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Scott McFarland Minister Keith Jones Family Life Minister

**Sunday** 

Wednesday

Bible Class......9:00 a.m. Worship......10:00 a.m.

Bible Class......7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Class....6:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Sherry Lallathin – Mon – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# **Elders**

## **Deacons**

Jeff Bettinger Bob Burrow Keith Jones Duane Landefeld Brian Rose

Ronnie Beardmore Eric Carothers Dan Christman Shawn Howell

Brent McConnell Jeff Seidler Howard Spengler Jesse Stalder

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Bud Ward (Eleanor Lallathin's brother) has pneumonia and is in the hospital; Kylee Jones; Brent McConnell, gallbladder surgery recovery; Ron Gauding (Rudy Gauding's brother), back surgery recovery; Tiffany Comstock (Gary & Bev Jones's daughter), epileptic seizures; Jo Ellen Seidler, hip replacement surgery recovery; Kevin Weckbacher, back surgery recovery; Angie Sexton (friend of Sue Dearth), surgery recovery; Sandy Resecker; widows and widowers of the congregation.

<u>Those battling cancer</u> —Parker Miley, leukemia; Sue Hooper, colon cancer; Lisa Jones (stage 3 lung cancer); Logann Kehrer (a friend of Bob Burrow's coworker), diagnosed with terminal cancer; Marion Gorrell, stage 4 cancer (former coworker of Carla Rose); Andy Copley; Patty Norris (friend of Keith Coss); Donna Hughes (friend of Naomi Ault); Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Nina Christman; Misty Robinson, friend of Grace Miles.

## **Pregnancies**

Please keep Amanda Antill in your prayers—for her health and the health of the baby she is carrying.

\* Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list. We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

## **Thank You's/Praise Reports**



Thank you all for the cards, visits, prayers phone calls the last six weeks in Christian love.

Dave Matz

I don't even know how to begin expressing my gratitude for everyone who went out of their way for

us while we spent the last three and a half weeks in the hospital. To those that visited, sent gifts and cards, and prayed for us, we appreciate you more than you know. Kylee's surgery and rehab went really well, and she came home much stronger that we thought she would and we know that is all thanks to God. We would appreciate your continued prayers as Kylee continues to heal and work hard at therapy to get stronger.

### Free is Free

Has anyone ever given you anything and not wanted anything for it? Ever tried to pay them for it? This actually just happened to me the other week. I think most of us struggle to accept gifts from people...it's in our nature to earn things. We are told from the time we are little children that we need to work for what we have, so we display good behavior to get a treat and do chores or jobs to earn money, all with the understanding that we "worked for it."

In almost every human scenario, this is a good thing. We teach our children positive qualities like work ethic, not taking what isn't ours, fairness, etc. But, in God's economy it doesn't work. The problem is, we started with a debt we could never pay off. There's a story in Matthew 18 Jesus tells about a servant who was forgiven an unpayable amount of money. The debt was so much that it would take multiple lifetimes to pay it back. It was so much that, in preparation for an attempt to pay it back, the servant was preparing to be sold into slavery, along with his wife, children and all he had. At the last hour, he is granted forgiveness by his master. This is, in so many ways, a picture of what Jesus has done for us. We started with something so big it would never have been repaid except by our life. At the last minute, when it seemed like all was lost, God stepped in with His Son Jesus.

But, the catch is you can't pay for it. You can't earn it. Today, we'll talk about what this means and why it's so important that we accept that free is free. Enjoy the gift. Appreciate it. And don't try to pay for it—you can't!

Scott McFarland

#### December 10, 2023

#### **OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

December 3, 2023

Sunday Morning Bible Classes 101 Sunday morning Live feed views 22
Attendance at the building 159 Post-Sunday sermon online views 33

Bible Hour Attendance 39

Sunday night Bible Class 62 J.O.Y. Bus Attendance

4 Riders 3 Workers

Wednesday night Bible Class 52

Budget \$ 5,100 Contribution \$ 5,691

## **Elders & Deacons Meetings**

The Elders will meet next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

The Deacons will meet next Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship building.

## **Christmas Eve & New Years Eve Service Times**

There will be no evening services on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and also no evening services on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

# **Church Office Hours**

The offices will be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Christmas holiday.

The offices will also be closed on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the New Year holiday.

