

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock  
 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer .....Jeff Flatt  
 Reading .....Tim Fisher  
 Scripture .....Acts 9:15  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Chris Snow  
 (S) .....\*Don Sullivan  
 (N) .....Tommy Crouch  
 (N) .....Clent Kesey  
 (N) .....Joe Maynard  
 (S).....Rodney Maynard  
 (S).....Harold McGinness  
 (S).....Jared Mullican  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Allen Hughes

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock  
 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer .....Randy Griffith  
 Reading.....Kane Maynard  
 Scripture .....Psalms 45:6  
 Lord's Table .....\*Ryan McColloch  
 .....\*Doug Hendrixson  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer .....Rickey Hurst  
 Reading .....Justin Randolph  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Brandon Fuston

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Brandon Fuston Family  
 P.M.....Jeff Templeton Family

Transportation:.....Randall Gann (580-6252)

*If you cannot serve, please contact David Keele (273-5566)*

Ushers: .....Dale Bennett, Willie Newby, Bruce Pryor  
 Attend Nursery:.....Judy Sullivan  
 Un/Lock Building:.....Allen Hughes/Kurt Maynard  
 Prepare Communion: .....Paul Hurst Family  
 Assist Baptisms: ..... Maggie Hurst & Marsha Collins

Pantry Item: .....Macaroni and Cheese

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....342  
 Bible Study.....265  
 P.M. Worship.....272  
 Wednesday Bible Study .....180  
 Contribution .....\$6,846

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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	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Jamie Brock	Joe Collins
Jeff Flatt	Randall Gann
Shannon Griffin	Rickey Hurst
David Keele	Ken Martin
Kurt Maynard	Gordon Mayfield
David McColloch	Jeff McVey
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

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**Hispanic Preacher**

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## Sick

### At Home:

Zollie Settles  
Marsha Dunlap  
Peggy Snow  
Lynder & Willie Holmes  
Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother)  
Jeff Rhea

### In The Hospital:

Titus Ward - River Park #254  
Linda Daniels (sister of Lennie Kesey) - St. Thomas  
Midtown

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Louis Morgan, son of our Helen Morgan. His funeral was this past Sunday afternoon. He was a faithful member of the St. Mary's church of Christ.

## Baptism

We rejoice that Becky Williams was baptized this past Sunday morning.

## Evangelism Class

The monthly Evangelism class will meet this coming Sunday afternoon at 5 pm.

## Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower in honor of Marissa Hillis and Tyler Judkins on May 5th at 4 pm at the church building. They are registered at Amazon; Bed, Bath & Beyond; and Southern Traditions

## Friends & Family Day

**Pleasant Knoll church of Christ**, April 28, Bible classes 9 am, Worship 10 am, Lunch 11 am and evening worship to follow.

## Annual Gospel Singing

**Morrison church of Christ** will host their annual Singing on Friday, April 26, 7 pm.

## Youth News

- Prom-Alt trip April 26-28
- Pew Packers May 12

### Prom Alternative Trip

This year we will be going to Pigeon Forge on April 26-28. Details are being finalized this week. If you are 9th-12th grade, and interested in going, please see Micah.

### Short Mountain Bible Camp

Next Sunday evening, the 21st, we will be having a short meeting after services for those interested in going.

## Gospel Meetings

**Old Philadelphia church of Christ**, May 5-10, Services each night at 7 pm with different speakers. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Findlay church of Christ**, May 5-9, Services each night at 7 pm with Allen Webster.

**Oak Grove church of Christ**, May 19-23, Services each night at 7 pm with Charles Williams.

## SEIBS Lectureship

**Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies** will have their annual Bible Lectureship April 28-May 1. A copy of the program is on the bulletin board. Tony will be speaking on Tuesday afternoon. There is room for anyone wishing to go for the day.

## Gospel Meeting Review

At this writing the meeting is barely started but how could it have been any better? Three powerful lessons have been delivered by brother B.J. Clarke! Responding to the Lord's invitation Sunday morning was Becky Williams desiring to be baptized into Christ. Attendance has been great and the prospects for great lessons, great weather and more great attendance are in the forecast.

Remember all the lessons are recorded and are available online at: <http://bybeebranch.org/sermons/sermons.html>. The plan is for them to be available the following morning.

## Kingdom First Living

We are all familiar with Matthew 6:33. We've heard it. We've read it. We can quote it. The Master said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." We know that we must put the kingdom "first." Strong says that the word "first" (proton) means first "in time, place, order, or importance; before, at the beginning, chiefly, at the first of all."

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." We hear it, read it and quote it, but are we really, really, REALLY doing that? We each do well to ask ourselves, "Am I REALLY putting the kingdom first or have I been deceiving myself? James exhorted, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). While "kingdom first living" reaches across the board – to our behavior, our involvement, our devotional lives, our teaching of others, our relationships, etc. – let's apply it to our worship. Consider the following:

- Am I putting the kingdom FIRST "in time, place, order, or importance" when I CHOOSE to go to a concert instead of going to worship? How is that okay?
- Am I putting the kingdom FIRST "in time, place, order, or importance" when I CHOOSE to work extra, so that I can have more money to do the stuff I want to do, instead of going to worship? How is that okay?
- Am I putting the kingdom FIRST "in time, place, order, or importance" when I CHOOSE to stay home, rest up, watch TV and/or visit with others instead of going to worship?
- Am I putting the kingdom FIRST "in time, place, order, or importance" when I CHOOSE to go to my children's ball games instead of going to worship? And, what am I teaching them about the importance of the church? How is that okay?
- Am I putting the kingdom FIRST "in time, place, order, or importance" when I CHOOSE (arrange

my itinerary) to travel during worship instead of going to worship? How is that okay?

"Why is the church not growing?" "Why are the brethren discouraged?" "Why are we losing our young people?" We may not want to hear the answer to these questions! Could it be that we (you and I) are not putting the kingdom first? Let's put the emphasis on the unuttered, but assumed word in Matthew 6:33. The Master said, "But YOU seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." There are no problems in the church that kingdom first living will not cure! There is no greater need in the church, in our families, in your life and mine than kingdom first living!

~ Dwight Fuqua ~

## Legal Lunacy

Too bad human babies don't hatch! Maybe then they would enjoy some legal protection! A panel of judges in Florida upheld a \$108,800 fine against a man who poached 1088 turtle eggs from a state park. The public defender argued that an egg isn't a turtle until it hatches; but the prosecutor affirmed that 80-100% of marine turtle eggs are fertile, and therefore, each egg must be considered a unit of marine life. The judges agreed with the prosecutor!

The pro-abortion establishment claims that a "fetus" is not a human "person" until birth has occurred. Several years ago the highest court in the nation agreed, and declared any and all laws protecting the unborn (humans, that is) to be "unconstitutional."

Isn't it more than ironic that laws protecting unhatched marine turtles are perfectly alright, but laws protecting unborn human beings are unconstitutional? An unhatched turtle is a "unit of marine life," but an unborn human is just so much "tissue." Swipe a thousand turtle eggs and we'll fine you \$100 each (not to mention sending you to jail for 60 days); kill a thousand unborn human children and we will reward you for your "work" with tax money and laud you as a champion of "reproductive freedom!"

How utterly absurd!

~ Frank Chesser ~