

7099 NASHVILLE STREET, RINGGOLD, GA 30736 706-965-2820

Ringgold CHURCH OF CHRIST

"Glorifying God and Making His Glory Known"

How Long!

The psalmist David was greatly troubled when he wrote the words in Psalms 6:3 "My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long?

Today we too are asking a similar question regarding the difficulties that we are facing in our country and in our world. How long will this virus be taking lives? How long until we are free from the consequences of the disease. How long until we can get back to "normal"? Our shepherds are asking the same questions as they are preparing for the Ringgold church to again assemble as a body in fellowship and worship. How long until that happens? We just don't know.

Though we cannot know, plans are being made for when that time comes. There are plans on how to meet and still honor social distancing. There are plans for remembering the death and burial of Jesus in communion, while doing so in a hygienic way. There are plans for starting slow and then proceding forward toward a full schedule. And, while all of these plans are being made we must all be diligent in prayer and personal worship as we navigate these difficult times.

It is possible that we can soon meet in small groups to worship? Yes. Could there be multiple times offered to meet on the Lord's Day? Yes. All options are being considered and all members are encouraged to share their thoughts on specific ways to proceed.

What is the best guess on when we can ALL be together again? Answer: The end of May or first of June. So, like David, let us ask "How long?" while knowing that the Lord is hearing our prayers and will guide us through this difficult time.

What Can I Do Today?

Take care of yourself: exercise and medications. Eat something good for you. Say a prayer for those who are suffering. Pray for those who have the virus that they may regain their health. Sing a song of praise to the Lord. Seriously, SING! Call someone you know needs encouragement. Call someone you don't think needs encouragement. If possible spend a few minutes outside the house. Check on someone who may need some help. Throw away something you do not need. Clean up a mess. Rest.

Spiritual Thought

Love isn't what yu say. Love is what you do.

~Anonymous

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

~Luke 6:35

Anniversaries

May 7 - Johnny & Dorothy Longwith May 8 - Frank & Iva Grimaldi

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Monday

Monday Missionaries 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Café - 5:45 p.m. Bible Classes - 7:00 p.m.

<u>Minister</u>

Mike Gurganus

Shepherds

Clint Hicks Larry Howard

Church Servants

Tully Crowder - Fellowship Kevin Kellogg - B & G Jim Humble - Family Care

Children's Coordinator

Brandi Womack

Worship Leaders

Jim Wright Dennis Womack

<u>Secretary</u>

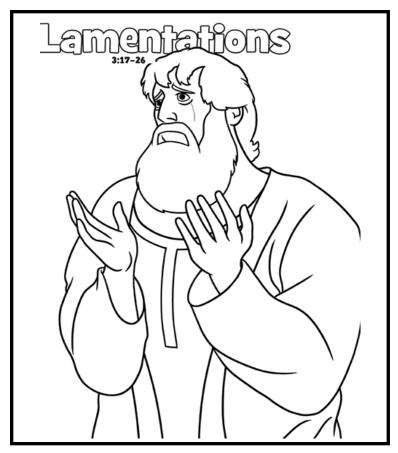
Joyce Gowin

Missions

Jamaica Bayou LaBatre, AL

Children's Ministry

This Week's Lesson: Book of Lamentations





Monthly Memorization 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



Scan this QR code to watch Mrs. Brandi's lesson on Lamentations.



PRAYER LIST

Chester Talley recovering from surgery

Peggy Gainer, now at home Tully Crowder, health problems Elaine Reed, chemo treatments Jimmie Sweeton, health problems Polly Smith friend of Brenda LaBrasca, health problems Peggy Jackson, mother of Mark,

Peggy Jackson, mother of Mark, health problems

Steve Griggs, member at Central-Dalton, taking chemo treatments **Chris Graves,** son of Patty Graves, health problems

Geneva Smith, health problems. **Kaylie Stephens**, cousin of Brandy Trammell, cancer has returned **Linda Stover,** health problems

Pat Hunt, sister of Dorothy Longwith, health problems

Patty Graves, health problems
Barbara Clark, cousin of Johnny
Longwith, cancer

Sylvia Marler Johnson, taking chemo

Walt Epperson, health problems
Nancy Alonso, health problems
Bill Gowin, health problems
Clarence Gurganus, father of
Mike, health problems

Linda Henderson, mother of Nathan, health problems

Elaine Kidwill, health problems

Home Bound

Ralph Jimenez, Standifer Place Assisted Living, Room 101, 2626 Walker Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421

Office Information

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Church Website: www.ringgold.church Minister: gurganus@catt.com Secretary: jgowin@catt.com