

**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.



The Lord opened the  
understanding of  
my unbelieving heart,  
so that I should  
recall my sins.

Saint Patrick

2025





“Who can discern his own errors?  
Cleanse me from my hidden faults”

Ps 19:12 BSB

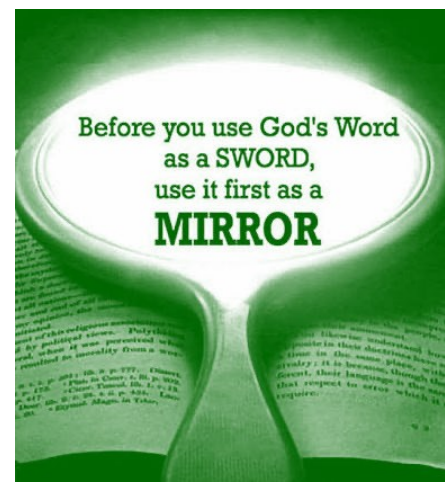
Unless we are really intentional about it, most of us will not have great self-awareness of who and what we are. It's one of the reasons that we get stuck repeating mistakes, and why our growth gets stunted. We can get so used to our weaknesses that we stop noticing that we are out of alignment with God's will. Our misguided thinking may go all the way back to our childhoods. Everything we saw our family, friends, and culture doing became normal to us. So we plow ahead on familiar roads and don't wonder enough if we are on the straight path. We need to always evaluate our thoughts and our practices by Scripture. We may be perfectly lined up with our friends, family, and inner circle, and be completely out of bounds with the will of God. The reason we look in a mirror is not usually to see how good we look, but to see how BAD we look. We want to make sure that we have a chance to correct any flaws before we go out in public. James tells us that the Scripture is like a mirror (Jam. 1:23) that should be used to tell us what we really look like on the inside. If we don't ever look in that mirror, then ignorance will be bliss. We will never realize that there are areas we need to shape up. It will probably make us happier, and at the same time less joyful, because we will be walking outside of God's good and perfect will. This verse tells us that we should acknowledge that we don't have the best viewpoint of who we are.

Keep studying the Scriptures.

Take an honest inventory of your life.

Ask God to reveal the weaknesses that you've never noticed and root them out.

Blessings!



## Serving our Country



Luke Davis - Jim & Bea Davis's Grandson-Navy  
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!

"I have a Creator who knew all things, even before they were made - even me, his poor little child."

*Saint Patrick*



# PRAYER LIST

Cheo Horner - Continued prayers - Greg & Bev's Grandson  
Taylor James - Prayers for complete recovery - Isiak & Kaitlynne  
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  
Wendy Prince - Healing for knee & sinuses, and other health concerns  
Jean Huffman - Praise for weight-bearing on her knee! Continued  
healing from knee surgery and rehabilitation  
Jan Squires - Healing in her hip and follow up with orthopedic  
surgeon  
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 should pain

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.



I NEED HELP to keep our published list of prayer requests current! A fresh list helps us pray more specifically. Please call Brandy at 260-758-2855 or email her at [marklerriverside316@gmail.com](mailto:marklerriverside316@gmail.com) to inform her of your prayer request.

### What are some practical helps to deepen a desire and love for prayer?

What comes to my mind—and I did this more in the first 10 or 15 years of my ministry here—is that every time prayer week rolled around at Bethlehem I would preach on prayer. Which meant I had to study prayer. Which meant that leading up to it I began to read a book about prayer.

I've got lots of books in my library on prayer. And they were usually not very technical books. They were experiential books often on "My Life of Prayer" or "My Discipline of Prayer." And I would get very inspired! Especially by biographical books of people like Hudson Taylor. When you read the story of this man's prayer life, you're really inspired.

So my advice would be to read the stories of great saints who have prayed well. Be inspired by them.

Secondly, do what the Bible does. That is, pray into the word. Pray over the word. It's very hard for anybody to spend an hour in prayer without the Bible as the basis of their prayer. The mind just wanders too much. It's so hard!

