#### Dear Church Family,

Please take a look around— if you know someone is missing, please give them a call to check on them, let them know we care. They may need to hear from us. Not everyone is comfortable calling in when they need our prayers for injuries, health issues, losses, as well as their celebrations. It hurts to feel forgotten. We need one another.

Please take a look around—if you see someone you don't get to greet or visit very often, please let them know we are glad they are here. It is great to feel loved.

Be the Church!

Please continue in <u>daily prayers for our</u>
<u>church</u>, the **Preacher Search Committee**Spencer, Brian, Terri, Karen, LaVerne, Steven,
Chuck, Betty S., Bobby, & Dale,—- and the **right**candidate and family to find us.

# Song of Solomon 2:10-13 KJV

<sup>10</sup> My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

<sup>11</sup> For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

<sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

<sup>13</sup> The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome Brian French
# 23 Our God, He Is Alive Gene Badgett

Power of His Name Medley

# 221 Jesus, Name Above All Names

# 222 There's Something About That Name

# 223 His Name Is Life

Prayer Kenneth Horn

# 383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Scripture Psalm 22:15-18 Will McDonald

**Communion & Offering** 

\* Justin Fruge
Bubba Fruge
Britton Jones
John Hodges
Tommie Yancey

# 615 He Keeps Me Singing

Children's Lesson, Song & Prayer, then Children's Church (Ages 3-10, and Age 2 welcome with a parent– Please follow Ms. Kathryn to the Youth Room)

**Sermon** Brian French

# 904 Have You Been to Jesus? (vs 1, 2 & 4)

# 877 Won't It Be Wonderful There?

Closing Prayer Chuck Reed

### **Everybody Welcome:**

<u>Lunch Bunch</u>—Dine together at La Cantina , 4/2/17!

pray

CHURCH of CHRIST A place where God is praised, lives are changed, needs are met, and friends are made! **Meeting Times Sunday: Bible Class** 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Everyone Welcome at building, with Caregroup #1 6:00 PM Other groups meet afternoons or evenings in the area. See the LeBlancs for information. Wednesday: Women's Bible Class 10:00 AM Devo. then Coffee & Conversation 7:00 PM &GriefShare 7:00 PM &DivorceRecovery 7:00 PM 3901 Jimmy Johnson Blvd. Port Arthur, Texas 77642 Building 409-727-6255 Fax 409-727-0640 www.parkcentralchurchofchrist.org SERMON NOTES

Sunday, April 2, 2017

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Sunday,

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground and wild animals each according to its kind." God made the wild animals, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:24-26

#### **GOD'S CREATURES**

SO THIS EARLY MORNING WALK WITH GOD, THIS EARLY MORN-ING LORD'S DAY, I ENCOUNTER NO LIVESTOCK. I MEET NO WILD ANIMALS, BUT THEN, I MUST SAY, I DO MEET A NUMBER OF GOD'S CREATURES THAT MOVE ALONG THE GROUND! AND AS I SEE THESE SMALL CREATURES, I THINK OF GOD PUTTING MAN IN CHARGE OF ALL THE ANIMALS, ALL OF HIS CREATIONS. GOD BLESSED THE MAN AND WOMAN AND SAID TO THEM. "BE FRUIT-FUL AND INCREASE IN NUMBER; FILL THE EARTH, AND SUBDUE IT. RULE OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA AND THE BIRDS OF THE AIR AND OVER EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT MOVES ON THE GROUND." (Genesis 1:28) WE ARE IN CHARGE!! And so this early morning, I see no snakes on the ground, but I am greeted by three slugs near the door of the church auditorium. In my garden, I see an earthworm, a butterfly, and a frog. And to my delight I see two small spiders working diligently on their artistic webs. AGAIN THE COBWEBS ARE EVERYWHERE DECORATING MY GARDEN WITH THEIR BEAUTY. I LOOK UP AND I SEE A WEB NEAR THE TOP OF THE TALL PINE TREE ALMOST 40 FEET IN THE AIR. I KNOW THE SPIDERS ARE PART OF GOD'S CREATURES AND I SUPPOSE THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE GROUND CREATURES AND I SUPPOSE THAT GOD HAS PUT ME IN CHARGE OF ALL THESE BENEFICIAL CREA-TURES TO TAKE CARE OF THEM! WHAT AN AWESOME THOUGHT **IS THIS!** The spiders fascinate me with their industrious spirit. They are beneficial to man and help to control the pesky insects that bedevil our lives. I TAKE MY CHARGE OF BEING IN CHARGE OF MY WORLD VERY SERIOUSLY. AFTER ALL, THIS CHARGE COMES FROM GOD. AS I PONDER THE SPIDERS AND THEIR WEBS, MY HEART IS FILLED WITH PEACE AND LOVE. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS WITH ME AND MAKES ME SMILE AND I ASK YOU, "JUST HOW WONDERFUL IS **THAT!**" Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Thank you, God, for loving me. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for loving me and for being with me ~ Jean Gunn always. Amen.

