

# FAMILY MESSENGER

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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
Worship	10:45 a.m.
Worship	6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Meal	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

## SHEPHERDS

Randy Albright	903-815-9341
Kenny Ballou	580-795-3565
Eddie Kenedy	580-795-2232
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## Special Prayers!

We have recently been praying for Kenny and Lynn Ballou's niece, **Lisa Thurman**. She and her husband Josh now have a new baby daughter, **Lilly Grace**. Lilly was born four months prematurely on February 12th in Norton Shores, Michigan. She weighs only 1 pound and 7 ounces and is 11 3/4 inches long. Mom is now home from the hospital but baby Lilly will be there for some time. Lilly is doing well and the family wants to thank us for our many prayers and ask that we continue to pray for them in the days ahead. What a special BLESSING!

## Guest Article...

## 'A Time To Embrace'



I had not heard of the “hug lady” until this past Saturday, January 2, 2016. Because of the political nature of most stories, I usually avoid the national news shows as much as possible. However, that day I happened to be watching the last segment. The news was that the hug lady had died. Her name was Elizabeth Laird and her unique relationship with the service men and women of Fort Hood began in 2003. It started rather simply. After one young man hugged her, another wanted to do so, and then another, and so on. It was estimated at her death that she had given over 500,000 hugs. She wanted each soldier to feel loved and appreciated, so she made her way to the base to greet groups, whether large or small. For much of the time, she was in the midst of her own battle with breast cancer.

Elizabeth died Christmas Eve, 2015, at the age of 83. However, that did not occur before she had been visited and hugged by many of those whom she had helped previously. Glowing tributes were offered at her passing, and many people attended her funeral. All of this because of one simple gesture which anyone can offer.

The hug lady’s story reminds me of a couple of things which are so important in living for God. First, we are to appreciate one another. When we are told to love (John 13:34,35; 1 Corinthians 13:13; 16:14; 1 John 4:11), we are not commanded to embrace. But, Hugging is a very clear demonstration of love and appreciation (Acts 20:27). Secondly, hugging is something any Christian can do. Public speaking ability, in-depth Bible knowledge, as well as many other traits some desire, are not necessary. It is simple, a universal gesture of acceptance and appreciation. You may not be eloquent, or as wise, or as talented as you would want to be, but you can do something for a brother or sister in Christ that will affect them for many years—hug them! It is a gift that will be returned to you several times over. Truly, there is “a time to embrace” (Ecclesiastes 3:5).

*-Lance Cordle-*

## Please Pray For...

**Lauren Albright** will be seeing her specialist on Wednesday and doing a Pet Scan. We pray that she has good results. Milton Bearden has asked for prayers for his niece, **Sarah Jo Lea**. She is at TMC and is not doing well. **Jimmy Hyatt** is having a few problems after his cataract surgery. **Nadine Garrison** will be having cataract surgery again on March 8th. **Kim Kenedy** will be having some test on her stomach on March 17th. Others to pray for are: **Kirk Hallmark, Corinne Marabella, Louise James, Pauline Maxwell, Geovanti Orta, J.W. Bennett, Sharon Lee, Mack Purnell, Jim Wilson, Cory Jones, Jill Muegge, Loyd Upchurch, Martha Ayres, Lillie Hallmark, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Charlene Chidester, Joseph Chidester, Larry & Bettie Goff, Don & Louise Newton, Nathan Couch, Carolyn Beadles, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Sandra Fort, Dee McGlaughn, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Scott Dutton, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker, Damion Meitzene, Isa Smith, Michael Thomas Gray, Terry Simpson, Ethan Slinger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Sarah Barnes, Frank Mitchell, Ralie Lesley, Donna Anderson, Lisa Thurman, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

## Upcoming Events—February

24 - Wed. Meal is “Mexican Food”

26-27 - Our Ladies Retreat at PJSCC

# WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS - March 2016

Deacon In Charge.....Trey Albright  
 Announcements.....Michael Haggerty  
 Ushers.....Jacob Smith.....Chris Rathbun  
 To Prepare Communion.....Patti & Don Hall  
 Attendance Cards.....Zeek Hudson & Kevin Jocop



