

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Larry Flatt
 Reading.....Tommy Crouch
 Scripture.....Matthew 7:13-14
 Lord's Table (N).....*David Chilton
 (S).....*Herb Rowland
 (N).....Marty Boles
 (N).....Dale Bennett
 (N).....Darron Dixon
 (S).....Ezra Dixon
 (S).....Robert Elam
 (S).....Ethan Gierucki
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....David Keele

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Randy Griffith
 Reading.....Caleb Graves
 Scripture.....I Corinthians 11:20-22
 Lord's Table.....*Steve Hillis
*Ryan McColloch
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Ronnie Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Gordon Mayfield
 Lead Singing.....Danny Duncan
 First Prayer.....Aiden McVey
 Reading.....Farris Young
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....John David Keele

Welcome Committee

A.M.Don & Susie Griffith
 P.M.Jeff & Mary Flatt

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers:Joe Roller & Marc Martin
Attend Nursery:Sharla Hillis
Un/Lock Building:Paul Hurst/Ken Martin
Prepare Communion:Rickey & Maggie Hurst
Assist Baptisms: Amy Prince & Regina Templeton

Pantry Item:Pork & Beans

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship281
 Bible Study.....192
 P.M. Worship.....206
 Wednesday Bible Study195
 Contribution\$5,772

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Services

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| <i>Sunday</i> | | <i>Wednesday</i> | |
| A.M. Worship | 9:00 AM | Bible Study | 7:00 PM |
| Bible Study | 10:15 AM | | |
| P.M. Worship | 6:00 PM | <i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i> | |
| | | Monday Morning Bible Class | 9:00 AM |

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Sick

At Home:

Dickie Kesity
Winona Ward (Juanita Oliver's sister)
Herb & Thelma Rowland
W.C. Chilton

In The Hospital:

Mary Meeks (Angie Caldwell's mother) Centennial Medical Center
Clayton Cook (Larry & Roger's brother) - St. Thomas West
Grady Hurst (Rickey's father) - NHC-Knoxville

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Swann, sister of our Sarah Kell. Her funeral was this past Friday.

Sermons for Sunday

AMStudying With The Savior-Destinies
PMWhen To Partake Of The Lord's Supper?

Fall Festival

Our annual Fall Festival will be held again this year at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek farm. It will be on Saturday, October 25th with the meal starting at 5 pm. Be sure to bring a pot of chili (or your favorite soup) and favorite desserts.

Ladies Day and Workshops

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will host a Ladies Day on October 25, services at 9 am with Donna Vaughn.

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will host a Personal Evangelism Workshop on November 1, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lunch provided. Speaker: Bill Bryant.

The **Leoni church of Christ** will host a series of lessons titled WAR ON DRUGS with Tom House: Gospel Preacher and Commissioned Deputy Sheriff on November 7-9, 7 pm.

Youth News

The **PEW PACKERS** will meet this Sunday at 5:00 pm. We are wrapping up the last few lessons about "The Armor of God." Our lesson this month is "Declare it Boldly!" Again, it is never too late to join us.

Our **HOME DEVOTIONALS** for the BBYG is a time spent in God's Word and singing praises. We appreciate each family that opens up their home for our youth to devo. This Sunday Jeff and Dachele McVey will host this month's devo. As usual the boys are asked to bring a drink and girls a dessert. Everyone is encouraged to bring someone with you.

The next **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** will be October 29th.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Saturday 1st Bible Bowl Study
Sunday 2nd Bible Bowl
Sunday 9th TABS @ Bybee Branch

Gospel Meetings

The **Wood church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 19-22, services at 7:00 pm with Darrell Duncan preaching.

The **Iconium church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 19-22, services at 7:30 pm with Clint Oppermann (Sunday) and Brad Harrub (Monday-Wednesday) preaching.

The **Main Street church of Christ** in Manchester will host a Gospel Meeting on October 26-29, services at 6:30 pm with Garland Robinson preaching.

The **Campaign church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 26-29, services at 7 pm with James Watkins preaching.

The **Elkins church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on November 7-9, services at 6 pm with Tom Bowling preaching.

Are You Afraid To Be Dead?

One time while we were on vacation, the preacher where we attended worship, made a statement that caught my attention. He said, "I am afraid to die, but I'm not afraid to be dead."

What a true and serious thought! It is a natural thing to be afraid of dying, because we don't know the kind of disease or accident that may take our lives. However, the faithful Christian does not fear being dead because he or she will be asleep in Jesus. If the soul is right in this life, it will be right in death. Jesus said:

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mt. 10:28).

When Paul neared the end of his labor and toil on earth, he was facing the Roman executioner. Surely there was the normal fear of pain at death, even though he knew the Lord would help him. However, Paul also knew that beyond any pain that he might feel when dying, there would be a blessing in death. He had **NO** fear of being dead!

He told Timothy when he knew his departure was at hand,

"Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8).

Thus, only faithful Christians should not be afraid of being dead, because they have been saved from their sins; but on the other hand, those who die without Jesus are lost and with the devil! These are the ones who should fear being dead!

Just think of how **awful** it would be at Judgment Day to be placed on His left hand and hear Jesus say, *"Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:"* (Mt. 25:41). But just think of the **joy** that would be felt to be on His right hand and hear Him say, *"Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"* (Mt. 25:34).

All the faithful ones in the Bible prepared by faith to be in comfort and peace during death:

"But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them" (Heb. 11:16). Jesus told His apostles:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3).

"For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

Paul believed that it would be better for him to die and be with the Lord than to be alive on this earth.

"But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better" (Php. 1:22, 23).

Are you afraid to be dead?

~ Benny B. Bristow ~
