

MEADE STATION MESSENGER April 2018



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are...it's what we've been waiting for...Spring!! We have jumped forward one hour in time. Spring has sprung!

I remember hearing people talk about "spring cleaning" their house. Opening windows, letting out the old stale wintery air and germs. Letting in the warm fresh air. Cleaning windows and floors. My mother would take the rugs out, hang them on the clothesline and beat them with a stick. Ah, the good old days. Maybe even the garage would get a little cleaning and rearranging. Some may even uncover the grill and check the propane tank in anticipation of some form of meat on the grill. So much to do in the spring to get ready for summer.

Have you ever thought about having a "spiritual spring cleaning?" Maybe there's a Bible that needs dusting off. Maybe check our attendance at Sunday Bible study and worship.

Check our investment of money, time, gifts, and talents for the Kingdom. Maybe some of these things have gone stale over the winter.

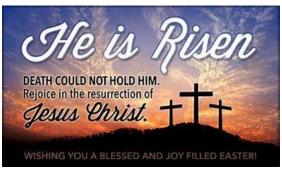
Spring offers a chance to sweep out the old stale winter staleness and begin anew. Let's begin this Spring by living with new thoughts, new attitudes, new boldness, conviction and a renewed love and service to God and our fellowman.

Even pagans will take a broom and hold it several inches from the floor in their house and sweep out the negative energy that has accumulated over the winter.

How about you? Do you need a spiritual spring cleaning?

Partners in Christ, Bro. Charles

Easter is April 1st.....



Station News



April 2018

I recently re-perused the short work, *The Case for Easter*, by Lee Strobel. Contained in it was the reminder just how horrifically Jesus' body was mutilated before and on the cross. It is incredibly interesting that execution by cross was so severe and demeaning, that it's inventors, the Romans, excluded their own people from it, even murderers. It is little known fact that the torture of crucifixion was so painful that a new word was created to relay its extreme nature. The word, *excruciating*, literally derived from it's Latin root means "from the cross". Dr. Alexander Metherell, M.D., PhD was asked by Strobel, "Jesus intentionally walked into the arms of his betrayer...he didn't defend himself at trial...and was willingly subjecting himself to a humiliating and agonizing form of torture. And I'd like to know why." Summed up in one word, Dr. Metherell answered, "Love".

In March Station Student Ministries has tried to show love in many ways. Our students and leaders finished making hygiene bags that will soon be handed to the homeless with love and a smile. The youth ministry sponsored a Social Media Safety presentation at BCMS which was incredibly impactful. We cheered with our students as they rallied to support their basketballs teams in the regional and state tournaments. We represented MSCOG at the BCHS Career Fair. 23 of our students attended the East District Youth Rally in Stanton, which was attended so well, extra food and chairs had to be retrieved. The youth stuffed Easter Eggs and hid them for Gear Up students. We had 25+ journey to Rupp Arena for WinterJam. We've had additional parents volunteering in the youth ministry this month as well! Shout out to all our volunteers and to BCHS Spot Archers for their 1st place National performance.

Coming Up

April 2-6 - Spring Break for Boyd County Schools

April 8th—Spud Bar and Talent Show Fundraiser 12:30—2 PM

April 30th—Deadline for Linda Thomas Memorial Scholarship applications

May 5th—Car Wash

May 16th—Forms and \$ due for Summer Camps

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Robbi Hefner

Working for our community! Very proud of our youth group: They made over 50 hygiene bags to pass out to the homeless!



April 2018 Birthdays

- 4-1- JAN BLAIR
- 4-2 JERRIE FYFFE, MARY MOORE
- 4-4 AUSTIN BRADLEY, CAROL STEWART
- 4-7 HANNAH BURNS, BOB MEADE
- 4-8 LOGAN BATISTA, LILY CROWE
- 4-10 STEPHEN LAYNE, TANNA SANDERS
- 4-11 -SARAH (LOWE) CASTLE
- **4-12** -MCKENZIE HEFNER, LIZZIE SAMMONS, ELLIE TUCKER
- 4-14 ADDISON FENNELL
- 4-15 DUSTIN BARTON
- 4-18 EVAN BURNS
- 4-20 -PAUL THOMAS
- **4-23** -NANCY LOWE, MARSHA MAUK, ASHLEY MENARCHIK
- 4-27 DEIDRA MEADE
- 4-28 -TREY PARSONS, AUBREY LOWE
- 4-30 JACY OSBORNE