Prayer is keeping God in focus as we bring up our longings to him, and having him create longings that are then offered back to him. But that doesn't happen unless you're letting him talk. So we open our Bibles and get on our knees, and we begin to read, turning what we read into prayer as we go.

So I recommend those three things:

1. Read something inspiring about prayer
2. Cry out to God that he give you a spirit of prayer, and
3. Pray over the word of God.

Maybe one last thing: Be in a group of praying people. Be around people who pray better than you do.

I'm in about 5 groups a week for thirty minutes of prayer each. All we do is pray. We don't talk about the Bible. We just pray. And those are powerful times to me. They help me pray. I listen to prayer. Prayer is a community thing.

John Piper



Cameron Bonner 7  
 Ryan Stephens 9  
 Mary Beth Morgan 9  
 Tina Bowman 11  
 Stephanie Davis 11  
 George Hoopingarner 12



*WHO'S NEXT??*



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!

# Want to serve in your community?



**Community Care of Northeast Indiana (CCNEI):** practical, emotional, and spiritual support to women, men, and children who are seeking assistance with difficulties in their daily lives. 1001 Clark Ave, Bluffton, IN 260.353.3333

**Jennifer's Closet:** supply clothing, shoes, coats, socks and baby items to families in need. 455 E Morse St, Markle, IN (back building) 260.820.0220/260.450.5186

**Forgotten Children:** provide a loving and nurturing environment for orphans and vulnerable children by protecting them from becoming victims of extreme poverty and child trafficking so they can grow to fully understand the love of Jesus Christ. We strive to empower forgotten children. 650 N Main St Bluffton, IN 260-353-1580

**Place of Grace:** provide a stable, faith-based home for individuals reentering the community. P.O. Box 5172, Huntington, IN 260.358.7529

**By the Book:** Huntington County Council of Weekday Religious Education, Inc. - Gospel-centered weekday religious education program, funded by Associated Churches of Huntington County, dedicated to providing Bible education to public school students in grades 3-5 (see website for ways to serve)

**United with Love:** To lovingly serve all our neighbors in need and provide stability through Christ-centered services that meet individual needs. 715 Byron Street, Huntington, IN 260.356.0933

**New Life Ministries:** a faith based, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization serving people and communities by meeting basic needs. 313 East Franklin Street, Huntington, IN 260.200.1372

**Fort Wayne Rescue Mission:** exists to provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future. 404 E. Washington Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 260.426.7357



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# Meet Our Missionaries



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## Our global giving for 2024:

**Mark & Naancy Summers - Mesa Global & Encamina Global - mission to Latin-America**

**Chad Yoder - Kuandaa International - mission to Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Pakistan, & India**

**Christina McBride - World Gospel Mission - mission to the Texas-Mexico border**

**Emily Van Antwerp - CRU - Cru City Neighbors in New York City**

**Lowell & Claudia Wertz - Joy in the Harvest - mission to Kigoma, Tanzania**

**Rachel Coleman - One Mission Society - mission to Latin America**

**Dwayne & Valerie Hartup - Hartup Family Ministries - mission to Mezcala, Jalisco, Mexico**

**Joseph Kanyike - Autumn Kings Orphanage - mission to Uganda**

*\*Along with several other one-time gifts throughout the year for special requests/circumstances*

*Thank you for fulfilling the great commission!*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

# 2025



MARKIE RIVERSIDE 316

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9 am - communion Sunday	3	4 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markle Church of Christ parking lot	5	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 9 am	10	11 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markle Church of Christ parking lot	12 6:30 pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Bible Study at Church	13	14	15 Master's Pantry open 9:00-10:00 am in Markle Church of Christ parking lot
16 Sunday School 9 am Youth fellowship after church	17	18 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markle Church of Christ parking lot	19	20	21	22 9 am Women's Breakfast at church - bring a dish to share
23 Sunday School 9 am - Wee Wisdom Sunday	24	25 Community Farm Wagon 12:30 pm at Markle Church of Christ parking lot	26 6:30 pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Bible Study at Church	27 Altered Office Hours 9am-12pm -visiting day -	28	29
30 Sunday School 9 am	31					