

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(815-3033) Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Harold Cook  
 Reading.....Caleb Hughes  
 Scripture.....Ephesians 3:13-19  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Steve Boyd  
 (S).....\*Jamie Brock  
 (N).....Micah Lawrence  
 (N).....Kane Maynard  
 (N).....Joe Maynard  
 (S).....Cory Prince  
 (S).....Ezra Dixon  
 (S).....Connor Dixon  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Ronnie Prince

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(815-3033) Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
 Reading.....Sam Gillies  
 Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 8:1  
 Lord's Table.....\*Willie Newby  
 .....\*Stanley Graves  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Brian Moody

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....(668-4084) David Keele  
 Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer.....Ryan McColloch  
 Reading.....Phillip Brock  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jack Keele

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Leonard & Avie Clemons  
 P.M.....Charles Gillies Family

**Bus Driver:**.....Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** .....Bob Cantrell & Josh King  
**Attend Nursery:**.....Jennifer Maynard  
**Un/Lock Building:**.....Don Cathey/Caleb Graves  
**Prepare Communion:** .....Mayfields & Hillis'  
**Assist with Baptisms:** Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence

**Pantry Item:** .....Cake Icing

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Rodney Reynolds

**Record For The Week...**

A.M.Worship.....325  
 Bible Study.....267  
 P.M.Worship.....245  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....220  
 Contribution.....\$6,473

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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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Allen Hughes	David Keele
Ken Martin	Kurt Maynard
Willie Newby	Ricky Prince
Jim Slatton	Jeff Templeton

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## Sick

### At Home:

Leonard Crouch  
Tim Fisher  
Mary Meeks  
Essie Hillis  
Shirley Keith  
Brad Bolding

### In The Hospital:

None known

## Children & Songs

Sometimes children are puzzled by some of the songs we sing. I personally remember not understanding several of them when I was a small child. Below is a rather humorous article that illustrates the point I make. Talk with your children about what we sing. T.L.

*A young boy attended his first Sunday school class, and he was relating the events of the day to his mother. "We sang a song about a bear," he proudly said.*

*"You sang a song about a bear?" his mother asked.*

*"Yes," he piped up. "We sang a song about a bear that was cross-eyed."*

*His mother blinked. "You sang a song about a bear that was cross-eyed?" she asked, wondering what this had to do with Sunday school.*

*"Uh-huh. We sang a song about a bear that was cross-eyed, and his name was Gladly," her son explained.*

*His mother pressed. "What do you mean?"*

*With a big smile, he said, "We sang 'Gladly, the Cross-eyed Bear.'"*

## Vacation Bible School

VBS got off to a great start with 338 on Monday evening. Thanks to everyone for working so hard!

## Youth News

Another week at **SHORT MOUNTAIN BI-BLE CAMP** awaits for those who are interested. The date is July 15-20. Register online at [www.ultracamp.com](http://www.ultracamp.com).

## Library Additions

Brother Kyle Butt made the following donations to our church library when he was here a few weeks ago:

### DVD's

Truth Be Told  
Is The Bible From God?  
Does The God of The Bible Exist?  
Answering Atheism

### Books

A Matter of Fact  
God Made Plants  
Surveying The Evidence  
Truth Be Told

## Opportunities For Edification

**Summitville church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on July 8-12 at 7 pm with Anthony Walker preaching.

**Smartt church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting July 15-19 at 7 pm with Chris Perry preaching

**Summitville church of Christ** will host a Vacation Bible School on July 16-18 at 7 pm with the theme: God's Creation.

**Mt. Leo church of Christ** will have their Friends & Family Day on July 22, with Stan Stevenson.

**Mt. Leo church of Christ** will host a Vacation Bible School on July 23-26, 6:30-8:30 pm with the theme, All Aboard For The Kingdom Express.

**West Sparta church of Christ** will host a Vacation Bible School on July 23-27, 6:30-8:30 pm with the theme, God's Creation.

**Berea church of Christ** will host a Vacation Bible School on July 29-August 2, 7 pm.

## Why Should I Go To Church?

Why should I go to church? I have heard this question many times from many people over the years. The question itself may show a misunderstanding of what "church" is. Church is not a place, nor is it a time. The word itself simply means, "assembly." According to scripture, the church is the body of Christ and consists of the people of God. Since the church is the people of God, then you don't go to church, you are the church. In fact, God's concern is not for us to merely go to church, but for us to be the church.

An integral characteristic of the church is our connection not only to Christ as the head (Eph 1:22-23), but also to one another (1 Cor 12:12-14). This is why the Bible calls us the "body" of Christ. We don't distance ourselves from Christ or from one another, but are intimately connected, supporting one another (1 Cor 12:20-26). This is why the Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling together as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another (Heb 10:25).

I remember reading about a letter to the editor in a newspaper many years ago. A man complained that he saw no sense in going to church every Sunday. He wrote, "I have been attending services quite regularly for the past 30 years and during that time I have listened to no less than 3,000 sermons. But, to my consternation, I discover I cannot remember a single one of them. I wonder if a minister's time might be more profitably spent on something else."

That letter sparked many responses. One response from a middle aged man stood out. He wrote, "I have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals, mostly of my wife's cooking. Suddenly I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. However, I received nourishment from every one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them I would have starved to death long ago."

There is a cumulative effect on making a habit of assembling with the brethren. This includes things such as Sunday worship, Bible classes, small groups, serving together, and other non-scheduled times. If a major emphasis of the church assembled is mutual encouragement and edification, then attendance, attentiveness, and participation are of utmost importance.

If being a Christian also means being the church, then a Christian without church is an oxymoron. Being a Christian would be like being a student without school, or being a soldier without a country, of being a citizen without a country, or a sailor without a ship, or a drummer without a drum. A Christian is inherently a part of the church, the people of God.

"Why should I go to church?" This is not the best question to ask. A better question would be, "What does it mean for us to be the church?" Spend time this week reflecting on the answer to this question for yourself.

~ John Telgren ~

## Quotes on Honesty

It matters not what you do—Make a nation or a shoe—For he who does an honest thing—In God's pure sight is ranked a king. (John Parnell)

Not keeping an appointment is an act of clear dishonesty. You may as well borrow a person's money as his time.