

WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 AM
Join us at Church or on line!
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 AM

The Mission of the Church

To make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.

Church's Core Values

"To develop a community of faith that has G.R.I.T.:
GLORIFY God through WORSHIP,
REACH others through caring,
INVITE persons to a personal relationship
with Jesus Christ,
TEACH God's Word."



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Vision Statement

A Community
serving, loving, and growing in Christ
so that people experience God's love.



2025





Col. 4:2-6

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving, 3 praying at the same time for us as well that God will open up to us a door for the word. So that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned, 4 that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. 5 Conduct yourself with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how to respond to each person.

As we enter the month where we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, we need to have our hearts, minds, and tongues prepared for ministry. This is a season where people who don't attend any kinds of services all year long may show up. But even if they don't show up to us, we need to show up for them. This passage outlines a great strategy for us to spread the Gospel. Read through these questions and prepare yourselves for the next few weeks.

VS2

Does our prayer life show devotion (persistent, continual, consistent, enduring)?

What could we do to make it better?

Are we keeping alert (watchful, vigilant, awake) about the things that are going on in our world?

Do we approach God with thanksgiving or grumbling?

VS 3,4

Do we have the Kingdom in mind when we pray or just our wish list? (our personal ministry, and others)

Do you view your difficulties and losses as opportunities or stop signs?

Do you ask God to help you have the right words when you are conversing with others?

VS 5

Why is it important that we behave wisely in front of unbelievers?

Why is important that our words are graceful in front of them?

How do the two work together?

Richest blessings to you all,

Dan

Serving our Country

Luke Davis - Jim & Bea Davis's Grandson-Navy
Joel Davis - Jim & Bea's grandson-Army
Cameron Bonner - Dave/Connie Bonner's Son - Air National
Guard Anthony Kline - Friend of Steve & Leslie Douglass - Navy
Noah Foshee - Grandson of Cindy Foshee



HOPE FOR TOMORROW & STRENGTH FOR TODAY

God does answer prayers!

Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present.

N.T. Wright



Cheo Horner - Continued prayers - Greg & Bev's Grandson
Taylor James - Prayers for complete recovery - Isiak & Kaitlynnne
James niece - she is 11 years old
Carissa Bonner - Praise for some healing! Prayers for continued
health concerns - Daughter-in-law of Connie & David Bonner
Taylor Long - Granddaughter of Rick & Joy Bow
Brooklyn Schell - Granddaughter of Joy & Rick Bow
Wendy Prince - Healing for knee & sinuses, and other health
concerns
Jeane Bellows - Zane Prince's mom has a cancer spot on her brain
Debby Mueller - Wendy Prince's sister-in-law has cancer on her brain,
having surgery
Jean Huffman - Praise for weight-bearing on her knee! Continued
healing from knee surgery and rehabilitation
Jan Squires - Hip surgery Tuesday 3/26 - healing & recovery
Hartup Family Ministry - Protection over their health, ministry
opportunities in TX and Mexico, continuing education for Dwayne Jr
and Valerie
Olivia Hartup - School & acro-tumbling, and preparing for MCATs
Pamela Magdos - Healing for ulcers, knee pain, & shoulder pain
Brandy First - Healing for shoulder pain
Connie Price - moved to Heritage in Warren

If you need someone to pray with you before surgery or would like someone to visit you during an illness, please call the Church office 260-758-2855 to let us know.

PRAY
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HOW CAN WE PRAY
for you?
PRAY
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I need help to keep our list of prayer requests current! A fresh list helps us pray more specifically. Please call Brandy at 260-758-2855 or email her at markleriverside316@gmail.com to inform her of your prayer request.

Some Benefits of Prayer

1. Prayer changes our focus.

It's easy to get caught up in the circumstances going on around us, good or bad. Praying directs our focus away from here on earth to God in heaven.

2. Prayer brings us closer to God.

Because prayer is communicating with God, it helps us build our relationship with him. It's one of the many ways we can get to know him better.

3. Prayer ushers us into God's presence.

In the Old Testament, people needed the priests or prophets to talk to God for them. But when Jesus died, the veil in the temple was torn in two, opening the way for us to talk to God ourselves.

4. Prayer is a way to help others.

There are two ways this is true. One is praying with someone and the other is praying for someone. One is done in person (or over the phone), while the other is done in your private time.

5. Prayer helps calm us.

The world is full of things that bring anxiety into our lives and prayer can restore our peace.

6. Prayer brings about change.

The familiar phrase prayer changes things is true. Sometimes the things that change are circumstances, while other times we are the thing that prayer changes.

And the List Goes On and On.

The benefits of prayer can't be exhausted. Prayer helps us find direction in life. It can prevent us from making wrong decisions and falling into sin. Through it, we can learn to submit to God's will.

Prayer helps us receive forgiveness and love. It also helps us love our enemies as we understand how we were once God's enemy but, through Jesus, we are friends and heirs.

Christianity.com

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/what-are-the-benefits-of-prayer.html>



John Spath 11
 Jordan First 12
 Joan Buroff 13
 Steve Douglass 19
 Joyle Allen 21
 Joyce Greene 27
 Aleksandr First 28
 Brandy First 29
 Jenny Siebold 30
 Rita Robbins 30



Phil & Paul Farley 11
 Steve & Leslie Douglass 11



Join us at 9 am for adult Sunday School with teacher Isiak James.



