

Prayer List

- Bill Deaton, grandfather of Jennifer Mahan, is still undergoing treatment for cancer. He will also have a kidney removed on March 14 due to the cancer.
- Shelby and Mason Mahan will have tubes put in their ears on Tuesday, February 19. Pray for the babies, Jennifer, and Dewey.
- Leisha Harlan, a member at the Romance church who grew up in this community, will have surgery at UAMS this week to remove ovarian mass.
- Renae Cothren has asked that we remember her husband, Tommy, who is having tests this week for health problems.
- Patty Coppock, friend of Marty Knight and Kathy Hall, is being treated for scleroderma. Please remember her in prayer.
- Ted and Barbara Knight came down with the flu while in Phoenix last week and have been very sick all week. They are still recovering at home.
- Ion (John) Luca, a member of the Craiova, Romania church who has had a kidney removed that is being tested for cancer.
- Our Christian servicemen overseas— Brandon Huff, Dan Tipps, Tommy Epperson (R&C); Vic Rowell (Greenbrier)

Our Record

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| Sunday (February 10) Bible Study: | 41 |
| Sunday (February 10) A.M. Worship: | 41 |
| Sunday (February 10) P.M. Worship: | 29 |
| Sunday (February 10) Contribution: | \$648 |
| Wednesday (February 13) Bible Study: | 21 |

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Making Jesus Christ Known

Sunday, February 17, 2008

WELCOME!

We're honored and thankful that you chose to join us in our worship to God today! It is our goal each Sunday to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) and to do so with joy in our hearts (1 Peter 4:12-13).

We want you to feel comfortable and at ease while you are with us. Please let us know if you have questions about the Vilonia church, today's services, or if we can be of assistance to you in any way. We're here to serve you!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

MORNING SERVICES

Song Leader: Doug Gallahar

Sermon: Marty Knight

Opening Prayer: Daniel Harless

Preside at Lord's Table: Dewey Mahan

Closing Prayer: Patrick Fay

EVENING SERVICES

Song Leader: Doug Gallahar

Sermon: Marty Knight

Opening Prayer: David Hall

Preside at Lord's Table: Dewey Mahan

Closing Prayer: Chris Turner



A MEMBER'S VOICE

Marty Knight

I am especially thankful for the example set by our sister, Renae Cothren, last Sunday. She responded asking for prayers to be stronger in her walk with the Lord and to express her desire to be identified as a member of the Vilonia church. We're thankful for her and lift her up in prayer!

My father served several congregations as preacher from 1958 until he entered full-time evangelism and mission work in 1991. During those 33 years he kept a weekly journal and recorded information about the work of those local congregations. Included in that data was the number of public responses at each service.

A few years ago while researching attendance I went through several years worth of those journals from the 1970's. As an aside to the research that I was doing, I was struck by the number of public responses for prayer and edification. During those years it was unusual for a public service of the church to be held without some sort of public response.

Why do I bring this up? Because I believe this is an indication of a trend that should be reversed. The trend with which I'm concerned is not the number of responses, but our unwillingness to ask our brethren for help in the area of prayer.

Over the past 25 years or so our society has evolved into one that places a premium on privacy. Some of those concerns are valid. There are many in our world who take advantage of others based on an invasion of privacy. However, as Christians we are encouraged to share our burdens. (Galatians 6:2; Romans 15:1)

I don't raise this issue to "guilt" someone into responding today. But, I do encourage all of us to share our burdens by being open about our needs. We should never feel too ashamed or embarrassed to publicly ask our brothers and sisters to pray for us.

Read James 5:13-16 and ask yourself this question: "If I have a need in my life, what is the most important thing I can have going for me?" Never discount the power of prayer! Renae, thanks for your example! We love you!

VCC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The VCC evangelism prep class will begin today at 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the building.
- Beginning next week, Brother Jimmy Allen will begin preaching for us on a regular basis—the second and fourth Lord's Days of each month. This was discussed during last Sunday's business meeting and the men met with him following evening service. We're thankful for his willingness to do so.
- A work day at the building has been scheduled for Saturday, February 23. We will start at 9:00. In the event of inclement weather, the contingency date is Saturday, March 1.
- Watch for advertising about VCC in the Log Cabin Democrat during the rest of February. Other means for getting the word out about VCC will be discussed in today's business meeting.
- Our youth have been invited to join the R&C group for the Youth Mission Trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico. The dates are June 14-21. The deadline for having your passport is April 1, so this should be a priority if you are planning to participate. See David Koone if you have questions.
- Our thanks is expressed to the Shirley congregation for the donation of the classroom and changing tables for the nursery. They had extra equipment in storage and brought it to us last week. Please check out the equipment in the nursery!
- Pantry item: Peanut butter and jelly or jam.

AREA NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 10th Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship will be held on April 18-20 at Mars Hill.
- R&C will host a Ladies Day on Saturday, March 1 starting at 8:30. Debbie Bright from Hope, Arkansas will be the speaker.
- Mars Hill will be hosting a gospel meeting with Carroll Sites on March 30-April 2.