

GREAT IS OUR GOD

Dan Murphy

Daniel revealed the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream stating, “... the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this...” (Dan. 2:45). The psalmist wrote, “For the Lord is a great God, and a great King—above all gods” (Psa. 95:3). Although we observe in creation God’s awesome might and read of His divine acts by revelation “His greatness is unsearchable” (Psa. 145:3). Let us consider ways God’s greatness is displayed.

The Almighty is powerful. Jeremiah prayed to understand God’s ways: “Ah, Lord God! Behold You have made heaven and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You” (Jer. 32:17). Think of the Milky Way galaxy being 100,000 light years long. A light year is the distance that light travels in a year—5,865,696,000,000 miles per year. The distance across the Milky Way is 587.9 quadrillion miles, and the Milky Way is only one of billions of galaxies (Wendell Winkler, Harding Lectureship 1978). The Lord has such magnificent might that His enemies dare not oppose Him, “How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You...” (Psa. 66:3)

The Lord’s mercy, kindness, and love are unlimited. Nehemiah referred to the time when Israel dwelt in Canaan, “...so they ate and were filled and grew fat, and delighted themselves in Your great goodness” (Neh. 9:25). The prophet Joel called the people of Zion to repentance saying, “...Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, and slow to anger, and of great kindness...” (Joel 2:13). Paul reminded the church of her blessings in Christ: “You were dead in your trespasses and sins ... But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us” (Eph. 2:1, 4). Thank the Lord for His abundant mercy that provides forgiveness of our sins in Christ.

Jehovah’s wisdom is unfathomable. This is easily seen in the complexity of the human body. There are over six billion people in the world yet no two people have the same fingerprints. A piece of skin the size of a regular postage stamp contains 4 yard of nerves, 100 sweat glands, 15 oil glands, 1 yard of blood vessels, and three million assorted cells (Harding College Lectures, 1978). No wonder David proclaimed, “I will praise You, for I am fearfully, and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works” (Psa. 139:14).

Great is our God in His display of power, exercise of love and mercy, and His creation of man.

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Privileged To Serve

If you can not serve as assigned please contact
Jerry Willis, James Burden, or Bobby Davis as
early as possible.

Sunday A.M. August 3

Song Leader: Josh Moore

Reading:
Luke 6:32-38 & Prayer: Lindsey Back
Matt. 26:17-29 Tommy Wills

Prayer: Brackstan Duncan & Jim Brown

Foyer Assist : Jo Davis

Greeters: Jo Davis, Paul & Bonnie Robinson

Sunday P.M. August 3

Song Leader: Everett Donaldson

Prayers: Robert Garrett & Wes Vernon

Wednesday P.M. August 6

Song Leader: Marty Gillespie

Prayer: Charles Smallwood

Sunday A.M. August 10

Song Leader: Jim Kelley

Reading:
2 Cor. 8:7-15 & Prayer: David Ingram
Acts 2:38-42 Zach Donaldson

Prayer: Don Wilson & Tom Caudill

Foyer Assist : Lena Ingram

Greeters: G.D. Donaldson, C. Justice, P. Sutton

Sunday P.M. August 10

Song Leader: Doug Frazier

Prayers: Aaron Imel & Allen Johnson

Wednesday P.M. August 13

Song Leader: Josh Moore

Prayer: Bobby Davis

Serve Communion During August

Earl Collins Rob Frederick
Brent Wilson Kenney Gulley
Kenneth Donaldson Michael Wills
Dwayne Goldy (rear) Tom Tipton

Close Building August: James Burden

Announcements August: Charles Wills

Contact elder in Aug: Mike Donaldson

Remember These In Prayer

“The fervent prayers of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16

Sick or In Need of Prayers

Bobby Davis is having tests.

April Vernon was in Central Baptist Hospital from Thursday until Tuesday. She will be on bed rest for the remaining weeks of her pregnancy.

Albon Thompson is back at Windsor Care after a stay in the hospital with pneumonia. He is not doing well.

Dallas Sutton fell at Windsor Care and injured his leg.

Vickie Rogers, Stephen's wife, has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers are requested on her behalf.

Dorothy Justice, Sherrie Carter's mother, is not well. Let's remember her and Sherrie in prayer.

Continue to remember: **Patty Welch, Allen Johnson, Brenda Kimbrell, Ruby Lawrence, Patty Barrett, Willie Thompson, Pearl Thompson, Roy & Naomi Horseman, Pauline Cockrell, Bettie Congleton, Glennis Abney, Tom & Ann Cody, & Eureva Donaldson.**

Serving in the Military: Brandon Coats, Chris Newkirk, and Ray Frederick.

Remember those in the nursing homes.

For the Record

Budget: \$6800	July 27 : \$ 6892	
Sunday	July 27	Last Year
Bible Class	184	150
Sunday Worship	331	310
Sunday Evening	207	164
	July 27	Last Year
Bible Study	176	177

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Mildred Briscoe, Josh Ginter's** grandmother, who passed away Wednesday. The arrangements were not completed at time of printing.

Pantry Items Needed

If you can bring one or more of these items to replenish the pantry it would be a blessing to you and those in need.

Canned Tuna Sugar Tang
 Beef Stew (large and small cans)
 Small box of Instant Potatoes
 Dry Milk (in envelopes)

Clothing Needed

We have a request for clothing as follows:

Girls size 2T-3T

Girls size 14/16

If you can help with these please bring your items to the church office.

The **Dayton family** thanks you for your prayers and support throughout **Martha's** battle with cancer and her death. Please continue to pray for the family.

Congratulations!! Brandi and Dennis Fouch are the happy parents of a baby girl, **Sophia**. The proud grandparents are **Michael and Charlotte Bromagen** and the great-grandmother is **Mitzi Bromagen**.

The **3rd-6th grades trip to the Creation Museum** has been **cancelled** since we could not get a large enough group. We will try to get it rescheduled in the future.

Visitation Group 1 will meet in the fellowship hall after Sunday evening worship.

Ladies Singing Night will be held on Monday, August 11th, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Nancy Cooper will give the devotional. All ladies (and girls) are invited to attend. It is always inspiring and encouraging.

Cane Ridge Lectureship

Plan to attend July 31—Aug. 3.

Young-At-Heart Class

Class will meet at 10 AM Tuesday in the fellowship hall. After class we will have lunch together at Cathy's Diner in Clay City.

College Age Camp Weekend

There will be a camp weekend for college age campers on August 1-3.

The cost is \$25 per person.

Registration starts at 4 PM on Friday. Please note that this is for young people who have been out of high school at least one year.

Church Directory Update

We will begin a complete update of the church directory in August. We will be taking photos each Sunday after morning and evening worship. The schedule for photos is:

Date	Last Name
August 3	Begins with A and B
August 10	Begins with C and E
August 17	Begins with D and F
August 24	Begins with G and I
August 31	Begins with H and J
Sept. 7	Begins with K, L, O, & P
Sept. 14	Begins with M and N
Sept. 21	Begins with R, S and T
Sept. 28	Begins with V, W, & Y
Oct. 5	Missed scheduled date
Oct. 12	Missed scheduled date