



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

## *Family Matters*

March 3, 2019

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Todd Newman  
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Kenny Simmons

### *Speakers for Today*

Sunday AM  
"Temple of God"  
Jim McClellan

Sunday PM  
"Heavenly Realms"  
Joe Chesser

### **WHY CAN'T THINGS JUST STAY THE SAME?**

Wouldn't it be "neat" if we could take our 6 month, 3 year, 11 year, 16 year, old child and "freeze" time so they would never change? They would always be in that "cute" stage. They would never grow up and face the world, leaving us to pursue the adventures of life on their own. Not only is that impossible, it just would not work. All of us realize that this desire is just a dream, for growth and the changes that accompany it are natural and proper.

From conception, the unborn infant undergoes constant change. These changes continue until the last breath is exhaled. Often these changes are difficult, sometimes even painful. As time passes, there are bumps, bruises, falls and tears. We even speak of "growing pains." Even if we could, none of us would really want to stop this process.

I have in my hand a very small acorn. It is so much smaller than the oak tree it fell from, that it seems insignificant in comparison. Yet, under the right conditions, it has the potential to become a mighty oak itself. But to reach that point, the small seed in my hand must go through several changes. First it must die (*John 12:24; 1 Corinthians 15:36ff*). It goes into the ground, gives of itself, becoming something totally different in appearance. As the young oak grows it must reach deep within the soil and high into the sky for sustenance and nourishment, its looks changing from season to season.

As Christians, we too undergo constant change--as long as we are growing. Like the oak we must reach deep into God's word and high toward an improved relationship with God. Each stage of this growth, from babe in Christ to teaching, even to serving as an elder, represents change. There are changes in knowledge, experience, perspective, spirit, and even personality.

Churches also endure change in order to grow. From the humblest of beginnings, congregations go through stages of growth that mirror the changes seen in individuals -- physically and spiritually. There are times of rapid, almost explosive growth. Then there are times of no growth at all. Churches are like children, with periods of growth spurts and periods of "always staying the same".

Change, merely for the sake of change, or even just because we can, is not a good or healthy thing. Nevertheless, change is a necessary part of growth. In fact, growth cannot happen without change! As we look forward to the future and plan for growth, let us realize that there will be changes. Let us also make sure that those changes are forward and growth related, and not just because we can.

Tony W. Boyd

### *Worship Times*

#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00 am  
Worship: 10:00 am  
Evening: 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

### *For the Record*

Bible Class: 101  
Sunday AM: 162  
Sunday PM: 89  
Wednesday PM: 85  
Contribution: \$4995  
Budget: \$4100

### *Think on This...*

Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.

**Romans 12:12**

### *Celebrating This Week...*

#### Birthdays

Thelma Brown: 03.03  
Ruth McDowell: 03.05  
Gary Miller: 03.06  
Wilma Boyd: 03.06  
Leonard Fulbright: 03.08

## Serving This Week

**Announcements:** Larry Dowdy  
**Greeters:** Gary Miller/Donna Cox  
**Ushers:** Troy Bryan/Cody Naramore  
**PowerPoint:** Lane Crowden  
**Lead Singing:** Brent Schafer  
**Head Lord's Table:** Kenny Simmons  
**Scripture:** Shawn Myers  
**Prayers:**  
**AM:** Ray Duffey/Greg Dowdy  
**PM:** David Selvig/Kevin Bolen

**Wednesday Singing:** Randy Seabaugh  
**Wednesday Devo:** Todd Newman  
**Wednesday Prayer:** Scott Watson

**Elder Chair:** Gary Ridenour  
**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Nick Brown

## Daily Bible Reading

**March 3:** Deuteronomy 31-34  
**March 4:** Joshua 1-3  
**March 5:** Joshua 4-6  
**March 6:** Joshua 7-9  
**March 7:** Joshua 10-12  
**March 8:** Joshua 13-15  
**March 9:** Joshua 16-18

