

## Announcements – Bulletin News April 8th, 2018



**Bro. & Sis. Herbert Forbes;**  
Dear Bridgegappers we want to say thank you all so very much for our wonderful meal you sent to us. We were very happy to be remembered in such a wonderful way. We want to say thank you again and again. In Christian love Bro. and Sis. Forbes.

**Bro. & Sis. Eckas;** thank you all for your calls, visits, meals, prayers and all acts of kindness. Even though this has been a difficult time, it has been made easier by the love you have shown us. Brenda can have visitors; please call before coming and continue to keep us in your prayers.

### April Schedule

**Ladies Baptism:** Natalie Williams, Vicki Forbes

**Bereavement:** Melissa Martinez, Monique Bethea

**Medical Staff:** Kim Clawson

**Brothers;** the Order of Worship is available on line on Fridays after 3pm

@ [www.chisholmtrailcofc.org](http://www.chisholmtrailcofc.org)

Blood Pressure; First Sunday

**Open Pantry;** Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Membership 2018**

Baptized 2/ Placed Membership 3

**IRS Urges Paycheck-checkup-there is information on the table in the foyer.**



### *A Growing Membership Continued*

**Thirdly,** as they continued to grow in the word, their spiritual and social activities continued from the worship assemblies into their homes. This spiritual growth afforded them the joy of togetherness. They enjoyed the benefits and the security that comes with unity.

**Finally,** the 1<sup>st</sup> century church grew because of their attitude toward worship. Luke records for us; “Praising God and having favor with all the people, and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). When these new Christians obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ they were not ashamed to let others know that Jesus died on the cross for their sins. This spirit of gratitude was reflected in their worship.

What attitude do we possess toward our salvation and worship? Are we thankful to be a member of the church of Christ? Do we approach our worship with an expectation of giving our best to the Lord? Are we ashamed to invite others to be our guest at worship? The 1<sup>st</sup> century church grew because they were committed to growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2Peter 3:18).

As the leadership and membership grow in the knowledge of the word of God and in their relationship with each other, while sharing the word with the lost, these will produce a growing church!

**Barry L. Gainey, Minister**



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### UP COMING EVENTS

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship -April 29<sup>th</sup>**



There will be a meeting after morning worship **today** for all sisters to discuss the countries for the dinners. The brothers will be over America. There will be no evening service on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Homeless Program:** will resume tomorrow April 9<sup>th</sup>. Sis. Erika Adkins will be the chairperson over the program. We want to thank Sis. Elnita Johnson for her many years of service. She will mentor Sis. Adkins in the transistion.

**Midwest Regional Singing:** Save the date- October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in Omaha, NE, hosted by Fort Street Church of Christ.

**Hotel info-Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle. \$99 per night plus tax. 402-399-9000. Deadline for reservations is September 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

**Meetings & Classes** **Teacher's meeting, today** after morning worship.

**Evangelism Class;** Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Hermeneutics;** Sat. April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Authentic Manhood,** Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

**Ladies Bible Class,** Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

### *From the Minister's Desk A Growing Membership Produces a Growing Church*

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls”

(Acts 2:41)

Have you ever wondered why the church doesn't grow as fast as it did in the 1<sup>st</sup> century? The answer is based on the same principle by which people were saved. Spiritual maturity of the church is determined by the development of each individual member.

When the Church was established in the city of Jerusalem, Luke recorded what caused the church to multiply so rapidly. First, by their confession that they were guilty of crucifying the Son of God, repenting of their past sins and being baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, thus becoming children of God (Galatians 3:26-27).

**Secondly,** after their baptism, they continued in the apostles teaching (Acts 2:42). In other words, they advanced in their knowledge about Christ. They also remained active in their fellowship which strengthened their relationship with one another.

