

SOME WILL SING SWEET SONGS

Some will sing sweet songs to you
Of a noble and beautiful world,
Where the sky is serene and azure
With banners flying unfurled.

Yet I'll tell of tiny children
Who do not sleep in peace;
Who cry to the heavens for mercy,
Who know not the world's increase.

My bowl is filled to brimming,
My cup, how it does overflow;
And as I reach out for even more,
I'll share what we all should know.

That as long as our brothers are hungry,
As long as our sisters are sad,
As long as grief is part of this world,
How can we ever be glad?

Riches are really caring and loving,
God is the sum of the sun.

In helping another to the very soul,
This is the gift of the Son.

—Helen G. Deer

GOD THE OMNISCIENT

There is an Eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night;

There is an Ear that never shuts

When sink the beams of light

There is an Arm that never tires

When human strength gives way;

There is a Love that never fails;

When earthly loves decay.

That Eye unseen o'erwatcheth all;

That Arm upholds the sky;

That Ear doth hear the sparrow's call

That love is ever nigh.

—James Cowden Wallace

DAILY BIBLE READING

FEBRUARY 2016

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| 1. Matthew 21:1-22 | Exodus 27-28 | O |
| 2. Matthew 21:23-46 | Exodus 29-3 | O |
| 3. Matthew 22:1-11 | Exodus 31-33 | O |
| 4. Matthew 22:23-46 | Exodus 34-35 | O |
| 5. Matthew 23:1-22 | Exodus 36-38 | O |
| 6. Matthew 23:23-39 | Exodus 39-40 | O |
| 7. Matthew 24:1-28 | Leviticus 1-3 | O |
| 8. Matthew 24:29-51 | Leviticus 4-5 | O |
| 9. Matthew 25:1-30 | Leviticus 6-7 | O |
| 10. Matthew 25:31-46 | Leviticus 8-10 | O |
| 11. Matthew 26:1-25 | Leviticus 11-12 | O |
| 12. Matthew 26:26-50 | Leviticus 13 | O |
| 13. Matthew 26:51-75 | Leviticus 14 | O |
| 14. Matthew 27:1-26 | Leviticus 15-16 | O |
| 15. Matthew 27:27-50 | Leviticus 17-18 | O |
| 16. Matthew 27:51-66 | Leviticus 19-20 | O |
| 17. Matthew 28 | Leviticus 21-22 | O |
| 18. Mark 1:1-22 | Leviticus 23-24 | O |
| 19. Mark 1:23-45 | Leviticus 25 | O |
| 20. Mark 2 | Leviticus 26-27 | O |
| 21. Mark 3:1-19 | Numbers 1-2 | O |

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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| 22. Mark 3:20-35 | Numbers 3-4 | O |
| 23. Mark 4:1-20 | Numbers 5-6 | O |
| 24. Mark 4:21-41 | Numbers 7-8 | O |
| 25. Mark 5:1-20 | Numbers 9-11 | O |
| 26. Mark 5:21-43 | Numbers 12-14 | O |
| 27. Mark 6:1-29 | Numbers 15-16 | O |
| 28. Mark 6:30-56 | Numbers 17-19 | O |
| 29. Mark 7:1-13 | Numbers 20-22 | O |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| LaRea Williams | 4th |
| Gabrialla "Gabby" Flores | 10th |
| Dixie Duncan | 13th |
| Sharon Butcher | 21st |
| Zach Lutjen | 23rd |
| Mollie Ohrenberg | 25th |
| Danny Nothwehr | 25th |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Kenny & Sandra Coggins | — 11th |
| Jimmy & Darlene Coggins | — 26th |

The Lincoln Light

"I am the light of the world, he who follows me
shall not walk in darkness, but have the light
of life" (John 8:12).

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SERVICE TIMES SUNDAY

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

RADIO PROGRAM

KAYQ 97.1 FM Sunday 9:30 am

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS, Channel 10, Springfield, MO

"In SEARCH of The Lord's Way" 7:00 am

"The Living Word" 7:30 am

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CHRIST, THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Charles R. Rose

In his prophecy concerning the coming Savior, Isaiah said, *"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:6).

