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On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached Him, keeping their distance from Him. They raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!"

When Jesus saw them He said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Luke 17:11-19 CEB
We aren't told what happened to the leper following his personal encounter with Jesus, but we are told how he responded as his health was restored. He responded with thanksgiving which is an act of worship. I contend that everything we do, the way we live our lives, has the ability to be an act of worship, a response to what Jesus has done in our life.

The question for each of us is would Jesus

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My Feet!

recognize the life we live as a response of thanksgiving for the restoration of our spiritual health that we have received because He chose to die on a cross so we could be forgiven? I don't know about you, but for me that question can be pretty convicting. In the passage from **Luke** we aren't told Jesus revoked the healing of the nine who had neglected being thankful, their healing wasn't dependent on their action. But we are told that the one who returned had a special place in Jesus' heart. Live a life of thanksgiving, make worship your way of life!!!

With the past few weeks and the getting my strength back, I can only thank God for His healing through Jesus and the wonderful things that you as a congregation have done for me. Thank you for all you have done for me. **-Cliff**

If you would like to follow along with Pastor Cliff for the Scriptures each week they are... May 6th "Everything You Need to Know about Love" **John 15:9-17** (Reader Shirley Patterson). May 13th (Mother's Day) "United We Stand" **John 17:6-19** (Reader Ethan Overton). May 20th (Pentecost) "The Mighty Wind of God" **Acts 2:1-11** (Reader Sherril Owens). May 27th (Memorial Sunday) "Why Am I Afraid?" **Romans 8:14-17** (Reader Justin Chastain).



Inspirational speaker Dr. Wayne Dyer still remembers the card his kids gave him for his 64th birthday. The front said, "Inside is a message from God." Pleased that his kids finally appreciated his work, he opened it to read, "See you soon!" ☺

CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS...



“As the season of Lent Begins, we will have a Bible Study beginning on Fat Tuesday (Feb. 13th) And continuing each Tuesday at 6:30 pm until March 27th. Our Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) Service is at 6:00 pm. The Community Good Friday Service (March 30th) this Year is at Middle River Friends Church at 7:00 pm”



“The Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm this month due to Ash Wednesday. You are invited to attend this meeting if you have ideas to share or would like to learn about the new Video Screen System.”

THANK YOU

In December, after 7 trips to the E.R. for extremely high blood pressure, I was finally admitted to the hospital for observation and evaluation. The diagnosis was that diseased kidneys are causing the high blood pressure. At present both are being controlled with medication. Being on a heart-healthy (no salt) and a no potassium (no chocolate, fruit, potatoes, and only ¼ cup of dairy per day) diet certainly limited my food intake...one way to lose weight!

I want to thank you all for your cards, visits from Joe and Pastor Cliff, but especially for your prayers for both Kay and me. I believe that it was answered prayers that made it possible for Kay to pick me up from the hospital/rehab and take me to Mississippi in time to surprise the grandkids for Christmas. We called it our Christmas miracle. Thanks again for your love and prayers. – **Greg Tilton**

BLESSING JARS

Our “Blessing Jars” that were distributed in the fall totaled \$761.00. Thank you to everyone for your contributions!

We have many blessings to be thankful for! – **Kayla Price, CWF Treasurer**

SENIOR LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Twenty-one ladies gathered for the annual CWF Senior Ladies Christmas Party in December. As always, there was plenty of laughter and plenty of delicious treats. The BINGO game always proves to be entertaining and although the prizes do tend to travel around the table, everyone always goes home with a prize! It was a great afternoon! –**Kayla**

MITTEN TREE

Thank you for donating to our annual “MITTEN TREE.” 85 pairs of gloves, 70 stocking caps, 10 scarves, and a variety of socks were delivered to the Carlisle Community School Guidance Office. Snowy days mean lots of wet mittens – so dry mittens/gloves are always appreciated!

–**Kayla Price, Evangelism Chair**

CCA SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Eighty-three families were part of the “2017 CCA SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM,” making it our largest Christmas project ever. Our church assisted four families this year. Your generous hearts make this program possible. Thank you again for making Christmas special for these families. –**Kayla Price, CCA Chair**

VALENTINE BOXES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Evangelism Committee will once again be sending Care Packages to our two college students. Ideas include – hot chocolate packets, popcorn, candy, gum, granola bars, nuts, chips, microwave soups, microwave macaroni & cheese. No fruit please – it is heavy and crushes the other items. Thank you! –**Kayla**

ETHAN IN “TRUTH & CONSEQUENCES”

Our own **Ethan Overton** will act in the play “Truth & Consequences” at the **Randleman House the last weekend in February and first weekend in March.** Tickets are \$10.00!

CONGRATULATIONS RANDY ROTHFUS

Rodger & Laura Rothfus’ son Randy and his sister-in-law Jennifer Brick-Sullivan earned a \$400,000 deal on the T.V. show “Shark Tank” for their “Guzzle Buddy” invention. Randy and Jennifer’s invention was accepted on the **Sunday, January 21st** airing of the show in which people present their ideas for businesses to a panel of judges who are successful businessmen and women.

MAY BIRTHDAYS!



“ON SUNDAY, MAY 6TH AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE THERE WILL BE A LUNCHEON DOWNSTAIRS TO CELEBRATE THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF JOAN MILLS! PLEASE COME AND FELLOWSHIP WITH US! CARDS ARE WELCOMED, NO GIFTS PLEASE.



“Sunday, May 13th is Mother’s Day. Please join us for our special Worship service with special music!”

