

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- (1) VICTOR CRABTREE
- (2) TUCKER WYATT DAVIS
- (9) NANCY HERRON
- (15) ANN BOSTON
- (16) MAGGIE LOWDERMILK
- (16) ROY LAVAUGHN TURNER
- (17) LEEAN BACH
- (19) JAMES DeBORD
- (21) LONA GRACE YAWN
- (21) MINNIE LEE DEAKINS
- (22) VERA BURDETTE
- (27) DANIEL EWTON
- (28) KEITH BURDETTE
- (29) SAWYER DAVIS
- (29) ANN COOLEY
- (29) ANTHONY SHAFFER
- (29) LINDA TURNER

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- (1) FREDDIE AND TAMMY CLAYTON (47 yrs.)
- (1) JAMES AND UNA DeBORD (24 yrs.)
- (3) KERRY AND GAIL HOLLIS (42 yrs.)
- (27) JUSTIN & DANIELLE SHOEMATE (20 yrs.)

Original sin is a misnomer because every kind of sin has been practiced before.

This is a dangerous age but you don't stand in much danger of being killed by kindness.

The less power a man has, the more he brags of what he'd do if he had it.

APRIL

*Lock the Building.....Lanny
Prepare the Communion....Anita R. & Mary
Pick-up Cups...Ben & Linda
Van Driver.....Lanny*

Church of Christ P. O. Box 206 Dunlap, Tn. 37327

*See You at The Worship Service
With Your Bible*

Sunday
9:30 A.M. Bible Study
10:30 A.M. Morning Service
6:00 P.M. Evening Service

Wednesday
6:30 P.M. Bible Study

Men Who Serve

Elders:
Tony Boston 949-5065
Freddie Clayton 718-5806
Jim Dearman 762-9526

Deacons:

Wiley Boston, Daniel Boyd
Cole Crabtree, C. J. Davis,
Robert Farmer, Wes Grace,
Tim Layman, Benny McCoy,
Lanny Smith, Bobby Von Rohr

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WHAT UNITES US?

- A Savior we can all serve (Acts 20:19).
- A Book we can all understand (Isaiah 35:8).
- A Gospel we can all obey (Acts 18:8).
- A Race we can all run (Hebrews 12:1).
- A Path we can all walk (Romans 4:12).
- A Battle we can all win (Romans 12:21).
- A Foe we can all conquer (James 4:7).
- A Faith we can all keep (II Timothy 4:7).
- A Work we can all do (Matthew 21:28).
- A Crown we may all obtain (II Timothy 4:8).

THE RECORD

Sunday School	108
Worship	141
Contribution	\$,4,608
Sunday Night	118
Wednesday	116

Sick/Shut-In

Judy Bunch – scheduled for a heart
By-pass surgery this week, sister
Of Robert Turner
Todd Layne – scheduled for back
Surgery, member at Bethel
Lee Greer – home, not well
Lois Webb's Brother-in-law
Diane Slivey – scheduled for kidney
Test, studying with Freddie & Jim
Raymond McDaniel – not well, attends
Senior Citizens
Linda McCoy – recovering from a fall
Brenda Turner – NHC, rehab mother
of Brenda VonRohr, some better
Jerry Anderson – recovering from
brain surgery, Neighbor of East
Valley members
Goldie Crabtree-will be having more
test
Johnnie Tittle – not doing well, friend
of the Dearman's
Judy Bunch – throat cancer, mother-
in-law of Megan Layman Bunch
W.L. Douglas – home recovering from
from Back Surgery
Wes Webb – Stage 4 Kidney Failure
son of Faye Douglas
C. D. Pursley – having health issues
Wiley Boston – home, therapy but
doing better
Charline Johnson – home, breathing
issues

Freddie Layman - recovering from leg
Surgery, Tim Layman's brother

Cheryl Layman – health issues, Tim
Layman's sister-in-law

Channing Ashbaugh – Health Issues

Dan Ewton – Home, treatments

Sandy Haston – health issues, Trish &
Tammy's sister

Jarrot Flynn – cancer surgery, nephew

Of Donna Kustes, Tammy Layman's
Co-Worker

Mary Ann Boston –home, heart issues

Tony Boston's sister

David Cole – therapy, doing better NHC,
Rm 306, Wilma Mabry's son-in-law,
Cards only, No visits please

Clinton Miller- Home

Wanda Hennessee – Home

Mickey Holloway – health care center

Soddy Daisy

Minnie Lee Deakins – Home

Reinventing the Family

Rosemary Radford Ruether is a "theologian" who teaches at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Ms. Ruether is the author of a new book, titled, *Christianity and the Making of the Modern Family*. In this ambitious volume, Ruether challenges the "traditional" family structure and argues for the acceptance of diverse family forms (e.g., a variety of post-marriage relationships following divorce, "temporary" vows by cohabiting couples, homosexual liaisons, etc.). She aims at "desacramentalizing" marriage, which is her jargon for removing this sacred relationship from biblical guidelines. She wants to "relativize perceptions of fixed family roles," which means that there are to be no static rules governing the marriage relationship.

