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**“Serving others as we serve Jesus.”**



**Scott McFarland**  
Minister



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Family Life Minister

**Sunday**

**Worship.....10:00 a.m.**

**Elders**

Jeff Bettinger  
Bob Burrow  
Keith Jones  
Duane Landefeld  
Brian Rose

Ronnie Beardmore  
Eric Carothers  
Dan Christman  
Ned Day  
Mark Henthorn  
Shawn Howell  
Butch Lallathin

**Deacons**

Brent McConnell  
Jeff Seidler  
Howard Spengler  
Andrew Stalder  
Jesse Stalder  
Dan Watkins

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Lakin Carothers (for the health of her and the baby), Melissa Dunphy (upcoming hip replacement, Linda McConnell's daughter), Joyce Stimpert had a successful brain surgery and is recovering, this is Misty Landefeld's aunt, Nina Christman, Julie Huffman (back pain), Brent Roth, Paul Eddy, Nick Podlasiak (cancer treatments), Bob Burrow, Alexis Thomas, Kay West, Leah Feasel, Laura Yontz, Bonnie Cline, Cindy Henthorn, Kimberly Hickenbottom (Jim Hickenbottom's wife), Jerry & Marie Rose, Glenn Kuhn, Dan Watkins, Jim Mercer, he is having tests on his good leg to check the circulation, Linda Young, Blake Wilson, the pregnant women of the congregation—for their health and the health of the children they are carrying.

Please pray for the family of Mary Parks; this is Julie (Parks) Jones' mother. She passed away Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and services were held Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Avery Majors, the granddaughter of Bev & Gary Jones. She had her yearly colonoscopy and they found polyps; they are awaiting results of the tests.

Please pray for Sophie Nalley. She is the 2-year-old niece of Brent Roth and will be having heart surgery at Children's Hospital March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**\* Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

**Thank You**

Dear church family,

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the prayers, phone calls, cards, and flowers during the illness and recent passing of our loved one. The past year has been difficult but your prayers for our family, your love and support gave us strength. Your kindness will always be remembered.

In Christian Love, The Gary Alleman Family

Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, cards and well wishes for my shoulder surgery. I'm in physical therapy now and my recovery is going great. Your concern was very appreciated.

Love, Kathy Beardmore



# God's Design For Gender

Our world is becoming increasingly complex. If you are over 50, the world you grew up in is gone. For many in the 50+ age range, there is a grief that is being processed in the loss of this world. The loss of simplicity. The loss of black and white. The loss of morality. The list goes on and on. The list of societal issues we are currently dealing with is long, but one of the newest and most confusing of these is the topic of gender.

What is gender? Well, it seems like it depends on who you ask anymore. Traditionally, we've used gender to define the biological sex given at birth by differing body parts and physical traits. This has, historically, been the way we have talked about "male" and "female." But, as we discussed this morning, that is all changing. There is a push to be more inclusive of those who don't "identify" with their biological sex. There is a push to define gender as "fluid" and not simply male/female.

First, I want to be sensitive to the very real issue of gender dysphoria. Some people struggle to fit with their biological sex—they don't "feel" male or female even though they are physically. This is often due to a hormonal imbalance, or in some cases the individual may even have both male and female body parts (hermaphroditism). Many who are struggling in this way are scared to talk about what they are dealing with.

In the presence of something like gender dysphoria, the world has offered its platter of solutions. Again, however, we ask the question—what does God think about gender and biological sex? Is gender really "fluid?" Are there multiple definitions of gender and is it up to us to define who we are? Or, did God design it a certain way? This morning we talked about God's design for "male and female" and how this is ultimately a reflection of the divine image. There are two biologically given sexes for a reason. Anything outside of this is not how it was supposed to be. Just because something like gender dysphoria or hermaphrodites exist does not mean it was the way it was supposed to be. It is a result of the broken world in which we live.

I'm reminded of John's description of Jesus' coming to earth. John says Jesus came from the Father, "full of grace and truth." Jesus didn't cut people any slack—he told them the truth. But, Jesus also had incredible patience with those who were genuinely struggling. May the church be like her Master—to be able to tell the truth about God's design for gender and sex, yet full of grace to help people struggling with how sin has distorted it.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

-Scott McFarland

## March 14, 2021

### OUR FAITH IN ACTION

March 7, 2021

Attendance at the building	131
Sunday Morning Bible Classes	79
Bible Hour Attendance	49
Sunday morning Live feed views	47
Post-Sunday sermon online views	100
Wednesday Devotional views	30
Post Wednesday devo online views	46
Budget	\$4,959
Contribution	\$5,870
Tithe.ly app Contribution (03/06-03/12)	\$1,421

**J.O.Y. Bus Attendance**  
**03/07/2021**

6 Riders  
5 Workers

**BIBLE HOUR**  
**PowerPoint Schedule**

**March 14**  
Kalista Friday  
**March 21**  
Kirsten Friday

## Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will have their regular meeting, Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

## Elders Meeting

The Elders will have their regular monthly meeting, Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

## Bus Worker Breakfast

The bus worker breakfast will be next Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Bible Hour Easter Party



Bible Hour will be having their Easter Party on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate candy, please bring individually wrapped candy, to the church by March 24<sup>th</sup>. There is a tote in the foyer to drop off candy.

## Egg Cartons

If you have extra egg cartons, the church is still accepting them. Please leave them on the stand in the foyer and someone will pick them up.