## SUNDAY MORNING

	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>
Opening Prayer	Paul Bookout	John Bryant	Lonny Goff	Don Hasselman
Song Leader	Doug Crowson	John Thomas	John Thomas	Wesley Kite
Scripture	Trey Albright	Ron Frost	Dalan Larason	Kevin Jocop
Comm. Scripture	Dalan Larason	Don Hasselman	Kenny Ballou	Randy Albright
Communion				
West Side	Will Haley	Will Haley	Will Haley	Will Haley
	Joe Pat Kite	Joe Pat Kite	Joe Pat Kite	Joe Pat Kite
	Bud Hale	Bud Hale	Bud Hale	Bud Hale
East Side	Jeff Hudson	Jeff Hudson	Jeff Hudson	Jeff Hudson
	Gary Jones	Gary Jones	Gary Jones	Gary Jones
	Eddie Kenedy	Eddie Kenedy	Eddie Kenedy	Eddie Kenedy
Sermon	Jake Hudson	Jake Hudson	Jake Hudson	Jake Hudson
Closing Prayer	Duane Salyer	Brent Smith	Francis Nelson	Kenny Ballou

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Opening Prayer	Ron Frost	Dalan Larason	Bruce Page	Francis Nelson
Song Leader	Kenny Ballou	Kenny Ballou	Kenny Ballou	Kenny Ballou
Sermon	Jake Hudson	Jake Hudson	John Thomas	Jake Hudson
Communion	Leon Lambert	Leon Lambert	Leon Lambert	Leon Lambert
	Chris Rathbun	Chris Rathbun	Chris Rathbun	Chris Rathbun
Closing Prayer	Trey Albright	Paul Bookout	Lonny Goff	Gary Jones

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>
Bible Study	Jake Hudson	Jake Hudson	Jake Hudson	Jake Hudson	J.Hudson
Song Leader	Eddie Kenedy	Eddie Kenedy	Eddie Kenedy	Eddie Kenedy	E.Kenedy
Closing Prayer	Randy Albright	Kenny Ballou	Francis Nelson	Lonny Goff	R.Frost

### Special Note!

**Jimmy Hyatt**, one of our members from the Baptist Village, is in need of a couple to volunteer to bring him to worship on Sunday mornings. If you live in the Kingston area and would be able to do this please contact Kim Kenedy in the office (795-3069),

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, visits, flowers, and other expressions of love and caring after the passing of our daughter and sister, Karen. We want to especially thank everyone who prepared the food and meal for our family. We were overwhelmed by your kindness and are truly thankful! *Kay Dalton & Mary Slack*

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**"Life Signs"**

	<u>2/21</u>	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>5yr</u>
AM Worship	138	145	180
PM Worship	28	nc	72
Wednesday	84	nc	60
Contribution	\$4,432	\$5,217	\$5,292
Hispanic Church	A.M 28		
	P.M. 19		
	Wed. 22		
	Cont. \$127		

**Birthdays & Anniversaries!**

**March**

- 1 Shelli & Hugh Don Sweat
- 1 Ellen & Ferrell Stafford
- 2 Lynda McDaniel
- 5 Ron Frost
- 6 Zeek Hudson
- 8 Skylinn Gray
- 11 Autumn Bryant
- 11 Aikman Wescott
- 13 Kyleigh Wescott
- 14 Wes Johnson
- 14 Lecia Rushing
- 15 Courtney & John Thomas
- 20 Larry Rigsby
- 20 Martha Ayres
- 20 Paul Bookout
- 21 Damon Finch
- 21 Julia Orta
- 21 Larry Goff
- 21 Eric Gray
- 23 Tina Wilson
- 23 Paula & Ronnie Oliver
- 31 Jet Gray



**On The Lighter Side.....:)**

The food at the sandwich shop I frequent is good, but any deviation from the norm throws the staff. I once told a clerk that I wanted only half a sandwich. His reply: "What am I going to do with the other half?" A week later, when I told another clerk the same thing, she responded, "Do you want the top or the bottom?"



**Baby Shower**

All of the ladies are invited to a Baby Shower in honor of Mikayla and Sam Yeargan on Saturday March 12, 2016 from 2-4:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Albright.

It is a little BOY! They have selections at Wal-Mart and Target. They are in need of size 3 months and up clothing and use the Pampers brand diapers.