Many names are used in Scripture to describe our Lord. *"The Lamb of God"* (John 1:29); *"The good Shepherd"* (John 10:11); *the way, the truth and the life* (John 14:6); *"The true Light"* (John 1:9); *"The Resurrection and the life"* (John 11:25), and again, Isaiah called Him *the Prince of Peace*."

Peace is very elusive. We pray for it, work for it, and untold thousands have fought and died for it, yet it alludes the majority of the earth's inhabitants. Why is obtaining and holding on to peace so difficult? The number one reason is that mankind, as a whole, is searching for a peace that is more physical and political than spiritual. In searching for this peace mankind has seldom ever really turned to the *"Prince of Peace"* for help.

The peace the world seeks cannot be obtained in this life. Before His death on the cross the Prince of Peace said, *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27). This is the *"peace of God that surpasses all understanding"* (Philippians 4:7). The peace which Christ offers is an inner peace which, in order to have, one must be at peace with three persons:

- ◆ **PEACE WITH SELF:** To be at peace with one's self we must not only receive forgiveness from sin through the *"Prince of Peace,"* thus receiving God's forgiveness, we must forgive self of all past sins. One cannot have the peace of mind and soul which Prince Jesus offers by constantly dragging past mistakes into mind. Perfect peace can be ours only when we, like Paul, are *forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 3:13-14).
- ◆ **PEACE WITH OUR FELLOW MEN:** To have peace with others we must pursue peace. The Prince of Peace said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"* (Matthew 5:9). God's faithful servants seek peace and teach others to do so. The wise man advised *"Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counselors of peace have joy"* (Proverbs 12:20), and *"when a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him"* (Proverbs 16:7). *"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another"* (Romans 14:19).
- ◆ **PEACE WITH GOD:** In reality this is the ultimate goal, for when one is at peace with God he cannot help but to be at peace with himself and all others. The Prince of Peace has made it possible for all who will come to God through Him to enjoy, not only peace on earth, and good will towards men (Luke 2:14), but never-ending peace in that eternal home (1 Peter 1:3-4). He is a God of peace (Philippians 4:9), but to enjoy peace with Him one must "believe and be baptized" as the *"Prince of Peace"* commanded (Mark 16:16).

TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We hope you will come again soon. Our service times are on the front of this bulletin. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop in in the collection plate.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our military personnel, Dave Rushton, Bruce Rushton, Cathy Dalke, Donna Boney, Arthur James, Christy Harms' childhood friend, Robert Schenewark, Chester Reynolds, Marcus Cemenik, Samantha Crawford, Jason Schenewark Connie Carr, **Naomi Parriguet**, good friend of Gaylon and Dianna McCorkle has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

JoDell Kiefaber, Edna Johnson's daughter was admitted to a Belton, Missouri hospital with dangerously low blood pressure.

THOSE OF THE LINCOLN CONGREGATION ARE:

Ethel Davis, Opal Massengale, , Jimmy and Darlene Coggins, Danny Nothwehr, Edna Johnson, Doug Rose, Kenny Coggins, Jody Clymer, Charles Rose Van & Mollie White

From The Business Meeting

Several works were discussed in last week's business meeting of the men with the following decisions reached:

1. **Theme for our spring meeting, April 17 –20**, will cover questions as to **WHY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WORSHIPS AS WE DO?** We will cover such topics as **Why do we partake of the Lord's Supper every Sunday?** Many religious organizations do not. **Why do we lay by in store only on Sunday?** This will show how our giving is in reality worship to God. **Why do churches of Christ sing A Capella, and not use instruments.** Most religious organizations use the instrument and often full orchestras. **How our public prayers relate to the overall worship service** will be another lesson. **Why preaching and teaching God's word is so vitally important in our worship.** And **Church autonomy; Why do we not have a world headquarters to whom we must answer?** The denominations must answer to regional synods, councils, associations and or other hierarchies of mere men.
2. **In our mission outreach** we have again assisted **Brother Adam Evans' family in Tanzania, Africa with \$500.00.** This we do each year. And we decided to assist **Brother Kent Aekins' ministry at the Hickory County church of Christ \$100.00 per month.**
3. **LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** Our ladies who meet one Thursday each month will begin a Ladies Bible Class with Sister Mollie White as the teacher. The time and other particulars will be worked out and announced. For more information you should contact Mollie or Lois Rose. We will purchase study materials for this class.

Minutes to business meetings and financial reports are posted on office bulletin board