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Serving Schedule

May 29, 2016

Worship Leader

Matthew Clanahan

Children's Moment

Pastor Frank

Communion Prayer

LaVerne Matthews

Offertory Prayer

Steve Fowler

Van Driver

George McCall/Mark Richardson

Communion Preparation

Bobby & Irma Brannum

Diaconate

Marion Parks, Stan Pinkston,
Linda Casey, Trenton Vincent,
Jana McCall

WELCOME

On this Pentecost Sunday we welcome **Mary Grobe and Arnold (Arnie) Smith** in our church family. May God's Spirit guide them in paths of witness and service in the Kingdom as they proclaim grace and love.



LEADERSHIP SELECTION

It's that time of the year again, and first, thank you to all who have served this past year in chairman positions, as well as those hard working committee and board members, elders, and deacons! We hope that you will feel encouraged to serve again for another year beginning July 1, 2016. If for any reason you cannot, or choose not to serve again, please contact me at 573-718-9879, or Linda at the church office as soon as possible, otherwise, we will assume you will bless us with another year of service. Again, thank you for all you have done for our congregation.

-Steve Fowler

Serving Schedule

June 5, 2016

Worship Leader

Gail Doss

Children's Moment

Bill Clanahan

Communion Prayer

Kathy Richardson

Offertory Prayer

Mark Richardson

Van Driver

George McCall/Mark Richardson

Homebound Communion

Gail Doss/Todd Richardson

Hospital Visitation

Steve & Pat Fowler

Communion Preparation

Bobby & Irma Brannum

Diaconate

Rob Blackwell, Carlos Hicks,
LuWanna Forister, Jim Hillis



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Indicates Birthday		June contribution for Northside Nutrition Center will be chili or green beans	1	2 BCC Mailing  Bettie Linn	3	4  Rob Blackwell
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship First Sunday Brunch  Gail Doss  Vince Halferty	6	7  Steven Williams	8	9 6:30 pm Worship Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	13 6 pm Elders' Meeting	14 BCC Deadline 12 Noon 5:30 pm Day Care Board Mtg.  Wilma Brown	15	16 BCC Mailing	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Father's Day  Jana McCall	20	21 11:30 am Senior Fellowship	22	23 6 pm Men's Fellowship at Godfather's Pizza 6 pm Thursday Women	24  Linda Casey	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27	28  Patty Spain	29  Bob Casey	30	 June 14th	

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ATTENDANCE REPORT
May 8, 2016

ATTENDANCE:
Worship 70
Children’s Church 0
TOTAL WORSHIP 70
SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Elementary A/B 3
Homebuilders 8
Men’s Class 6
Total 17

ATTENDANCE REPORT
May 15, 2016

ATTENDANCE:
Worship 39
Children’s Church 0
TOTAL WORSHIP 39
SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Elementary A/B 2
Homebuilders 7
Men’s Class 4
Total 13

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Restoration Movement. In an effort to bring about the vision and dreams of the early Stone-Campbell Movement, this past Sunday, May 15, Restoration 200, celebrating our denomination’s 200 years was held in Lexington, Kentucky. Our church and denomination has roots in the Stone-Campbell Movement of the early 19th century. We were born on the American frontier as our great nation expanded westward. Our church and denomination falls under the Restorationist family of the mainline Protestant tradition, as opposed to the evangelical Protestant tradition, which tends to be more theologically and socially conservative. As DOCs we emphasize baptism by immersion, the centrality of communion and “wholeness in a fragmented world.” We still seek to live out the Restoration movement. Like those of the past, we still seek to be free from denominational creeds and traditions, favoring a “Bible only” approach that we hope unifies believers. In 1816, a group of Christians who ascribed to that philosophy is said to have begun meeting in Lexington. But, prior to that Barton W. Stone led the Revival of August 1801 at Cane Ridge meeting house in Bourbon County in 1801. First hand descriptions abound of individuals, taken by great emotion, falling to the ground, crying aloud in prayer and song, and rising to exhort and assist others in their responses to the moment. It was the climactic event of the Western Great Revival. Soon after Barton Stone left the Presbyterian Church and established an independent church. Stone’s movement eventually joined with another led by another former Presbyterian, Alexander Campbell, after Stone met Campbell in 1824 while Campbell toured Kentucky to preach at churches in Lexington and other parts of central Kentucky. After that, the Restoration Movement became known as the Stone-Campbell Movement. The goal of the movement was to mimic the church described in the New Testament, and its members united under the names “Christian” and “Disciples of Christ.” Believers were known for taking communion each week and a belief in adult baptism by immersion, which we still do today. The Stone-Campbell movement gave rise to three distinct religious groups. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) The Independent Christian churches The Churches of Christ (a Capella) Some Churches of Christ do allow pianos in the church sanctuary. The sadness of our movement that “a movement that wanted to bring Christian unity” is now in three pieces. Sadly, we who wanted to restore the church to the New Testament image has splintered over a variety of issues through the years, ranging from missions to the use of musical instruments. Restoration 200 is an effort to bridge the gaps that have divided us over the years. As Jesus prays in John 17:21 “I pray that all of these people continue to have unity in the way that you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they may be united with us so that the world will believe that you have sent me.” Our church is uniquely poised to reach out those people in our community seeking a place of hope in their lives. As the apostle Peter challenges us, “always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear.” May it be so.

Glad to be your pastor,
Pastor Frank

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Cedargate Assisted Living

Pauline Hearne (Phase 2, #9)

Oakdale Assisted Living

Wilma Burwell, Mary Fears
Bettie Linn

Westwood Hills

Margena Halferty

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