

# The Elkins Exchange



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***Please keep the church updated with address and phone number changes! Can give to Ruth Morgan or email.***

Please give any news, pictures, happenings, etc. that you would like to see in the newsletter to Ruth Morgan by the third Sunday of the month.

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## From the Preacher's Desk



“Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’” – Luke 10:38-42 ESV

In a sense there’s a lot crammed in to these five verses, but really it all adds up to the same thing.

Can you image it? Jesus comes to the village of Bethany and of all the houses he could stay at, he stays at the home of the sisters Mary and Martha, who also have a brother named Lazarus. This passage may represent when Jesus first met this family, but at some point they clearly became close friends, as Jesus later mourns the death of Lazarus and brings him back to life. But at this point in the account, it almost sounds like Jesus has just met these sisters.

Most of us get Martha. If someone important came to visit our house, we would want the place to look clean and to have all the food prepared perfectly. I think we understand why Martha was busy with housework, and why she was frustrated with her sister. “This is the Messiah, the Savior and Creator of the world, the Son of God promised millennia ago, and He is in my house. He deserves

my best.”

But Jesus chastises her for having the wrong priorities. Instead of focusing on Him, Mary was focused on doing the dishes. And the reminder to us is that we can get caught up in the busywork of making things outwardly right for the Lord while inside being far from Him. Some people dress up nicely for church while their heart is somewhere else. Some people hit all the right notes in the song while their hearts are far from worship. Some people give generously to the offering plate without giving joyfully.

I find the placement of this account to be telling, and I am sure that Luke did this on purpose. Jesus visits the house of Mary and Martha after Luke tells us the parable of the Good Samaritan. Remember that story? A man gets beat up and left for dead, and a priest and a Levite, both religious leaders, have better things to do than help this man out. And it makes me wonder how many times we’ve had better things to do, sometimes even in the name of God, than helping those in need, than doing the things of God that He wants us to do.

I’m sure you’ve heard the phrase “the Tyranny of the Urgent.” It means that things that have a deadline tend to get done before things that might be more important but can be put off. We focus on work because we can always play with the kids later, except that before we know it, 18 years have passed and the kids are grown, and we lost that time. We know we need to read our Bibles but the bills need to be paid, and maybe this is the only weekend for good camping weather, and... the next thing you know, it’s been too long, and we never really learned our bible as we should have.

# Mission of the Month

CRAM Worldwide, ( Christ Reaching Asia Mission), is a non-profit, non-government organization dedicated to helping the poor, feeding the hungry, healing the sick and providing education.

Dr. Chan Yung Kim and his wife Patricia have been on the mission field since 1970. They have served on the Korean peninsula, China and Vietnam. Dr. Chan Yung Kim, a native Korean, graduated from Johnson Bible College with a Bachelor's degree, Cincinnati Bible College with a Master's degree and Han Yang University with a Ph.D. degree. He also received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Louisville Bible College.



God has taken them to places that others may shy away from; countries like China, North Korea and Vietnam where the call of God is strong in their lives.

Projects include Feeding the 5000 Project, Food for North Korea Project, Blankets for Children Project, & Livestock Project.

We will help them with our donations the third Sunday in June.

### Facts and Figures for May

AM Service 68

PM Service 22

Weekly Budget need: \$2205

## News



**There will be no June meeting of guild.** An all church

picnic is planned July 10th 6pm at church. Bring a covered dish and your own table service.



**Life group/Bible Study on Thursday evenings.**

Both Mark and Jason's groups will be taking a break for the summer. Mark's group will have a start up picnic. Date will be announced.



### **June 10th-14th 6:00-8:30pm**

- We will have a closing program Thursday evening at the end of the schedule.
- This year's VBS mission is Mountain Mission school in Grundy, VA. Donations will be accepted anytime now.
- Please pray for a successful week of VBS.



