

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....W.C. Chilton
 Reading.....Dale Bennett
 Scripture.....TBA
 Lord's Table (N).....*Ronnie Hoover
 (S).....*Herb Rowland
 (N).....Steve Smith
 (N).....Ethan Gierucki
 (N).....Kevin Flatt
 (S).....Justin Griffin
 (S).....Eugene Wilcher
 (S).....Jared Mullican
 Sermon.....Steve Hillis
 Dismiss.....Brandon Fuston

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Micah Lawrence
 Reading.....Aiden McVey
 Scripture.....Acts 2:38-47
 Lord's Table.....*Bernie Gierucki
*David Chilton
 Sermon.....Stanley Clendenon
 Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Rickey Hurst
 Lead Singing.....Tim Fisher
 First Prayer.....Mike Mullins
 Reading.....Robert Elam
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Bob Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Randall & Deborah Gann
 P.M.....Paul Hurst Family

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

Ushers:Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch
Attend Nursery:Regina Templeton
Un/Lock Building:.....W.C. Chilton
Prepare Communion:Caleb Graves Family
Assist Baptisms:Susan Pryor & Almetia Jones

Pantry Item:Tuna

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....297
 Bible Study.....226
 P.M. Worship.....209
 Wednesday Bible Study.....214
 Contribution.....\$7,772

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

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Jeff McVey	Bruce Pryor
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Sick

At Home:

Irene Fuston (Brandon's mother)

Evelyn Northcutt

Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother) - 320

Chickamauga St.; Knoxville TN 37914

In The Hospital:

June Slatton - St. Thomas Rutherford - pneumonia

J.T. Mitchell - St. Thomas Rutherford - heart attack

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Isabel Bouldin (who formerly attended Bybee Branch). She passed away Sunday evening and her services will be Thursday at 10 am at High's Chapel.

Five Of The Greatest Challenges Facing The Church

While I do not consider myself an expert in anything, I do have a few years of preaching experience under my belt. Over the past 30 years of working with the church, preaching across the country, talking with elders, preachers, and members, I've identified a few challenges the church needs to work at overcoming. What do you think about my list? Do you agree?

Preaching For "The Choir" But Not To "The Choir."

The Church doesn't need professional pulpiteers hired to entertain and please the masses. What the church needs are men of conviction who will preach the truth in love, in season and out of season. We need men who are not content to simply preach "for" the church, but to preach "to" the church, challenging her ethics, calling for repentance, upholding God's doctrine, and leading the church out of mediocrity.

Youth Ministry That Caters To The Strong & Beautiful.

It's easy to fall into the trap of catering to the advantaged. The first century church stumbled here too. James had to remind the church that their desire to cater to the rich didn't make sense since

it was the rich who were oppressing the church. They were blinded by status. The rich, the beautiful, the strong and athletic...these people are "easy to love." But often, they are the very ones who feel self-sufficient because of their advantages in life. We need youth ministry that doesn't ignore the poor, unpopular, and discarded, and equally reaches out to them as well as the strong and beautiful.

Shepherds Who Shepherd The Flock, But Not The "Fence Jumpers."

It's easy to oversee those who are compliant, but shepherds must also be willing to go, search for, find, and safely return the sheep who have left the flock and jumped the fence. Elders can easily "busy themselves" with the compliant, but if no time is left to go after the "fence jumpers," then an elderships' time-management needs to be reconsidered.

Deacons Who Work at Not Working.

Through the years, I have heard from elders who were frustrated because they couldn't get the deacons to work. Consequently, elders find themselves doing work the deacons should be doing, and the work that elders should be doing goes undone. Becoming a deacon is not a "title;" it's not an "election to an office." It is an agreement to become a special servant of the church. When a deacon stops serving in that special capacity, he stops being a deacon, for it's a work, not a title.

Members Who Maintain the Premises, But Won't Maintain Their Promises.

The church is stymied when the membership thinks their job is to maintain the premises. When the bulk of the congregation's work revolves around the building, grounds, fellowship meals, activities, and weekly worship, the church will suffer. The church needs to remember to maintain the promise they made to make Jesus Lord of their lives. That promise demands a level of commitment that has to be taken outside of the premises and into the world.

While these aren't the only challenges the church faces, they do identify five that we can begin working on today. I long for the day when the greatest challenge the church faces comes from the Devil and not ourselves.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

Congratulations Graduates



Sabrina Caldwell
Warren County Senior High

Tyler Judkins
Boyd Christian School

Jessica Templeton
Home School

Youth News

The next **PEW PACKERS** class will meet this Sunday, May 24th at 5:00 pm in the fellowship room. Our topic is "Say What?"

Micah and Amy Lawrence will host a Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, May 30th. The event is for BBYG and Alumni.

Our monthly **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** will be May 27th.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat. 6th Concord Road Singing (College Age)

Friends & Family Days

Iconium church of Christ, May 31, Jeremiah Tatum will be preaching.

Arlington church of Christ, May 31, Jon Simmons will be preaching.

Area Gospel Meetings.

West Riverside church of Christ, May 15-17, with services at 7 pm. Alan Watkins will be preaching.

Oak Grove church of Christ, May 17-21, with services at 7 pm. Larry Acuff will be preaching.

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMSteve Hillis preaching

Sunday PM:Why The Church Grew So Fast