#### FAMILY NEWS. NOTES & PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>Nelda Cooper's daughter Cathy Cooper</u> was scheduled for third surgery at St. Luke's-Houston Thursday, March 30. After two more weeks, final surgery is planned.

<u>Judy Moore</u>— Expected to get biopsy report last week. She feels good and expects good results. Thank you for continued prayers.

**Everett Sanderson**—Cancer and lymph nodes must shrink more to have surgery.

Steven Pitts—Please pray for a solution for his continued health issues.

Ron Beavers— prayers for his health and well—being.

**Danny Blair** - had ankle surgery, pray for pain relief, rehab & his CPA job in tax season.

Follow-up was 3/30 with his surgeon— no cast just a boot! Thank you for continued prayers. Please continue to hold in your prayers: Gene Badgett, The Beavers Family, Ronnie Beavers, Joann Bloodworth, Van Campbell, Van Cox, Harold & Martha Ann Dixon, Glenda Donnell, Shirley Duhon, Elaine Guy's nephew Troy Bertrand, The Fruge Family, Alexis Green, Elaine Guy, James Handley, Jan & Carl Hunt's friend, Nan Gregg, Betty Keith, Alan King, Jack Hyde & Pam Kingston, Kim Knighton, Heather Knighton's co-worker, Lori Neumann, Diana Landry, Susan Lee's family, Paula & Noble Leggett's Granddaughter, Carly, David Lindsey, Allen Melton, Frances Messina, Judy Moore, Baby Tressie (TINK), and Nichols Family, Danny Nelson, Pricilla Bertolio, Eretta Pettit, Debbi, Ray & Derek Petree, Margaret Pool, Al Pugh, Avery Ramirez, Leslie Reed's mother, Judy Brushaber, Needa Reed, Dortha Rife's baby sister, Charlsie Kirk, Pam Romero, Isaiah Shannon, Frances Shoemaker, Carol and Glenn Smith and Carol's mom, Smiths' friend Melissa Carolle, Bobby Sterling, Melody Temple, Norma Trahan.

Our Sympathy for **Betty Keith** and her family at the death of her mother, **Betty St. Cyr** on Friday, March 31, 2017

Our Sympathy for **Ray and Debbi Petree, their other son Derek,** their family and friends at the death of their son,

# **Jaime Ray Petree**

Nov. 29, 1976—March 26, 2017 Services were Friday, March 31, 2017.

# ATTENDANCE Sunday, 3/26/17 AM 64 PM 7 Wed, 3/29/17 11

## **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINISTRIES & OPERATIONS BUDGET**

 Weekly
 March. MONTHLY to date
 Year to Date
 % -age

 Actual Regular+ online reg
 \$ 4,860.00
 \$ 14,492.32
 \$ 39,709.59
 83.13 %

 2017 BUDGET
 \$ 3,674.42
 \$ 15,922.50
 \$ 47,767.46
 100.00 %

Over / -Under <u>+</u>\$ 1,185.58 -\$ 1,430.18 -\$ 8,057.87 - 16.87 %

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Our annual EGG HUNT for the children will take place immediately following the worship service.

Please bring plastic eggs filled with a treat (that won't melt in the sunshine!) We will be gathering them in the office until Easter. Hope you can help provide eggs, and stay to appreciate the joy of the children!

#### BENEVOLENCE PARTICIPATION DAY

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# Pick up a bag to fill today!

Sunday, April 23. Enjoy a pot luck *LOVE* luncheon & food collection for the pantry.

We are gathering the FOOD in the Cove, if you are able to fill bags, between now & April 23, with any or all of these items:

1# Peanut Butter
Jar or Can of Pasta Sauce
16 oz. Spaghetti
2# Dried Beans
2# Rice
Family Size Macaroni & Cheese
Ramen Noodles
Small Easy-Open Meats:
Tuna, Chicken, Vienna Wieners, Spam,
Potted Meat.

GOAL: <u>FILL the Pantry for MAY</u> without the regular, EXPENSIVE Shopping Trip!