Ruether claims there never has been "only one form of family," and she dips into a variety of historical sources in an attempt to argue her case. Her fundamental blunder is that she equates humanity's degeneration from the divine mandate as the ideal. But what mankind has done and taught over the centuries does not create the standard for defining the laws that govern human relationships. This truth is so fundamental that it is incredible that anyone should miss it!

In spite of her position as a theologian, Professor Ruether is void of any comprehension that the Bible is a revelation from God. That is why she argues that society can dare to "reimagine" family relationships. Reimagine indeed! That's part of the lady's problem—she imagines that her imagination is the source of spiritual authority.

An example of Ruether's dubious exegetical skills is seen in her charge that Jesus Christ was "antifamily." In support of this hideous accusation, she cites the Savior's affirmation that one must be willing to forsake family to follow him. That admonition was never designed to depreciate the family unit; rather, it was intended to underscore the absolute necessity for **loyalty to the Savior of the world!** Obviously, that is a concept with which the professor is not even remotely acquainted.

God is the Author of the family. He created man from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7) and he fashioned woman from the side of man (2:21). It was God himself who "brought [the woman] unto the man" (v. 22). Henceforth man was to leave his parents for the establishment of a new family unit. He was to "cleave unto his wife," and they would be "one" (v. 24). Marriage was Heaven's orchestration—not man's. From the Genesis record, several facts about the marriage relationship, as originally designed by the Maker, are apparent.

- (1) Marriage is not a relationship that may be trifled with by foolish and hedonistic rebels. It is God's arrangement, originating from his mind; we have no business attempting to "reimagine" his plan.
- (2) Marriage was fashioned as a monogamous relationship—one man for one woman, as long as both are living. That there were subsequent departures from this original intention (cf. Genesis 4:19) does not alter the primitive standard. Moreover, the fact that God tolerated breaches of the ideal during a time of incomplete revelation (cf. Matthew 19:8; Acts 14:16; 17:30) does not mean that such laxness is overlooked today under the better (cf. Hebrews 8:6, etc.) and more demanding regime of the Christian ethic.
- (3) Marriage was designed as a heterosexual union. Sodomite relationships, though trendy with many today, were and **are** an abomination before God (cf. Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Jude 7).
- (4) Marriage was intended to be a life-long union. The merry-go-round relationships of this fickle and immoral society are not consistent with the original plan (Matthew 19:8), and today Jehovah does not sanction capricious divorce. Jesus, restoring marriage to its pristine condition under the new covenant arrangement, allows divorce and remarriage only on the basis of marital infidelity (Matthew 5:32; 19:9). And so, the Rosemary Ruethers can rage on and imagine vain things, but the Word of God remains stable, and the divine law of marriage is inflexible.

-Wayne Jackson-

Nursing Home –

Dessie Green – Valley View Senior
Living, Whitwell, Rm 132
David Cole – NHC, Rm 306, no visits
Cards only, Wilma's Son-in-Law
Brenda Turner – NHC, Rm 106A,
Brenda VonRohr's mother

Psalms 118:24

*This is the day that the Lord
has made; We will rejoice and
be glad in it.*

*Lesson from last week's meeting,
Are you like Mary or Martha?*

CCM Team 4 will meet today.

Please submit names to the CCM program. Forms are located downstairs in the CCM area.

Funeral Home Teams - Team #5 (Team Leader, Tina Hickman). Ladies on the teams will be notified by the team leader when and where to provide food

April Pantry Items - Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste and small Hand Sanitizer

Send A Card

Jarrett Flynn, 716 Nighthawk Drive, Plain City. OH 43064 (Cancer)

Mickey Holloway, Soddy Daisy Health Care Center, 701 Sequoyah Rd, Rm. 120, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

Phone #: 423-332-0060 (Please add this facility address to your directory)

Clinton Miller - 1225 Coke Bowman Rd, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

Pew Packers Tonight at 5:20, 1st Pew

WATCH IT!

Sunday morning broadcasts available.

6 AM - International Gospel Hour, Channel 53 WFLI; 6 AM - The Gospel of Christ with Ben Bailey Channel 61 FOX

6:30 AM - Good News Today, Channel 53 WFLI; 7 AM - In Search of the Lord's Way, Channel 12

Other opportunities. WSDQ 1190, local radio station, Sound Words broadcasts will be 15 times a week,

1 segment will be after the Swap & Shop broadcast.

What a GREAT Spring Gospel Meeting with Jimmy Clark!

Great lessons for the heart. Sunday - 118, Monday - 123, Tuesday - 97, Wednesday - 116

OUR SCHEDULED EVENTS,

Mark your Calendars

NO 5th Sunday (April 30th) Fellowship Meal

April's 5th Sunday contribution will go to the Training to Serve youth program.

Family Vacation Bible School - June 18-22, 2023, with Cody Boston (Adult Class)

Fall Gospel Meeting - October 1-5, 2023, with Gary Hampton