

## A Productive Faith

Having a garden can be fun. Watching seeds grow into plants and eventually produce fruit can be extraordinarily rewarding. But as all gardeners know, every year, some plants are more productive than others, and some seeds never grow at all. When seeds fail to grow, and plants fail to produce, they become more frustrating than fun.

As Christians, God expects our faith to grow and to be productive. In Luke 13:6-9, Jesus uses a parable to describe God's patience and desire for us to have a productive faith. Jesus tells of a man with a fig tree that failed to produce fruit after several years. The man ordered the tree to be cut down, but the "vineyard-keeper" asked for an opportunity to till the ground and add fertilizer.

The tree's owner represents God the Father, the vineyard-keeper represents Jesus, and we are the fig tree. God expects each one of us to have a productive faith. Because Jesus intercedes on our behalf, the Father still patiently waits for us to bear fruit.

Compared to what God expects, is our faith producing more, less, or maybe even nothing at all?

Matt Langfield

## WELCOME VISITORS

Visitors, you are our honored guests! We are glad that you have joined us. Please fill out a visitor card and place in the collection plate. We hope you will worship with us again.

## NORTH MAIN EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 5 Sunday CARLY WALSER BABY SHOWER** at 1:00.

**NOVEMBER 16 Thursday CEC MEAL** at noon. Hosted by Debbie Brooks and Yvonne Stroud.

**DECEMBER 9 Saturday LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** Open to all ladies and girls.

**DECEMBER 16 Saturday CHRISTMAS PARTY** Hosted by the Langfields

**DECEMBER 21 Thursday CEC MEAL**

**DECEMBER 31 Sunday SING IN THE NEW YEAR!** immediately following evening service.

## AREA EVENT

**NOVEMBER 5-8 GOSPEL MEETING** at Warners Chapel church of Christ

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Julie & Matt Langfield Monday November 6

## PRAYER LIST

**Debbie Brooks' granddaughter** has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Brandon Markman**, Jered Markman's brother, entered hospice care this past Sunday. Please continue to pray for Brandon and the entire Markman family.

**Carmen Walker** has been diagnosed with stage four cancer.

**Continue to pray for:** Steve Anderson, Glenda Barber, Patsy and Ortie Boyd, Randal Burton (prostrate cancer), Brent (ATV accident) and wife Tina Gobble, Betty Godbey, Logan Davis, Mark Leland (back issues/Alzheimer's), Patrick Murphy (stroke), Belinda Nuckols, Candy Smith, James and Amanda Stanley, Doris Tesh

**SHUT-INS** Robert Cole, Estelle Kluttz, Teresa Maurer, Wanda Scott

## PSALM 56:3-4

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Betsy Warner Monday Nov 6

Scott Tesh Wednesday Nov 8

Andrew Johnson Friday Nov 10

Steve Capps Saturday Nov 11

Carly Howard Saturday Nov 11

## **CARING FOR THE KINGDOM**

“But seek first the  
kingdom of God and His  
righteousness, and all these  
things shall be added to you.”  
Matthew 6:33

### **MEN TO SERVE**

#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Song Leader	Brandon Maurer
Announcements	Rick Brown
Opening Prayer	Jimmy Snow
Lord's Table	Rick Brown
	Matt Maurer
	David Capps
	Craig Stroud
	Steve Capps
Preacher	Matt Langfield
Closing Prayer	Jered Markman

#### **SUNDAY EVENING**

Opening Prayer	Phil Forest
Preacher	Matt Langfield
Lord's Table	Brandon Maurer
Closing Prayer	Rick Brown

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Song Leader	Brandon Maurer
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### **TO SUBMIT BULLETIN INFORMATION**

Text/call **336-816-1509**  
Email **cblegolas@yahoo.com**

## **PLAN of SALVATION**

**Hear the Gospel** Romans 10:17

**Believe in Jesus, God's Son**

Acts 16:30-31, Hebrews 11:6

**Repent of Sin** Acts 17:30-31

**Confess Jesus as God's Son**

Acts 8:36-37, Matthew 10:32,  
Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized (immersed)** Acts 2:38

**Live Faithfully** 1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10

### **CHURCH LEADERS**

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### **SCHEDULE of SERVICES**

#### **SUNDAY**

Bible Class 10am

Worship 11am and 6pm

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class 7pm