

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer .....Willard Dunlap  
 Reading .....Ken Martin  
 Scripture .....Galatians 4:7  
 Lord's Table (N) .....\*Jamie Brock  
 (S) .....\*Allen Hughes  
 (N) .....Keith Chilcutt  
 (N) .....Kenny Dillard  
 (N).....Darron Dixon  
 (S) .....Ezra Dixon  
 (S) .....Robert Elam  
 (S).....Mitchell Ferrell  
 Sermon .....*From Slaves To Sons* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Herb Rowland

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
 Reading .....Gordon Mayfield  
 Scripture .....Luke 15:10  
 Lord's Table .....\*Doug Hendrixson  
 .....\*Rodney Reynolds  
 Sermon ....*Parable of the Prodigal Son* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jeff McVey

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews  
 First Prayer .....Don Griffith  
 Reading .....Ricky Prince  
 Invitation .....David Keele  
 Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Michael Andrews Family  
 P.M. ....Larry & Jane Flatt

Bus Driver: .....Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers: .....Jeff Templeton, Kurt Maynard, Stan Hillis  
 Attend Nursery:.....Janie Griffin  
 Un/Lock Building: .....Dale Bennett/Willie Newby  
 Prepare Communion: .....Mayfields & Hillis'  
 Assist Baptisms: ..... Nona Martin & Brenda Young

Pantry Item: .....Chili

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Don Sullivan

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....305  
 Bible Study .....217  
 P.M. Worship .....228  
 Wednesday Bible Study .....184  
 Contribution .....\$6,810

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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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## Sick

### At Home:

Rita Prince  
Frankie Hobbs (no visitors please)  
Nell Kiefer (Jean Ware's sister)  
Wanda Carter  
Clara Scott

### In The Hospital:

Winfrey Hennessee - River Park (pneumonia)  
Carlene Alexander (Kara Fuston's grandmother) -  
Adam's Place for rehab following a fall.

## Shut-ins

### Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Clayton Cook (Larry & Roger's brother) #200  
Gordon Fults #101  
Shirley Keith #308  
Clara Roller #104  
Gary Ward #118

### NHC

(P.O. Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)  
Winfrey Hennessee #209  
Paul Davis #412  
Willene Kell #311

### Prestige Assisted Living

(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)  
Dennis Eller

### Home:

Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)  
Wilma Chisam (at her sons's home)  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Joan Hillis  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)  
Morris Newby (Willie's father)  
Willus & Edith Roberts

## Singing At The Fair

Each year the church hosts a singing at the Antioch church building at the Fair. The singing will be Tuesday evening, September 12, at 6 pm.

## Can You Find It? ...

Christ exhorted, "Search the scriptures" (John 5:39). The Bereans were noble for, along with receiving the Word with all readiness, they "searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). Today, we should heed the Lord's exhortation and emulate the example of the Bereans. Kind reader, as you "search the scriptures," can you find the following?

**The name you wear in religion?** Remember, speaking of the name Christ, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). In searching the Scriptures, can you find,

**The church of which you are a member?** If the Bible is our road map from earth to heaven, how can we expect to reach the desired destination being a member of some institution whose name does not even appear in its pages? Think it over! In searching the Scriptures, can you find,

**The worship you render?** Can you present divine authority and sanction for the burning of incense, washing of feet and instrumental music in worship to God today? Where is the Scripture? In searching the Scriptures, can you find,

**The confession you made?** What confession did you make before you were baptized? Did you confess, "I believe that God for Christ's sake has pardoned my sins?" Can you find it in the Bible? In searching the Scriptures, can you find,

**The baptism to which you submitted?** Did you have water sprinkled or poured upon you when you were an infant—or maybe later? Can you find book, chapter and verse from the Scripture for such a practice in the Christian age? Where can we read that sprinkling is baptism or that infants are proper subjects for such? Also, if you were baptized because you were already saved, where do you read of such in the Bible? In conclusion, we ask, can you be satisfied rapidly and speedily marching toward eternity having patterned your life after matters which you cannot find in the Scriptures? This is a serious matter!

~ Wendell Winkler ~

## "Is Pastor In?"

It happens frequently. The telephone rings at the office and a salesperson on the other end asks, "Is pastor in?" You can hear the affect and respect in people's voices when they reference to "pastor." Now, being a preacher, I appreciate being appreciated. BUT, the preacher is not "the pastor" and we should not call him "pastor."

The apostle Paul wrote, "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers" (Ephesians 4:11). Note that "evangelists" and "pastors" are different! Someone might say, "Yes, but the local preacher is the pastor." Not correct! The word translated "pastors" (*poimen*) means "shepherds." The same word is translated "Shepherd" in Hebrews 13:20 and 1 Peter 2:25. The Hebrews passage tells us that Jesus is the "great Shepherd of the sheep." The 1 Peter passage tells us that Jesus is "the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

Contrary to the denominational view and practice, the elders of the local congregation – not the preacher – are the pastors! In Acts 20 Paul addressed "the elders of the church" (verse 17). He exhorted to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (verse 28). Here the word "shepherd" (*poimaino*) is used in reference to elders, not the preacher. In 1 Peter 5 Peter addressed "the elders" (verse 1). He exhorted them: "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. Again, the word "shepherd" (*poimaino*) is used in reference to elders, not the preacher.

We ought to do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names! The elders are the shepherds (pastors) and overseers (bishops) of the local congregation. Preachers are not "pastors" or "bishops" unless they meet the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 and are appointed to serve as such. By the way, the New Testament teaches that there is always a plurality of elders in each congregation (Acts 14:23).

The conversation usually goes something like this: The salesperson asks, "Is pastor in?" I respond, "Sorry, none of our elders are available to speak to you at this time." They don't know what to think! They've never heard what the Bible teaches about the elders, not preachers being "pastors." But you have... "Pastor is not in!"

~ Dwight Fuqua ~

## Upcoming Youth Events:

- September 10 - Pew Packers @ 5 PM
- September 16 - Door Knocking for Youth Gospel Meeting
- September 17-21 - Youth Gospel Meeting at Mt. Leo. Justin Griffin is speaking.
- September 22-24 - Erupt Youth Rally \$35.00. Give Aaron money by Sept 6th.
- September 28 - NHC Devotional at 6:30 pm

## Monday Morning Bible Class

The Monday Morning Bible Class will be this coming Monday, September 11, at 9 AM. However, this class will be held in the Antioch church building at the Fair. Everyone is welcome to attend. Class will begin at James 2:1

## Ladies Day

The Leoni church of Christ will host a Ladies Day this Saturday, September 9, registration starts at 9:30. Speaker Debbie Kea, speaking on Button, Bows & Blessings...