OUR RESIDENTS OF RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES and NURSING HOMES

Heritage Pointe
 801 Huntington Ave, Warren, In 46792
Jeanne Wilson
Joyle Allen
Jean Mossburg

Assisted Living
Joan Buroff
 7833 W Jefferson Blvd Apt 204
 Fort Wayne, In 46804



**Community Harvest
 Farm Wagon**

Every Tuesday at
 12:30 p.m.

The Farm Wagon appears in the **Markle Church of Christ** parking lot. They hand out produce to anyone that stops by.





The Master's Pantry is doing a **calendar fundraiser** to help cover the rising cost of food we are facing each month. We spend \$3,000 to \$4,000+ each month on food items for between 75 & 85 food boxes that we hand out each month.

The way the calendar works: you **select a day to sponsor and write your name in the box for that date. If you select the 5th, you will pay \$5.** You can choose as many dates on the calendar as you like. Calendars are located in the hallway near the sanctuary entrance. Drop off your donation in the office or mail your made out checks out to:

Master's Pantry
P.O. Box 105
Markle, IN 46770

Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated! This is such an important need we are providing to our community.

The calendar is located on the table in the hall that leads to the nursery.

DONATIONS NEEDED THIS MONTH:

MONTHLY SPECIALS

Jan	Dish Soap/Sponges/Scrubbers
Feb	Toilet Paper
Mar	Cleaning Supplies
Apr	Laundry Detergent
May	Shampoo/Conditioner
Jun	Dish Soap/Sponges/Scrubbers
Jul	Deodorant
Aug	Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Sep	Body Wash
Oct	Toilet Paper
Nov	Cleaning Supplies
Dec	Holiday Meal Gift Basket

PLEASE READ: The Master's Pantry is open the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 - 10:00 am.

If you would like to donate any food or toiletry items, please put your donations in the Master's Pantry bins in the west entrance. Also, if you would like to donate money and let us do the shopping, please mark your donation for the Master's Pantry and drop it off in the office or put it in the offering plate. We appreciate any level of donation as we operate solely on donations from the local churches and the community.

We still **NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help with this ministry. Please let us know if you are interested in helping in any way.

Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support of The Master's Pantry.

Blessings to all!

Meet Our Missionaries



MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT:

Mark Royce & Nancy Summers



Mesa Global – ENCAMINA Global

Missionaries in the Dallas Metroplex whose vision is to equip and train the Hispanic church community to reach the nations.

Mark Royce is cousins with Joyle Allen and considered this his church home for many years, even as he entered the mission field. He and his wife, Nancy, love the local church and desire to connect with whomever would like further contact. They are eager to share their mission and their love of the global body of Christ as well as offer prayer support and encouragement to everyone. They have served in missions for many years and desire to continue the work with our help and support. You may offer individual gifts to Mark Royce and Nancy by using the website below, or by designating a gift to them with your regular church giving.

<https://www.mesaglobal.co/workers/27655#give>

Fulfilling the Great Commission! Matthew 28:19-20

New Missions Giving Plan

In previous years, mission giving was conducted on an individual donation basis. Contributions were designated separately from the general budget, either directed to a specific mission or missionary by the donor or allocated by the missions committee if marked as general missions giving.

In 2024, the church board, with input from a missions representative, discussed and approved the distribution of mission funds. A partial list of supported missions was included in the March newsletter.

Updated Giving Plan for 2025

For 2025, the board has decided to dedicate **10% of the general church giving** to missions as a tithe.

Those who wish to donate to specific missions from the approved 2025 list may still do so. If you choose to designate your giving, please inform **Connie Bonner** so your contributions can be distributed accordingly. This designated giving will be in addition to the 10% missions tithe from the general fund.

The 2025 list of supported missions has been approved by the church board and aims to share the message of Christ through both word and action.

For any questions, please reach out to **Pam Bartrum** or any board member.

2025 Supported Missions

Mark Summers – Mesa Global (ENCAMINA Global USA)

By The Book – Huntington County Associated Churches Bible Trailer

Fort Wayne Rescue Mission – Homeless support in Fort Wayne

The Master's Pantry – Markle Food Pantry

Kuandaa International – Chad Yoder's mission to Africa & Pakistan

Place of Grace – Post-incarceration home for women (Huntington)

Christina McBride – Youth ministry on the Texas border

Emily Van Antwerp – CRU (working with Neighbors in New York)

United with Love of Huntington Co. – Food pantry, resale store, and support for the disadvantaged

Joy in the Harvest – Wertz family mission in Tanzania, Africa

Rachel Coleman – Translating, training, and writing biblical literature in Spanish

Community Care Resource Center – Women's recovery program with resale store

Hartup Family Ministries – Mission and ministry in Mexico

Lifewise Academy – Youth ministry in Wells County schools (Brandy First teaches)

New Life Missions – Homeless housing and daily meal ministry (Huntington)

Autumn Kings Orphanage – Orphanage in Uganda

2025



MARKIE RIVERSIDE 316

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markie Church of Christ parking lot	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9 am - communion Sunday Last day to sign up for the Seder Meal	7	8 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markie Church of Christ parking lot	9 6:30 pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Bible Study at Church	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9 am - Wee Wisdom Sunday Sunday School 9 am ASPIRE Women's Event	14	15 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markie Church of Christ parking lot	16 6pm Deacon Meeting	17	18 Good Friday 6pm  Seder Meal	19 Master's Pantry open 9:00-10:00 am in Markie Church of Christ parking lot
20 Easter Sunday School 9 am	21	22 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markie Church of Christ parking lot	23 6:30 pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Bible Study at Church	24	25	26 9 am Women's Breakfast at church - bring a dish to share
27 Sunday School 9 am	28	29 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markie Church of Christ parking lot	30			