## Continuing Prayer Needs

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Tom Allen                 | Jerry Mitchell    |
| Richard Baker             | Gary Mungle       |
| June Black                | Jane Mungle       |
| Thelma Brown              | Vivian Petty      |
| Myrtie Crews              | Jim Pickett       |
| Dennis Crocker            | Stan Pierce       |
| Sharon Davidson           | Eevee Pugh        |
| Maxine Davis              | Kevin Pugh        |
| Bill Dillman              | Ron Risenhoover   |
| John Dobbins              | Barbara Rushing   |
| Ray & Marilyn Duffey      | Lena Schweain     |
| Kelly & Trudy Garland     | Helen Seabaugh    |
| Kenny & Sharon Giesler    | Susan Seabaugh    |
| Wayne Graham              | Juanita Shelton   |
| Carolyn Hann              | Steve Simmons     |
| Jack Huskey               | Justin Singleton  |
| Sonny Huskey              | Sarah Singleton   |
| Francis & Diana Ivanovich | Mark Smith        |
| Peter Ivanovich           | Gelena Stoffregen |
| Al Jackson                | Quentin Tarpley   |
| Laura Jenkins             | Harry Thele       |
| Betty Jones               | Molly Thomas      |
| Robin & Tina Jones        | Susan Tomsu       |
| Dorothy Loyd              | Carolyn Trentham  |
| Brian Mitchell            | Mike Turnbow      |

## Upcoming Area Events

- **March 14-17:** Fisk Gospel Meeting with **Austin Holiman**
- **March 17-20:** Gideon Gospel Meeting with **Brent Newton**
- **April 7-10:** Bernie Gospel Meeting with **Brent Newton**

## News & Notes

- **Curtis James Scholarship** Applications are available in the office. The scholarship is available to any church member attending a Christian college and applications are due by **March 3**. Contributions are always accepted to keep this scholarship fund growing and helpful for our youth. See Murray Dunn with questions.
- **Paragould Children's Homes** will be here on Monday to pick up out grocery donations. Please have all items at the building by Sunday evening.
- There will be a **Security Team Training** at the building on **Sunday, March 10** at 1pm. Bring weapons; no live fire.
- We have a potluck lunch scheduled on **Sunday, March 24**. During this time, we will honor our elders, deacons, and staff. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Team #2 (Crowden, Singleton, Seabaugh) will set up and clean up.
- Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, is offering 50 scholarships for \$5000 each to graduate and doctoral students who are committed to ministry as a career. Application period is open from **February 15-April 15**. Flyers are available on the bulletin board, if interested.

## Youth News

- **March 8-9:** **Inspiration 2019** in Dexter with **Joe Wells**. Theme: "Learn to Discern..."
- **March 29-30:** **Center Hill Ruth Rally** for girls in 7-12 grades. Info is posted and you may see Jenny Newman with questions.
- **April 19-20:** **Spring Sing** at Harding. Tickets have already been purchased for those who signed up.

## Remember in Your Prayers

- **Gelena Stoffregen** is healing well from her recent fall. She is in Chateau Rehab Room 201 and would love to have visitors.
- **Faye Stinnett** is doing well following her surgery, but has two new issues. She is scheduled for an ultrasound and MRI on Monday to begin diagnosing the cause of her new pain.
- **Brian Mitchell** is continuing to make slow progress with his outpatient therapy. Please continue your prayers for him and his family as they adjust to the changes in their lives.
- **Jane Mungle** is doing much better from her recent illness. She appreciates all the prayers offered on her behalf and cards of encouragement.

## 2019 Fellowship Schedule

- **March 24:** **Potluck Lunch**—Honoring Elders/Deacon/Staff
- **April 13:** **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**
- **May 19:** **Potluck Lunch**—Honoring Grads
- **June 9:** **Take Me Out to the Ballgame** (PM)
- **July 28:** **Back to School Potluck & Ice Cream** (PM)
- **August 17-18:** **50th Anniversary Celebration**
  - **17:** Fish Fry
  - **18:** Potluck Lunch
- **September 14-15:** **Honor 911/First Responders**
  - **14:** Breakfast (cooked by men)
  - **15:** Potluck Lunch
- **October 13:** **Potluck** (PM)
- **November 9:** **Potluck Lunch**—Honoring Veterans
- **December 8:** **Potluck Lunch**—Honoring Grandparents
- **December 31:** **Evening Potluck**—Games/Trivia/Etc.