at our church since you joined?** *The new buildings*

**What can the youth do to serve members of the church?** *Participate in service projects*

**What is your favorite church event?** *Fifth Sunday Singings*

**What is your favorite TV show?** *Gunsmoke*

**How has our church affected your life?** *It has kept me on the straightway.*

**What is your favorite hymn?** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

**Where did you grow up? Have you always lived in NC?** *Rowan County; Yes, I have always lived in NC.*

**How old were you when you were saved?** *11 years old*

**What is your favorite food?** *Creamed potatoes and gravy*

**What type of jobs have you had?** *Construction jobs*

**What is your favorite story or verse in the Bible?** *Jonah and the Whale*

**What is your favorite memory at West Corinth?** *Going white water rafting*

**How many children do you have?** *Four*

**What are your hobbies?** *Sports and woodworking*





**This Month's Big Shout-Out:**

This month, the big shout out goes to.....*drumroll, please....*



**Jordyn Williams...** for thinking of others and working hard to support her Scout Troop in a local food drive. Our church family was happy to support her in her efforts, and we recognize her for thinking of others. Good job, Jordyn!

**Looking ahead to VBS**

Our VBS is planned for June 13-17. The theme is “***Rocky Railway: The Power of Jesus Pulls Us Through!***” We plan to “climb aboard” for a mountain of fun at Rocky Railway VBS! This theme will focus on discovering that trusting Jesus pulls us through life’s ups and downs. We will be looking for volunteers so mark your calendars with more details to come!



All aboard for a fun filled week of VBS!

**Updated Directories:**

Updated directories have been placed outside the church office and in the narthex. Please let Jeanna Gregory know of any corrections and/or additions that need to be made.



**Youth News:**

Thank you, church family, for your support and encouragement. We have had a wonderful time learning and creating. We recently had a “Night of Courage,” which ended with creating and enjoying escargot. What a fun night! We also learned the value of being generous and sharing. You cannot out give God! We are looking for all who want to be a part of our group. If you have not attended Sunday night youth, please join us.

March is bringing us Buddy Bumper Balls. What for the news and pictures.



**By the Book!**

Fourteen books of the Bible are hidden in this paragraph. Can you find them all? (The letters can begin at the end of one word and continue into the next word.)

He who judges, the Bible says, will be himself judged, so the ruthless man repented of his evil acts. “Just look at the numbers!” he remarked in loud lamentations when he realized what a jam, estranged from God, he was in. “This is a revelation to me, and now I want to do a better job.” He regrets he was lacking so much in wisdom, and now the man sings praises, psalms, and follows wise proverbs. He is not lukewarm, but firmly believes there is forgiveness in Jesus.

**Answers:** Judges, Ruth, Acts, Numbers, Mark, Lamentations, James, Revelation, Job, Kings, Psalms, Proverbs, Luke, Esther

**Movie Night:**

Mark your calendars for March 27 for our next movie night. The featured movie will be “Passion of Christ.” The movie will begin at 6:00 PM. Spread the word and plan to attend!



**David’s brothers saw a shepherd.**

**God saw a king.**

**Let God define you and not others.**