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TO KNOW JESUS AS SAVIOR AND  
LORD AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

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2018 GREAT BANQUET  
FALL and SPRING 2019 DATES

*Women's Fall Great Banquet*  
November 8-11, 2018  
Sarah Wamser, Lay Director

*Taylorville Spring Correctional Center*  
March 1-3, 2019

*Men's #113 Spring Great Banquet*  
March 28-31, 2019

*Decatur Spring Correctional Center*  
April 4-7, 2019

*Women's #1- #114 Spring Great Banquet*  
April 11-14, 2019

*Women's #2- #115 Spring Great Banquet*  
NEW DATE  
May 2-5, 2019



**Sunday Morning Worship**

9:15 am

10:45 am

**Sunday School**

Classes for Children and Adults

at 9:15a & 10:45a

Fellowship 10:15-10:45am

Children's Church 11:00am

November 1, 2018



**MEETINGS!**

Nov 5

Intercessory Prayer

5p

Nov 6

Women's Bible Study

10:00 a

Christian Education

Spiritual Life

7p

Nov 7

Bible Study

6p

Worship Practice

7p

Nov 8

Exercise Class

10:30a

Women's GB #112

7p

Nov 9

Women's GB #112

Nov 10

Women's GB #112

Nov 11

Women's GB #112

# The Chimes

## THE MONEY ISSUE

The title is not the title. We all deal with the money issue in our lives. What has brought this to mind is the Mega Millions lottery of 1.6 billion and the Power Ball jackpot of 600 million as I am writing this newsletter. The issue is MONEY.

Our Lord warned us that we cannot serve both God and Mammon, and even the most secular of humanists would agree that "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions". (Luke 12:15)

Everyone agrees that almost everyone is afflicted with materialism, and yet almost no one sees himself as personally afflicted. Attribute it to the self-deception of sinful man and you would be right. In light of this, materialism and money has taken on some characteristics that are peculiar to our times.

"Consumer Religion" has created an unholy marriage to worship the creature rather than the "Creator". Up through the 1920's the economic and industrial order was such in America that the prevailing ethic was a production ethic. The world view best suited for that time was geared toward self-sacrifice, deferred pleasure, foresight, and personal initiative.

With the advent of the industrial civilization just before and after WW II, came a new ethic - a consumption ethic. The world view best suited to what we are today is gratification rather than sacrifice, now rather than later, and needs rather than duties.

The "new man" for this America is now the narcissist who is "born not to be saved, but to be pleased." Today's humanity is no longer looking for salvation at all, but only wants a sense of "well-being" here and now. The love of money is no greater today than in Jesus' day.

In many ways, we have moved beyond a gluttony of things, to a gluttony of experience. We still crave fancy cars and such, but we seem to want more. We want experience. We want seminars to manage our time, improve our self-image, enhance our sex life, and more powerful religious experiences, but not a sense of duty and purpose. We want to be entertained by special effects and "Marvel"ous movies. Let's stay in our comfortable chairs and watch.

Sometimes we are out to get a religious experience, rather than to bear a cross. It seems to me that we don't see the danger of money, because we refuse to see the purpose of our lives.

So, just to make sure that you understand the "money issue" we all seem to suffer under. *Have you bought your lottery ticket yet???????*

See you in church. . . . . Jack

### PNC Committee Members

On October 21, 2018 the congregation voted and the following members will make up the Pastoral Nominating Committee:

Dave Haycraft  
Doug Wolber  
Nick Adkins  
Jeff Byers

Mark Gadberry  
Brian Crafton  
Pat Corrigan  
Melysa Niebrugge

Rachael Austin  
Jamie Williams  
Ali Woodrum  
Kim Robinson

**In an effort to love one another, please be sensitive to those who have adverse reactions to strong fragrances. Please refrain from wearing excessive perfume, oils, or scented lotions. Your sensitivity is greatly appreciated.**

When life needs rebooting, remember—Jesus saves!

ATTENDANCE			
	2016	2017	2018
January	240	250	226
February	268	250	228
March	300	255	254
April	297	302	302
May	247	229	241
June	281	256	242
July	225	210	227
August	262	286	286
September	259	240	233
October	243	243	226
November	285	276	
December	265	278	

Loan Balance as of end of Oct 2018  
\$701,277.56

Capital Fund Contribution Through Oct, 2018  
\$86,166.23  
Expenses through Oct, 2018  
\$94,645.24  
\$24,760.09 Interest  
\$69,974.85 Principal

Capital Fund Checking Account End of Oct 2018  
\$1,614.85

Giving thru Oct, 2018  
\$408,966.33  
Expenses through Oct, 2018  
\$445,424.01

#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Daniel Austin 01
- Keith Messmore 01
- Shelly Morthland 01
- Aila Welke 01
- Cindy Bryant 02
- Jim Smiley 04
- Hunter Wolpert 06
- John Morthland, Jr. 08
- Zetamae Williams 09
- Brandy Blessant 10
- Steve Rayner 11
- Brogun Davis 12
- Tim Messmore 12
- Larry ustin 13
- Jack MacIntosh 14
- Aubrey Downing 15
- Jaylen Kacsir 16
- Brittany Felstead 17
- Alex Cardasio 19
- J.C. Coale 24
- Debbie Byers 26
- Evan Slunder 26
- Heather Piersall 27
- Jonathan Downing 28
- Jamie Williams 28
- Liz Holmgren 30
- Evie Nazarian 30
- Bob Yuhas 30

#### NOV ANNIVERSARYS

- Leanne & Bryan Atteberry 03
- Michael & Sarah Wamser 03



### Thanksgiving Dinner

NOV 14<sup>th</sup> at 6p

Please mark the attendance register how many will be attending the dinner or you can call the church office at 217-428-8839 and let the us know how many will be

### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Judy Mason Thanksgiving Baskets are available again this year. If any person, or group of people, would like to coordinate and give a basket, please contact Doug Wolber at 217-358-2097.

He who dies with the most toys is still dead.