April 2018 Anniversaries

- 4-1 -JUNE & LARRY MABRY
- 4-13- GLEN & CHERYL LUNSFORD
- 4-15 RALPH & MAGGIE HICKS
- 4-17 YORK & NANCY LOWE
- 4-19 KRISTI & LEON DAVIS, TOM & TANNA SANDERS

<u>April 2018 Events</u>

- 4-3 -WCG MEETING @ 6 PM
- **4-8-** YOUTH BAKED POTATO/ SALAD BAR/TALENT SHOW FUNDRAISER AFTER A.M. SERVICE
- 4-10- HOSPICE QUILTING GROUP @ 10 AM
- 4-22 -PENNY MARCH- AM SERVICE
- 4-29- COMMUNION AM SERVICE

COMING UP IN MAY......

5-5- WCG SPRING RUMMAGE/ HOTDOG SALE: WE WILL TAKE ALL YOUR DONATIONS STARTING APRIL 30TH

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

- * THE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE LINDA THOMAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. SEE PASTOR CHARLES CROSS FOR AN APPLICATION AND DETAILS
- * PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE, meadestation.org, FOR UPDATES AND LINKS TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON WITH CHURCH ACTIVITIES, GEAR UP AND OUR YOUTH GROUP. THIS IS A GREAT PAGE AND WILL KEEP YOU CONNECTED TO OUR CHURCH IN EVERY WAY!
- * STOP BY OUR LIBRARY AND CHECK OUT THE NEW BOOK ADDITIONS AND THE NEW ADDITIONS TO THE DVD COLLECTION

CHURCH USE AND GUIDELINES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE OUR CHURCH OR SHELTER HOUSE FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE SUCH AS A BRIDAL/BABY SHOWER OR PARTY, THERE ARE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. REQUEST FORMS MAY BE PICKED UP THE CHURCH OFFICE. SEE LISA CRASE TO SECURE YOUR DATE

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO START THE PRAYER CHAIN, YOU MAY CALL THE CHURCH DURING OFFICE HOURS AT 606-928-5263. AFTER HOURS, CALL: LARRY BALL @ 606-739-6549, IVA ROGERS@ 606-922-8681 OR DARLENE LOWE @606-324-9037

The WHISNANTS in concert!



We were blessed to have this Southern Gospel group perform in our church March 18th. Their music and testimonies moved and uplifted us. We look forward to having them back in the future.

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MEADE STATION CHURCH OF GOD MISSION AND VALUE STATEMENT

MISSION:

MEADE STATION CHURCH OF GOD DESIRES TO BE A LIVING ORGANISM AS PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST. WE REALIZE THE ONLY WAY TO FULFILL CHRIST'S GREAT COMMISSION IS TO BE WILLING AS A CONGREGATION TO "GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, TEACH, BAPTIZE." IT IS OUR DESIRE TO FULFILL THESE INSTRUCTIONS OF OUR LORD. IT IS OUR HEARTFELT MISSION TO "WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST". MAY GOD ALWAYS KEEP OUR SPIRITUAL FOCUS ON THE GOAL AND MAY OUR EARTHLY EFFORTS ALWAYS HAVE ETERNAL VALUE.

VALUE:

- We value the souls of the lost (Luke 19:10)
- We value personal integrity (Proverbs 10:9)
- We value corporate Worship (Hebrews 10:25)
- We value the Word of God (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)
- We value the gift of God's people (Ephesians 4: 11-13)
- We value fellowship (1John1:7)
- We value family (Psalms 133:1)

SPRING REVIVAL 2018



Evangelist Rebecca Lawson led our Spring Revival March 11-14. She had 5 messages that, challenged, revived and uplifted us in our walk with Christ.

Easter Egg Hunt 2018

In spite of the cold temperatures and rain we had a great time inside hiding and hunting eggs with our Gear Up kids \odot





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~SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE~

Church Ministries & Classes

Sunday AM & PM Worship

Sunday School

Baby & Toddler Nurseries

Children's Church

Wednesday PM Bible Studies

Church Choir

Prayer Chain Call System

Children's & Youth Ministry

Youth Program

Wednesday PM Gear-Up Program

Children's Hand Bell Choir

Vacation Bible School

Seasonal Plays

Adult Ministries & Outreach

Caring Connections Card Ministry

Women of the Church of God

Tuesday Crew Maintenance Team

Helping Hands Food Ministry

Visitation Team