May 4th
Heather Dayton

May 4th
Rudy Graham

May 7th
Joan Mills

May 10th
Becca Miller

May 15th
Gerry Baker

May 20th
Andred Chastain

May 21st
Cheryl Chastain

May 27th
Mike Killen

May 28th
Wendy Bellus

May 31st
Arlene Rawson

In the military

Blake Luft

Niklas Polson

Joshua Wesner

Tara Wesner

Please keep in your prayers

Twyla Cooper

Quinn Delaet

Katie Hakes

Pastor Cliff

Butch Hayes

Ben Lawrence

Jerry Mayes

Joan Mills

Becky Rees & Family

Beverly Ross

Greg Tilton

Dave Walker

Max Warren

Judy Watkins

Brody Everitt

John Graham Family

Deacons

Elders

Team 1: Gerry Baker, Jim Watkins, Marilyn Hayes, Judy Watkins. **Team 2:** Marci Palar, Laura Rothfus, Rodger Rothfus, Mike Killen. **Team 3:** Bob Stuyvesant, Gloria Graham, Steve Thompson, Andrea Hamm. **Team 4:** Shirley Patterson, Louanna Pezzetti, Sherril Owens, Patsy Overton. **Team 5:** Cindy Berg, Craig Price, Diana Prall, Kayla Price.
Alternates: Berenice Chastain (848-3465) or Becky Rickabaugh (989-2014)

May 6th :

Joan Mills & Justin Chastain

May 13th :

Kathy Betzer & Dan Crum

May 20th :

Joe Lang & Sharon Bittner

May 27th :

Justin Chastain & Joe Lang

(1st person listed is Communion Elder)

May 6th : Team 2
May 13th : Team 3
May 20th : Team 4
May 27th : Team 5

WEEK OF COMPASSION FOR 2018

How is it that there are enough resources on our planet to feed the entire world, and yet so many hunger? As people of faith, what is our role in a world where the gap between the rich and the poor only seems to widen? How do we ensure that all of God's children get their fair share? When the apostle Paul visited the early churches in Macedonia, they became excited about the ministry opportunities laid before them. These early followers of Jesus couldn't help but get caught up in Paul's zeal for the ways God was working in their midst. They actually pleaded to be a part of the "service to the saints" Paul spoke of while visiting their community—despite their own poverty. This "ministry to the saints," referred to in his second letter to the Corinthians is another name for the offering Paul and the early churches were organizing for those in Jerusalem suffering from a devastating famine. The offering was considered a living out of one's faith, a spiritual calling—a ministry.

To organize a church-wide offering, a relief fund if you will (Week of Compassion is not original!) was not only practical, it was also a visible expression of their Christian unity. This offering was a way for Paul to unite all believers and to provide a way for them to care for one another—even if they did not know each other personally. For the churches in Macedonia and Corinth, many of them would never see or meet the Christians they were helping in Jerusalem. So their ecumenical offering was a concrete representation of the Gospel: that in Christ there truly was no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, rich or poor—no longer separation or division, but unity in Christ.

Everyone, regardless of economic or social location, has a gift to give. God supplies the gifts and resources so that we can give back. After all, none of what the early followers of Jesus gave was really theirs, right? Because all that we have is God's! We're simply giving back to God what is already God's. In giving to God, we give to others. Our gifts will be part of transforming a life, a community, and indeed, the whole world.

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus the Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). This is what God has given; through our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ the Good News has been shared with us so that we never doubt that we have all we need, and in turn ensure that others get what they need. "For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance" (2 Cor 8:12-13).

Our abundance becomes their need and their need becomes our abundance. Have you ever thought of it this way? We could achieve a fair balance across the globe by sharing what we have, out of our abundance. "It is not with your own wealth that you give alms to the poor," asserted St. Ambrose, "But with a fraction of their own which you give back; for you are usurping for yourself something meant for the common good of all. The earth is for everyone, not only for the rich."

Through Week of Compassion we have the opportunity to act as the body of Christ by giving what we have. This is the offering, the "ministry to the saints" that Paul was promoting.

This is still our ministry, all these centuries later, through Week of Compassion—not only by this church family, but across the country by Christians of many denominations contributing to an ecumenical offering which has shared abundance for the meeting of needs for almost 70 years.

Together, we can make sure that everyone—yes, every single one of God's children, our sisters and brothers—get their fair share, bringing about a world the way God intended it to be. Ready to change the world?

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Day of Pentecost was when we came upon everyone who witnessed the wonders being done through the Holy Spirit. Please join us on **Sunday, May 20th** as we celebrate Pentecost!

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Memorial Sunday is May 27th. Please join us as we remember the family, friends, and loved ones that we have lost in the past year in the Worship

Service.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, June 3rd** we will have a special reception after the Worship Service to recognize our **2018 High School Graduates**. Please join us for cookies and punch and let them know how proud we are of them!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Ice Cream Social's date has been set for **Wednesday, June 13th** at 6:00 pm. Save the date now!

CARE CENTER

Pastor Cliff, Marci Palar, and Justin Chastain will

be at the Carlisle Care Center on Sunday, May 27th at 3:30 pm for the Worship Service. Anyone who would like to come along is welcome!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who prepared and/or attended the **Free Community Dinner** held on April 26th at the Community Center! The goulash and garlic bread were delicious! Our next Free Community Dinner will be held on **Thursday, May 24th from 5:00 until 7:00 pm**. Please come along and bring a friend!

BOARD MEETING

There will NOT be a meeting of the Church Board in May, the next Board Meeting is scheduled for **June 10th**.

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