



# THE BEACON

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Logan Oakley was baptized last Sunday night for the forgiveness of sins. We love you and are so proud of you, brother!
- TODAY IS FIFTH SUNDAY!!! POTLUCK AFTER AM SERVICES AND 12.30PM SERVICE!!!
- The FHU Lectures are the first full week of February. Any lecture you can attend will surely be a blessing to you. If enough are interested the van will go on Tuesday, February 9. If you would like to go please sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer!
- Bible School meeting February 21 after pm services. For more details see Trice Dunn or Tim Reynolds.
- Ladies devotional/Bible study February 4 at 6pm in the annex. The ladies from Union Hill have been invited to join us. Please make plans to attend!



## FOR YOUTH

- ATTENTION BIBLE BOWLERS: Please meet tonight after church services). Your assignment is to read Exodus chapters 5 and 6! For more information see Dwayne or Christie O.
- VALENTINES PARTY on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 6PM. Please sign up in the foyer with number of children attending so we know how many to expect. Bring valentines and valentines candy for the children!

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Neil Vick • Joe Nimmo • Evalyn Jordan • Ray Henderson • Deanna Friend • Maria Muniz • Paula Marani • Ella Collister • Marsha Harper • Gaye Johnston • Shirley Jackson • Keely Brian • Gerald Thompson • Ronnie Thornton • W.C. English • Kenneth Starks • Holly Mitcheson • J. D. Williams • Kaylin Denfip • Sharon Watkins • Cindy Ivy • Ernest Ayo • Ronnie Belt • Wayne West • Betty Traughber • Verlene Bowerman • Addison Noles • Kadence Tubbs • Carol Holland (good results on her test • Trish Lofton (surgery on Feb 18 at Marshall Co. Hosp.) • Ed Pritchard family

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 1 - Sharon Brewer      February 2 - Katie Starks  
 February 4 - Johnny & Sue Beard      February 4 - Daisy Lee  
 February 5 - Kenneth Smothers      February 6 - Diana Guthrie  
 February 6 - Patricia Jones      February 7 - Mary Dale

THIS WEEK'S BUS DRIVER IS MARK REYNOLDS, CALL 527-2986

## RECORD

	Act.	Goal	1Yr. Ago
Sun. Sch.	89	125	98
Worsh. AM	137	150	121
Worsh. PM	96	125	87
Midweek	97	125	
Offer	\$2961	\$3200	\$2437
Weekly Budget:	\$3000		

# Those To Serve

**This Week (1/24)**

**Next Week (1/31)**

**Announcements:**..... Daniel Walker..... Mark Reynolds  
**Sunday AM Song Leader:**..... Steve Higgins..... Mason Thompson  
**Scripture Reading:**..... Don Pringle..... Erick Mackie  
**Lord's Supper Devotional:**..... Ricky Collins..... Trice Dunn  
**Greeters:**..... Bill & Mary Dale..... Terry & Jene Henderson  
**Sunday PM Song Leader:**..... Steve Higgins..... Mason Thompson  
**Wed. PM Song Leader:**..... Steve Higgins..... Mason Thompson

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MISSION WORKS	
CHINA	\$300/MONTH
AFRICA	\$300/MONTH
T.R. WEBB	\$200/MONTH
NEW PATHWAYS	\$150/MONTH
GBN-TV	\$100/MONTH

**LAST WEEK  
YOU BROUGHT**

**5**

**VISITORS TO SERVICES WITH YOU!  
THANK YOU! BY INVITING AND BRINGING  
VISITORS YOU ARE MAKING THIS  
CHURCH GROW!!!**

**Britthaven:**  
Nadine Peck (126b)  
Pauline Shepherd (100)  
**Spring Creek:**  
Deloris Pritchard (113)  
Perry Cornwell (326)  
Margaret Grogan (314)  
**Stilley House:**  
Emma Powell (201)  
**At Home:**  
Mary Alice Johnston  
Sharon Brewer  
Terrell & Barbara Darnell

## Capybara: Capable or Captured?



The heaviest rodent in the world, the capybara calls South America home, is an excellent diver and swimmer, can be as "tall" as 4 1/2 feet and weigh as much as 150 pounds (imagine meeting that rodent in a dark alley!). Yet, perhaps the most incredible thing about its habitat and lifestyle is that it can share a riverbank or shoreline with black caimans, crocodile-like amphibians that grow up to 20 feet long and are capable of killing humans. When the capybara is in the water, it is easier prey for the caimans. Yet, on dry land, the capybara is almost always safe from the razor-sharp, powerful teeth of the caiman (some information found in Animal: The Definitive Guide To The World's Wildlife, 158, 426).

Who would think a rodent would be safe standing in the middle of a group of crocodilians?

How this reminds me of the comfort we can find as Christians surrounded by evil and sin! The ranks of the righteous are dwarfed by the multitudes of the morally depraved (cf. Mat. 7:13-14). The world would appear to have much more money, power and influence than the church, yet through His help we are not only able to stay safe but even are able to convert some who formerly served and were part of the world. Without God, we should be frightened as easy prey for the wicked. But, as Paul says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

Now, when we choose to go where the enemy has the advantage, we become easy prey for the devil. We can become weighted down (Heb. 12:1) and it is then that we become a "sitting duck" (or "swimming capybara") for the enemy! Practicing worldliness in our speech and behavior puts us at odds with God, creating distance between ourselves and the safety found in the shelter of His hand (cf. Jas. 4:4; John 10:28-29). The challenge is to navigate safely through this world without letting its wisdom and ways fill our hearts and minds!

~Neal Pollard