

Our sincere **sympathy** goes out to the family of Joan Rule Sams, who died at Governor's Bend on February 28. Funeral services will be here at the church at 2:00 on Saturday, March 21, with the family receiving visitors in the fellowship hall starting at 12:00 noon. A graveside service will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

**Session** will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 PM.

Weekly **Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, March 17, at 4:00 PM.

All are invited to attend the weekly **Prayer Group** on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.

**Choir** rehearsal will be Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

Come join us this month for our **Women's Circle**. We will meet this Thursday, March 12th at 10:00 am. We are beginning a new study called "Love Carved in Stone." The first lesson is entitled "Words of Love: I Am Your God; You Shall Have No Others." Scripture: Exodus 20: 1-6 and Matthew 22: 34-37. Anne Howze will be the hostess and Betty Stevens is our study leader.

As in past years, we invite you to purchase an **Easter lily** in memory or in honor of loved ones. Order forms are in the narthex. The deadline to order lilies is April 5.

March **Pot Luck** that will be next Sunday, March 15th. Anyone interested in bringing a dish can call Ellen Sewell – 423-220-9169. Everyone – Congregation, Youth and friends are invited to come. We will have a St. Patrick's Day theme again this year, including a Hat Decorating Contest and the winner will win a gift card to Applebee's!

Erwin Presbyterian is collecting **shoes** this month for East Tennessee Christian Home and Academy in Elizabethton. All pairs of shoes are accepted in any condition, except for those with spiked high heels. Shoes should be tied or rubber banded together. A box for collection of the shoes will be located in the narthex. This is an easy way to earn money for ETCHA and helps you clean out your closet.

The **scripture readings** for Sunday, March 15, the 3rd Sunday in Lent are: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-1; and John 4:5-42.

Elder – Scott Shults



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March 8, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*Stan Webster, Minister*

*People: And also with you.*

Welcome & Concerns of the Congregation

Prelude

*Cheryl Wissmann, Organist*

Introit

\*Responsive Call to Worship

*Psalm 121*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

**My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;

**he that keepeth thee will not slumber.**

**Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

**The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

**The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in**

**from this time forth, and even for evermore.**

\*Hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

*Red Hymnbook, #139*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

(By All)

**God of mercy and justice, you turn mourning into dancing, darkness into light, sorrow into joy. Yet we look to our own wisdom to guide us; we rely on our own strength to protect us. In mercy, forgive us. Empower us by your Spirit to entrust ourselves fully to your way, that we may faithfully display and proclaim the good news of your abundant goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. And now, dear Lord, hear the prayers deep within the silence of our hearts . . . .**

Silent Prayer

Declaration of Forgiveness

\* "Glory Be To The Father"

*Red Hymnbook, #546*

\*Apostles' Creed

*Red Hymnbook, page 12*

Anthem "The Potter's Hand"

*Soloist: Dean Masters*

Congregational Reading

Romans 4:1-17

What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

**Now to one who works,  
his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due.  
And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly,  
his faith is reckoned as righteousness.**

The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

**That is why it depends on faith,  
in order that the promise may rest on grace  
and be guaranteed to all his descendants –  
not only to the adherents of the law  
but also to those who share the faith of Abraham,  
for he is the father of us all, as it is written,  
"I have made you the father of many nations" –  
in the presence of the God in whom he believed.**

Minute for Missions

Young Disciples' Message

Prayer for Illumination

The Written Word

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

Genesis 12:1-4a

*People: Thanks be to God!*

The Spoken Word

"Who We Are"

Prayer of Supplication & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

*Red Hymnbook, page 12*

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

\*The Doxology

*Red Hymnbook, #544*

\*Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

\*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Red Hymnbook, #473*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

(By All)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of god, and His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!  
Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!**

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand, as you are able.*