



# FAMILY NEWS

## Upcoming Events

4.4.18 No High School Class

4.14.18 Emmanuwheel Wheel Chair Ramp Build. Please see Cliff Brown if you can help.

4.21.18 2018 Honduras Mission Trip Yard Sale. If you can help please see Krysten Devereaux or Cindy Cox.

4.29.18 Comedian Tim Hawkins appearing at Shandon Baptist Church 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

5/4-5/6 Ladies Retreat \$100.00, please give your money to Carol or Cindy.

## Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker & Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Luis Gonda-Marcie, Heather & Alannah's father
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Harriett Betterson and Family
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father
- Kensington Martin, 14yr old young lady at PHS with stage 4 Throat Cancer
- Michael Bridges & Family

## "THE ALABASTER BOX"

A few days before the Passover Jesus went into Bethany where He had raised Lazarus from the dead and also, apparently healed Simon the Leper. A dinner was given in His honor. As He reclined at the dinner Mary came with an Alabaster box full of pure Nard. This was a flagrantly expensive oil in a wildly expensive bottle, possibly a family fortune. Mary broke the Alabaster box releasing the odor all over the house. She poured the perfume all over Jesus feet and then wiped them with her hair. Judas and others were indignant because Mary wasted these resources. It could have been sold and the money given to the poor, was the reasoning.

Jesus said "leave her alone, she has done a beautiful thing." Why was the thing that Mary did beautiful? Do you think she was over the top generous, and that is a beautiful thing? Do you think Mary saw the incomparable worth of Jesus? Did she see His true place in the universe? Was she grateful because He had healed the host Simon and raised her brother Lazarus from the dead? These are all-natural conclusions but it was much much more.

We must first be aware of the Judas in us all. There is in us humans, the tendency to value things in the natural. That is to say: "what a waste, while many people I know are struggling to make ends meet." Financial people might say she spent beyond her income. Those of us like Judas might say "it could have been used to feed the poor," but what really drives us is: "I can't wait to get that money in the treasure box, so I can get my hands on some of it."

BTW: is that any different than self talking in a way that justifies holding on to your money and robbing God of your "should be" offering?

Another hidden sin is the thought that this Alabaster box event justifies my own alabaster event. In my own alabaster box event I am wasteful on myself and justify it by this act of Mary. None of these are beautiful. They are ugly, in fact.

When Jesus said "she has done a beautiful thing," He was pointing us toward true beauty. True beauty is Himself. Jesus had the cross on His heart. He knew the Alabaster Box was just a shadow of the coming event. Jesus knew He would be broken and shattered. He knew that from within would flow out His own blood and that It would be an aroma, pleasing to God, and that it would fill all the House of God with it's essence. Jesus knew the coming event of the cross was the ultimate beautiful thing. He wants us to see His beauty and be moved by it.

It is one thing to be like Judas and miss the value equation all together. It is another thing to be like Mary and get the value equation in order. But, it is altogether on another level to flip the equation over and have the worthy pour out, not a thing of great value, but Himself for the unworthy.

The Passion of Jesus was the Alabaster Box upside down and on steroids.

This is the Gospel; that God loves us enough to flip the value equation. This whole Alabaster event was recorded to help us get it. He thinks we are worthy of more than an Alabaster box of pure Nard. He thinks we are worthy of the most expensive gift in human history. It is mind boggling, yet we are asked to believe it, receive it and marinate our hearts in it. It is the Good News from God and can not fail to transform us, if we believe it.

Believe!  
Your Shepherds

**Assembly Times**  
**Sunday Worship**  
**9:30AM**  
**Sunday Class 11 AM**  
**AWANA, Sunday**  
**10 AM**  
**Wednesday, 7 PM**  
**Bible Study**

**Weekly Stats**  
**AM Bible Class 0**  
**AM Bible Class Average 89**  
  
**AM Assembly 196**  
**AM Assembly Avg. 131**  
  
**Contribution \$15,917.00**  
**YTD Average Weekly \$5,945.20**  
**Weekly Budget \$7,918.62**

**Shepherds**  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Ryan & Christie Gaskins on the birth of their son Noah,

### Anniversaries:

4.7 Rom & Robin Kellis  
4.7 Jeff & Lanie Guill

### Birthdays:

4.4 Amanda Martin  
4.5 Harriett Betterson  
4.6 Rochelle Kellis  
4.8 Trevor Jex  
4.8 Aspen Ferguson  
4.10 Chester Warren  
4/11 Katalina Binnicker

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**Opportunities to Serve**

**April 8, 2018**

**Worship:** Connor Watkins

**Sound Room:**

Cliff Brown  
Mike Spame

**Lord's Supper:**

Chris Amaral

**Servers in April:**

Justin Muery  
Michael Spame  
Rob Brannan  
Derek Baxley  
Cliff Brown

**Door Greeters in April:**

Terry & Kayla Kneece

**Nursery:**

Tracy Jex  
Kayla Kneece

**Toddler:**

Christine Stewart  
Sarah Hanle

**Communion Prep:**

Sandi Chamberlain  
Sharon Carter

**Coffee Clean-Up:**

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**Missionaries:**

AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

**YOUTH NEWS**

I hope you all are enjoying your Spring Break! I know that many of you are traveling out of town with your families and friends. I wish I could say the same. Usually we go to Florida for some rest and relaxation at the beach, but unfortunately, this year Courtney had to have her wisdom teeth out and Jake has a baseball tournament. So, instead, we are trying to make the most of our time at home by enjoying some good family time together at home. It may not be the beach, but it has actually been quite nice! After having a wonderful Easter dinner with the grandparents, we all went to the movies to watch The Greatest Showman. What an awesome, feel good movie! Then we spent a day in Charleston on Monday, shopping, walking around downtown, and eating some great seafood. We've also had the opportunity to get projects done during the day, eat dinner together as a family, play games at night, have friends over to the house, and catch up with each other's lives. This is so important! Sometimes we get so busy with our day to day schedules that we don't have time to stop and take in the most important things in life. I am so thankful for those moments when I can just be with the ones I love the most, and not worry about where I have to be or what I have to do next! I hope that wherever you are right now you are able to stop for just a little while and take it all in and enjoy the moment.

I loved the message that Keke brought to us this Sunday. What really impacted me is the fact that because of the resurrection, every day is a brand-new day. We can live with the confidence that we have a brand-new life

in Christ, a clean slate, a fresh start. And this is something we can boldly share with others as well, by offering love, forgiveness, kindness, and mercy every chance we get.

4/4 & 4/11 No Youth Group  
4/15 Senior Transition Class begins

Blessings,  
Dawn