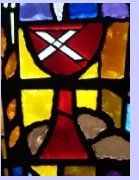


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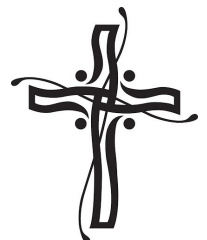
Dear Friends,
I am excited to announce I am a new Uncle again! This past Thursday my youngest brother and his wife welcomed son #3, Darius Bascom Willis! Twenty inches long, 8.5 pounds, mother and baby doing great. I got to go help them this week. Originally my sister-in-law's mother was supposed to be there, but she unexpectedly came down with Covid last Sunday. So Uncle Mark got the call! My main support was to watch and care for their two older boys, Nile and Cyrus, my nephews. I was happy to help and glad I had some time Thursday to go up and assist them.

My nephews are great kids, but can sometimes have their peccadillos. There were moments Cyrus and I had to engage in a battle of wills. Nothing like going to battle with a four-year-old to prove who can be more stubborn! When their dad would call me to check in, he would ask how the boys were doing. When I told him about our skirmishes, he worried I might not like the kids and not come back. I calmly assured him I loved my nephews, and these short dust-ups were resolved and we had moved on to more fun things like Lego Batman and pizza. But I found it interesting how he reacted to these short stressful moments. My brother was concerned that in the unvarnished moments, I might become disenchanted with the foibles of children. I was not. I know my nephews are not perfect, and that is ok, because neither am I. Rather than turning me off, these moments reassured me of our con-

nection as family members. The Church is sometimes like this. We come in initially thinking everything is perfect, everything is happy go-lucky. But the longer we are in church (or any social group) we begin to uncover cracks, imperfections, mistakes, and issues. For some, this discovery of wounded people who need healing is too much. They leave disheartened and disenchanted with the Christians they found. But I have always found this discovery of imperfection reassuring in church. Because I am not perfect either. I need God to complete me. I need God to heal me. I need God to save me. And I rejoice that I have found a whole group of people in that same predicament. Thank God I am not the only one! That is the purpose of the church: we are a gathering of imperfect, flawed sinners, who need God's grace and God's love and we come together to find it; together. Don't be surprised to find out how un-perfect your fellow church folk are. Instead, rejoice in the communion you have found, where your flaws and sins don't disqualify you from membership, but instead make you the perfect church member. We come together not as a meeting of the perfected, but as a gathering of those who need to be perfected by a loving saving God.

God Bless-

Mark



Pastor Mark's Message

In case you missed any of Pastor Mark's messages sent by email, here are the last two weeks!



June 5th, ["The Birth of The Church"](#)

June 12th, ["The Ten Commandments: Relationship & Cove-](#)

SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE

For June/July/August 2022

Liturgist

June 12, 2022	✝	Donna Rankin
June 19, 2022	✝	Anita Collins
June 26, 2022	✝	Wayne Hooker
July 3, 2022	✝	Joyce Luke
July 10, 2022	✝	Nanette Ferguson
July 17, 2022	✝	Carole Prentice
July 24, 2022	✝	Michelle Land
July 31, 2022	✝	Connie Hennigh
August 7, 2022	✝	Betty Bohn
August 14, 2022	✝	Jim Walker
August 21, 2022	✝	Susan Neill
August 28, 2022	✝	Anita Collins

Fellowship Hall
July 18th 2:00pm—6:00pm



DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

We had a good turn out today for our Third Thursday meeting. Eleven enjoyed the program and the ice cream sundaes and/or floats were fantastic. Thanks Connie. Great idea.

The next important thing is our bus to Pleasant View Christian Church this coming Thursday evening, June 23rd. If you want to go, let Connie or me know by Monday the 20th as we need a head count for both the bus and the Church for our supper.

Our current balance is \$2,316.58, less \$105.00 from our blessing boxes to be sent to our treasury in Indianapolis.

Pray for Ukraine and pray for our Church.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

Children's Worship and Wonder by
Christina Stokes



June 5th, ["Pentecost"](#)

June 12th, ["Baptism"](#)



Those Needing Prayer:

Sam Roach, Bruce and Katie's son, was in the hospital last week with a viral infection in his lymph nodes which caused swelling in his neck and face. He got to come home Sunday and is continuing to recover.

Heather Waite is a great-aunt again! Her family welcomed Watson Michale, mother and son are doing well.

Paul Jorgenson's family has called in hospice for him.

Dixie Wheaton and Geoff Curtis both celebrated birthdays on Sunday!

Robert Neill was diagnosed with Parkinson's and is working with his doctor on treatment.

Jim Owens is back in Advent hospital, dealing with fluid buildup around heart and lungs.

Marilyn Near was in the hospital recently but has gone to Lakeview to do rehab.

Connie Hennigh had a heart ablation procedure performed, she got to go home the next day, but continue to pray for her as she recovers.

Requests for Family and Friends:

Pat Reed's neighbor, Bob, has Covid.

Marilyn Near's daughter, Sharilyn Near, is having some serious health concerns.

Irene Heavin's sister Jean Hall, is having serious back pain, almost immobilizing her.

Jeanne Bryant's husband is suffering with severe back pain as well.

Jim Owens and Alice Goff's good friend Betty Rhodes, passed away unexpectedly. Please lift the Rhodes family and her friend in prayer as they grieve.

Susan Bonjour's sister, Patricia Snow, passed away. Please keep Susan and her family in your prayers.

Pastor Mark performed a wedding for **Derek and Ashleigh Franks** last weekend. Please pray for them as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

Please pray for the **families of Carolyn Pennington and Paul Green**, who Pastor Mark performed funeral services for this past week.

The People of Ukraine. Pray for their safety, pray for their deliverance, and pray for peace.

The families of the 19 children and 2 teachers who were shot and killed, as well as the entire community of Uvalde, Texas.



Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, June 21st
Mark Willis & Rick Ferguson

Tuesday, June 28th
Joan Tarwater & Linda Railsback

Tuesday, July 5th
Pat Reed & Jim Owens

Pick up meals at 10:30 am at the Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater

2022 Fellowship Coffee Hour

JULY 10TH	MEMBERSHIP
AUGUST 7TH	OUTREACH
SEPTEMBER 4TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
OCTOBER 2ND	PASTORAL RELATIONS
NOVEMBER 6TH	MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 4TH	OUTREACH



*Do everything
in love.*

**- 1 CORINTHIANS
16:14**



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our Sunday School class meets from 9:00 -9:45 each Sunday. Following our class time we have a 15 minute break to prepare for Morning Worship at 10:00. We have a nice group and if you haven't started back now would be a good time. Hopefully you will also find this a good support group in many areas.



Free Hot Soup

MCC Outreach has joined forces with the Free Hot Soup organization to help our homeless population. We are working with Free Hot Soup Organization again to collect items for homeless.

We're continuing to collect cases of individual water bottles for this organization to hand out to KC's homeless population. Drop them by the church or if you'd prefer to make a monetary contribution, you may do so by writing "Free Hot Soup" on the memo line of our check or indicate your wishes through EasyTithe.

[Amazon Wish list](#) of items in need. Bring them any Sunday this month and place them in the shopping carts. If you have any questions, reach out to Pam Boyd.

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

- **Write a check.**
- <http://www.easytithe.com/merriamcc>
- **Text giving:** 913-444-6397

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