

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Ricky Prince  
 Reading.....Josh Templeton  
 Scripture.....Romans 12:3-5  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Joe Collins  
 (S).....\*Brandon Fuston  
 (N).....Marty Boles  
 (N).....Derrick Pennington  
 (N).....John David Keele  
 (S).....Clent Kesity  
 (S).....Kane Maynard  
 (S).....Micah Lawrence  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Gordon Mayfield

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Michael Andrews  
 Reading.....Aiden McVey  
 Scripture.....Zephaniah 3:5-7  
 Lord's Table.....\*Allen Hughes  
 .....\*Paul Hurst  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Herb Rowland

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Ken Martin  
 Lead Singing.....Herb Rowland  
 First Prayer.....Ethan Duncan  
 Reading.....Larry Cook  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Cory Prince

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Ricky Prince Family  
 P.M.....Herb & Thelma Rowland

**Bus Driver:**.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

**Ushers:** .....Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch  
**Attend Nursery:** .....Regina Templeton  
**Un/Lock Building:**.....Dale Bennett/Willie Newby  
**Prepare Communion:** .....W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
**Assist Baptisms:** .....Jean Ware/Phyllis Bailey

**Pantry Item:** .....Macaroni & Cheese

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Leonard Clemons

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....304  
 Bible Study.....242  
 P.M. Worship.....206  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....210  
 Contribution.....\$7,069

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**Services**

<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 (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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## Sick

### At Home:

*J.T. Mitchell*  
*Carol Barrett*  
*Bill Brown*  
*Paul Davis*  
*Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister)*  
*Flossie Warren*  
*Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) prayers requested*  
*James Ware (brother-in-law of Jean Ware)*

### In The Hospital:

*Fred Carter (husband of Reta Carter, niece of Calvin Rogers) - in serious condition in Carmel, Indiana following a fall from a ladder.*

## Sympathies

We express our sympathy to the family of Virginia Woodall, aunt of our David McColloch, her funeral will be this Thursday morning in Winchester, TN.

We also express our sympathy to the family of George Berto Odineal, father of our Barbara Bouldin. His funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at Highs.

## Area-wide Singing

There will be an area-wide singing at the Old Philadelphia Meeting house on Friday, October 2, from 7-9 pm Hosted by the Hiawassee and Rockliff congregations

## Autumn Street Fair

The annual Autumn Street Fair in downtown McMinnville will be October 3. Each year the church staffs two booths to promote the church in our community. There are two sign up sheets, one on the regular bulletin board and one on the youth board. Why not sign up to work an hour at the booth?

*There will be a very brief meeting Sunday evening down front for those working in the booth.*

## Youth News

The sign-up sheet is up for this year's **FALL RE-TREAT** to Gatlinburg. The date is October 9-11 and we are headed back to the same great cabin. The cost is \$60. Our theme each year is based off a song the seniors choose and this year the song chosen is "We Shall Assemble."

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is this Wed. following evening devotional. All youth are invited to stay for refreshments and help celebrate those with September birthdays.

Please make plans to be at **NHC** this Thursday for our monthly devotional. We will begin at 6:30 and sing and pray for about 30 minutes.

Parents please don't forget the "**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**" on the foyer table!

## Sermon Topics

Sunday AM .....Thinking Too Highly Of Ourselves  
Sunday PM. ....Zephaniah - The Great Day!

## Gospel Meetings

*Morrison church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-24, services at 1:00 pm for singing followed by afternoon worship at 1:30 pm. on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Robert Taylor preaching.

*Arlington church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-29, services at 9, 10, & 11 am on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Tuesday with Ken Butterworth preaching.

*Bluff Springs church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-30, services at 7:30 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Larry Acuff preaching.

*Findlay church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27- October 1, services at 6:00 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Barry Kennedy preaching. Sunday will also be their Friends & Family Day.

*Pocahontas church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on October 11-14 services at 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Johnny Fox preaching.

## Attributing Work To The Holy Spirit

Inquiring minds want to know. How does God work through providence? How does He answer our prayers to strengthen, help, lead, and endow us with wisdom? We are without doubt that God is active, interested, and involved in our lives today. Deism denies this, saying that a Creator set things in motion and then permanently stepped out of the picture on planet earth. Theism affirms His present involvement and interest in the affairs of men today. The dogmatic at either extreme purport to speak for God, absolutely affirming or denying what He does or does not do. There is an area in which we cannot say how God operates or whether it is the Father, Son, or Spirit who is at work simply because it has not been revealed and we are not in a position to observe what is transpiring in the heavenly realm. Moses once said, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law" (Deut. 29:29). Moses told Israel that some things aren't revealed to us, but he also said some things are revealed. We are obligated to observe what is revealed. We are on dangerous ground when we affirm what Scripture does not reveal.

Scripture does not reveal that the Spirit is involved in our decision-making in a direct way apart from the Word. It does not indicate that He is stirring inside our hearts, influencing us to think, speak, or act in a given way for a given purpose or moment. He does not give us our words in the miraculous way He did for the apostles, who had no need to prepare or study for a given moment (cf. Matt. 10:19-20). When we boldly assert such things, we stand without the foundation of revealed truth beneath us and, at best, stand upon dangerous conjecture.

The Spirit's work in written revelation informs my heart and mind, and it (Scripture) awakens me to appreciate and depend upon the power of God through that word and its promises. The Bible says we are strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man (Eph. 3:16). We do not know the full implication of that promise, though we are thrilled by it. What a leap it is to go from acknowledging the Spirit strengthens us to claiming He gives us thoughts, ideas, or direct guidance in addition to His Word. If we say, "The Spirit led me to take this job" or "The Spirit told me to speak to that person" or "The Spirit told me I'm saved," we speak from ignorance (i.e., lack of knowledge or information). Kathy once studied with a woman and showed her the multitude of passages proving the essentiality of baptism, but she replied, "But the Spirit told me I'm saved." We know that it was her own will and desire in her heart that she attributed to God. That is the danger of such reckless assertions. We easily confuse what we desire and prefer with "the will of God" or even "the Spirit's work." God repeatedly warns that our hearts can deceive us, that we can credit God for what, in reality, is our will (Prov. 14:12; 16:25; Jer. 10:23).

We do need to study the personality, the work, and the Deity of the Holy Spirit more. It is obvious, hearing and reading after even some brothers and sisters in Christ, that we have neglected studying about Him. Let us handle each other without suspicion, in a spirit of love and kindness and without attacking people and personalities. Let us also always be careful not to "exceed what is written" (1 Cor. 4:6), never adding to or taking away from what is revealed (Rev. 22:18-19). Yet, let us be grateful that our great God is interested and involved in our lives, being content to affirm only what Scripture reveals.

~ Neal Pollard ~ via Preacherpollard's Blog  
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