Mother's Day special from youth

Calendar of Events

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> *Juanita Morgan *Jack & Shirley Jarrett	<b>2</b> *Etta Jean Kendall
<b>3</b> *Sandra Lilly	<b>4</b> *Janet Hensil *Jayme & Mike Herron	<b>5</b> Board Mtg 7pm *Ron Shockey	<b>6</b> *Kay Keesee *Alexis Kelly	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> *Liam McElroy	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> *Ken & Beth Cooper	<b>14</b> *Rachel Pingley *Sierra Channell *Bobbie Valentine	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> *Devin & Carrie Barger
<b>← Vacation Bible School →</b>						
<b>17</b> Mission Sunday	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> *Brian & Lisa Moudry *Brad & Debbie Phillips	<b>20</b> *Becky Coberly	<b>21</b> *Terry Morrison *Mike Phillips	<b>22</b> *Allison Channell	<b>23</b> *Izabella Worles
<b>24</b> *Tom & Paula Fuhrman *Randy & Stacey Smith	<b>25</b> *Erin Price	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Elders Mtg 7pm *Patch Coop-Allred	<b>28</b> *Nancy Messer *Gary Kendall *John Pudder *Mike & Robin Price	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Church Flowers given this month

Thank you to Sandra Lilly for the seasonal silk flower arrangements for the pulpit. We still encourage donations in memory or special occasions. Please make your own arrangements with florist and let Mary Ann Kyle know.

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*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35*

Preaching Minister. . . . . Jason Brandon  
Bible Classes . . . . . Sunday 9:30 am  
Worship Service . . . . . Sunday 10:30 am  
Choir Practice . . . . . Sunday 5:00 pm  
Youth Meetings. . . . . Sunday 6:00 pm  
Evening Service. . . . . Sunday 6:00 pm  
Kids Own Worship. . . . . Summer break  
Small Groups . . . . . Summer break

**VBS June  
10th thru 14**



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## Scripture Readings for June

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 1: 1-25 Eph. 1: 1- 14 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Kings 1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke:26-38 Eph. 1: 15-23 Ps. 119:9-16 1 Kings 2, 3	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 16 Galatians 6 Ps.118 2 Sam. 23, 24
5 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1 :39-56 Eph. 2:1-10 Ps. 119:17-24 1 Kings 4, 5	6 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1 :57-66 Eph. 2:11-22 Ps. 119:25-32 1 Kings 6, 7	7 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1 :67-80 Eph. 3: 1-13 Ps. 119:33-40 1 Kings 8
9 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 2:1-20 Eph. 3: 14-21 Ps. 119:41-48 1 Kings 9, 10	10 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 2:21-40 Eph. 4:1-16 Ps. 119:49-56 1 Kings 11	11 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 2:41-52 Eph. 4: 17-24 Ps. 119:57-64 1 Kings 12
12 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 3: 1-20 Eph. 4:25-32 Ps. 119:65-72 1 Kings 13, 14	13 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 3:21-38 Eph. 5: 1-21 Ps. 119:73-80 1 Kings 15, 16	14 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:1-12 Eph. 5:22-33 Ps. 119:81-88 1 Kings 17, 18
16 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:13-30 Eph. 6:1-9 Ps. 119:89-96 1 Kings 19, 20	17 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:31-37 Eph. 6: 1 0-24 Ps.119:97-104 1 Kings 21,22	18 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:38-44 Phil. 1:1-11 Psalm 119:105-112 2 Kings 1-3
19 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 5:1-11 Phil. 1: 12-20 Psalm 119:113-120 2 Kings 4, 5	20 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 5:12-16 Phil. 1:21-30 Psalm 119:121-128 2 Kings 6, 7	21 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 5:17-26 Phil. 2:1-11 Psalm 119:129-136 2 Kings 8, 9
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke 5:27-32 Phil. 2: 12-18 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Kings 10, 11	24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 5:33-39 Phil. 2: 19-30 Psalm 119: 145-152 2 Kings 12,13	25 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6:1-16 Phil. 3:1-9 Ps. 119:153-160 2 Ki 14,15
26 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6: 17-26 Phil. 3: 10-14 Psalm 119:161-168 2 Kings 16, 17	27 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6:27-36 Phil. 3: 15-21 Psalm 119:169-176 2Kings18,19	28 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6:37-42 Phil. 4: 1-7 Psalm 120 2 Kings 20, 21
29 <sup>th</sup>	.LLuke 6:43-49 Phil. 4:8-13 Psalm 121 2 Kings 22, 23	30 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 15:42-47 Gal.5: 13-26 Psalm 11 7 2 Samuel 22		