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## Upcoming Opportunities

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
Following Worship: Roberts' Farewell Dinner

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11:

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16:

11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship  
5:30 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18:

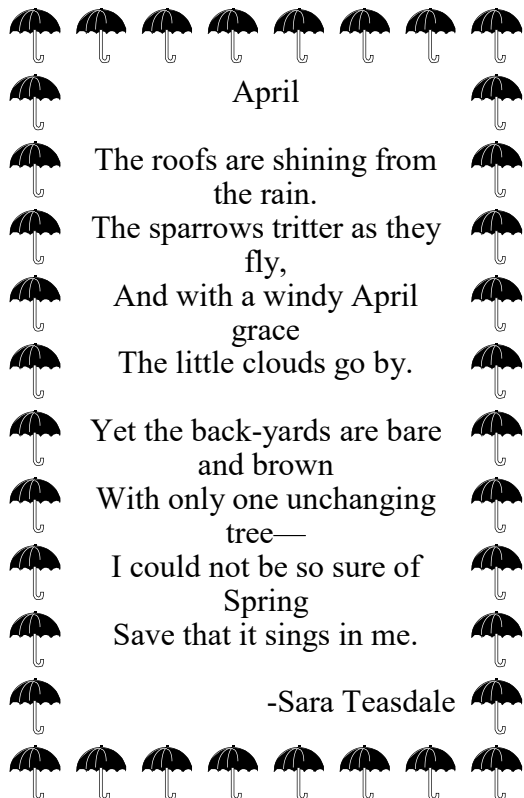
1:30 p.m. CWF, Church Parlor

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship



April

The roofs are shining from the rain.  
The sparrows tritter as they fly,  
And with a windy April grace  
The little clouds go by.  
Yet the back-yards are bare and brown  
With only one unchanging tree—  
I could not be so sure of Spring  
Save that it sings in me.

-Sara Teasdale

## Serving Schedule

April 7, 2024

### Worship Leader

Kathy Richardson

### Communion Prayer

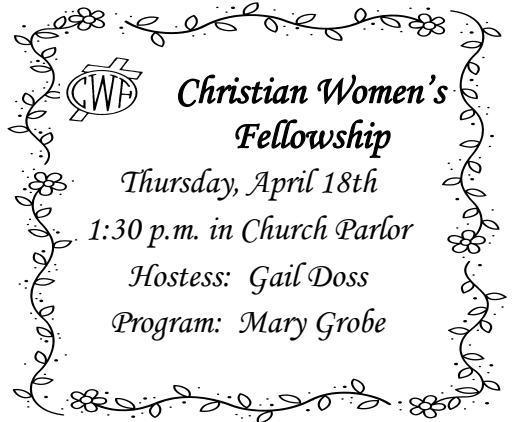
Mark Richardson

### Offertory Prayer

Kathy Richardson

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



## Christian Women's Fellowship

Thursday, April 18th

1:30 p.m. in Church Parlor

Hostess: Gail Doss

Program: Mary Grobe

## Serving Schedule April 14, 2024

Worship Leader: Mark Richardson

Communion Prayer: Steve Fowler

Offertory Prayer: Pat Fowler

Van Driver: Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



## Serving Schedule

April 21, 2024

### Worship Leader

Doris Chlastak

### Communion Prayer

Doris Chlastak

### Offertory Prayer

LaVerne Matthews

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson

## Serving Schedule

April 28, 2024

### Worship Leader

Matthew Clanahan

### Communion Prayer

Jack Childress

### Offertory Prayer

Gail Doss

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



Our Christian condolences go out to Gloria Michel and other family members upon the death of Kenneth Michel on March 31st.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDERS

March 2024

Gail Doss

Kay Gilbreath

Gleta Gorman

Jack Maxwell

Eva Kay Smith



**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**  
Tuesday, April 16th  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Please bring a dish to share and join in the joyous fellowship.

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ATTENDANCE REPORT • ATTENDANCE REPORT
March 3, 2024 ♦ March 10, 2024

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP ..... 22
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders ..... 5
Men's Class ..... 1
Total ..... 6

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP ..... 26
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders ..... 5
Men's Class ..... 2
Total ..... 7

ATTENDANCE REPORT • ATTENDANCE REPORT
March 17, 2024 ♦ March 24, 2024

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP ..... 24
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders ..... 5
Men's Class ..... 1
Total ..... 6

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP .....
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders .....
Men's Class .....
Total ..... 6



At Home

Kenny Gilbreath
Lonnie Green

Mark Twain Caring Center

Carlos Hicks

Kings Daughters and Sons
Nursing Home, Bartlett TN

Vince Halferty, Room #221

[Names will remain on our Prayer
Concern list until the Church
Office is notified to remove them.]



SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

How many of you were "April Fooled" this year?

Did you get salt out of the sugar bowl for your coffee or cereal?
Did the lids to the pepper and salt shakers fall completely off with the first
shake?
Were all your shirt sleeves turned inside out?
Good April Fool jokes and pranks are supposed to strike out at our routines,
shake up our perceptions, make something ordinary odd and extraordinary.
Sometimes April Fool is something contrived. Sometimes April Fool just
happens. Whether contrived or natural, to be an "April Fool" is to embrace
the surprises and experiences.
But we as individuals do not like to be fooled or made to look foolish.
It goes against our basic instincts.
Being fooled hurts our character and our spirit often.
We do not like to be embarrassed publicly.
But the apostle Paul tells the early church "to become a fool that you may
become wise a thoughtful hopeful happy fool for Christ."
For the apostle Paul it meant for Christians to give up society's conventions
to become a more religious person not caring about what other people think
about you.
Thus we are called to be "fools for Christ "
Jesus in his ministry never flinched from playing "the fool" in order to ful-
fill God's will. he left it all to plod a dusty path back to Bethany. His disci-
ples were not scholars or star students. They were fishermen and tax collec-
tors, nobodies and ne'er-do-wells.
How willing are you to become an "April Fool" for Christ?
Are you willing to admit that you are part of a truly "foolish" family?
It is not without the "foolish factor" that Jesus Christ is also known as the
"Son of David."
God's prophets routinely made "fools" of themselves.
The Pharisee Saul of Taurus became Paul the Apostle.
Throughout the two thousand one hundred years of Christianity the faithful
have stepped forward from the safety of anonymity or the security of a well-
heeled position to embrace foolishness.
During this Easter season and all year take a risk at caring about someone
who is truly risky.
Go out on a limb. Take the path usually not taken.
Don't cross the street to avoid a possible problem but be the Good Samari-
tan. To be a follower of the One who never flinched when it came to being
a fool for God, is to be an April Fool for Christ.
Will you be just that? An April Fool for Christ? See you Sunday,
Pastor Frank

ATTENDANCE REPORT
March 31, 2024

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP ..... 38
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders ..... 4
Men's Class ..... 1
Total ..... 5



Darkness cannot
drive out darkness:
Only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive
out hate: only
love can do that.

-Martin Luther King



Looks who's having a
Birthday in....



Susan Green 22
Steve Fowler 29
Sydney Clanahan 29