ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR ONLINE SERVICE

Virtual Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
8:55 – Five Minute Countdown
Welcome – Jeff Morgan
Song – When We All Get to Heaven
Prayer – Harry Riggs
Video – School Sack Lunches
Song – We Are One in the Spirit
Scripture – Isaiah 43:1-3a – Hayden Mathews
Song – Our God, He is Alive
"Where is God When I'm Afraid?"– Noel Whitlock
Song – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Precious Cross
Lord's Supper – Bill Pratt
Shepherd's Prayer – Darren Mathews

BARNABAS CLASS

The Barnabas Class meets weekly via Zoom. If you are part of this class but have not received an invitation, contact **Mike James** at 501 230-3189. If someone would like to host a Bible class via Zoom, it's free, and Mike is willing to show you how to get it started.

PRAYER & PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Louise Ganus is in the Crossing; **Susan Watson** is scheduled to go home Friday, March 27.

SYMPATHY

We are saddened at the passing of **Bernetta Crow's** mother, Bernice Holder, in Flippin, AR, on March 23. Graveside service was at Maplewood Cemetery, Friday, March 27, in Harrison, AR. Service arrangements are with Roller-Burns Funeral Home in Yellville, AR.

Former member of College Church, Faye Rushton, passed away March 23, in Missouri. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. Her daughter, Melinda Rosenbach, may be contacted at 410 Fifties Rd, Gravois Mills, MO 65037, phone 573-374-8618.

LAST WEEK

Attendance 3/22/2020:
Worship—virtual service / Bible Classes —dismissed
Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 3/22/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 3/22/2020.....$34,715.50
Budget through Week 30.....$1,412,250.00
Giving through Week 30.....$1,453,555.28

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"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."
Matthew 5:5, ESV

I grew up watching western television series like Bonanza. Everyone's favorite Cartwright was Hoss, who was the biggest. Hoss never picked a fight, but if he found himself in one, it took five cowhands to throw him out of the saloon. He was also the kindest of the Cartwrights; the one who would bring an injured animal home to nurse it back to health. To me, Hoss was the essence of meekness.

Aristotle described meekness as the "Golden Mean" between two extremes— a person who can be angry at the right time, but not too angry at the wrong time; a person who pushes hard when a hard push is needed, and who pulls back when pulling back is needed.

The Greek word "praos" is translated "meek" and is used to describe the way a young colt is broken to bring it under control. Don't confuse meekness with weakness. On the contrary, meekness implies strength brought under control. Being meek does not mean you are a doormat for others to walk on. The meek person is strong enough to be forceful when required, and at the same time, self-controlled enough to be gentle and tender.

Author and theologian, Henri Nouwen, says, "Meekness marks a natural leader, yet few aspire to be meek." Moses was considered the meekest on earth (Numbers 12:3), yet still guided stiff-necked people through the wilderness. Jesus referred to Himself as meek (Matthew 11:29) but He possessed the courage to drive away the moneychangers from the temple. The apostle Paul was as fearless as anyone but could be just as gentle with church members as a nursing mother caring for children (1 Thessalonians 2:7).

In this world there are three kinds of people: victims, tyrants, and the meek. The meek are too self-confident to be victims, and too kindhearted to be bullies. Instead they rise up to be heroes and defenders, standing up for the oppressed and the underdog.

Blessed are those whose inner strength is used to serve and protect the oppressed, for they will inherit the earth.

Perhaps our prayer today could be, "Father, we give You the glory as we use what You have given us to help others.

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