

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer .....Larry Flatt  
 Reading.....Robert Elam  
 Scripture.....Colossians 1:13-14  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Allen Hughes  
 (S) .....\*Eddie Palmer  
 (N) .....Josh Templeton  
 (N) .....Tommy Turner  
 (N) .....Jason Vandagriff  
 (S) .....Garett Woodside  
 (S).....Matthew Woodside  
 (S) .....Farris Young  
 Sermon .....*Translated* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Rodney Reynolds

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer .....Don Griffith  
 Reading .....Randy Griffith  
 Scripture .....I Corinthians 10:13  
 Lord's Table .....\*W.C. Chilton  
 .....\*Larry Cook  
 Sermon .....*Tempted* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Matthew Woodside

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Aaron Ownbey  
 Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer .....Willie Newby  
 Reading .....Ken Martin  
 Invitation .....Don Sullivan  
 Dismiss .....Jamie Brock

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. ....Danny & Cynthia Duncan  
 P.M.....Shannon Griffin Family

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

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

Ushers: .....Rickey Hurst, Gordon Mayfield, Marc Martin  
 Attend Nursery:.....Lori Chilcutt  
 Un/Lock Building:Jimmy Cunningham/Dwight Barrett  
 Prepare Communion: .....Rickey & Maggie Hurst  
 Assist Baptisms: ..... Elaine Hoover & Gail Crouch

Pantry Item: .....Vegetable Soup

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

**Record For The Week...**

A.M.Worship.....275  
 Bible Study .....227  
 P.M.Worship .....182  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....173  
 Contribution.....\$6,631

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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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Jeff Flatt	Randall Gann
Shannon Griffin	Rickey Hurst
David Keele	Ken Martin
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## Sick

### At Home:

Bill Brown - serious condition  
Anna Grace & Caleb King  
Mary Ashford  
Barbara Witty  
Willie Holmes  
Ella Mae Holloway (Maggie's mother)  
Clara Scott  
Marsha Dunlap  
Kerry Cantrell (sister of Kathy Elam) requested prayers

### In The Hospital:

Roger Cook - River Park  
Roberta Parmley - St. Thomas Rutherford

## Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Solomon, sister of our Zollie Settles. Her services will be today (Tuesday) at Gardens of Memory Funeral Home at 1 pm.

## Baptism

We are excited to announce that Brooke Kesey was baptized this past Wednesday evening following services.

## Gospel Singings

- Feb. 23 — Bonner church of Christ, 7 pm.
- Feb. 25 — Main St. church of Christ-Manchester, 2:30-3:30 pm

## Gospel Meeting

The East End church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on March 11-14, services at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

*Exercise daily.  
Walk with the Lord!*

## Youth News

### Spring Youth Retreat March 16-18:

If you plan on going please make sure to sign up ASAP. Food and T-shirts need to be ordered. The sign up sheet is in the foyer on the youth board. If you sign up after Wednesday night I can not guarantee you a t-shirt or a spot. We are allowing other congregations to join in with us on this retreat so you may lose a spot if you do not sign up now.

### Mission Trip Information:

This past Sunday I was given even more donations to go towards our mission trip for this summer. All of these donations are greatly appreciated. We are still in need of more money, so if you can contribute we would greatly appreciate it. Each person that has signed up for this trip has mailed out several letters trying to raise support themselves as well. Thank you for your generous donation thus far. As of right now you have given \$7495.00 towards this trip. Our goal is around \$15,000.00. I will not know the exact total until we are about a month away from going. But thank you for your donations that you have given already.

### Prom Alternative Trip:

The dates are April 20-22 and we will be headed to Atlanta Georgia. Right now I have been told by the seniors that they would like to go rock climbing, to an Atlanta Braves game, and to be able to ride go-karts. If you would like to go please sign up and I will have more details to come.

### Upcoming Youth Events:

- February 28, Birthday Wednesday
- March 4 - Bible Bowl at New Union Church of Christ, Matthew 25-28
- March 11 - Pew Packers
- March 16-18 - Spring Youth Retreat (Sign up sheet in the foyer.)
- March 25 - Home Devotional @ Micah & Amy Lawrence's House
- April 15 - Pew Packers
- April 20-22 - Prom Alternative Trip to Atlanta
- April 29 - Home Devotional @ Aaron & Lindsay Ownbey's House

## We Need More Christians!

The other day I was mowing my yard. Seeing that my neighbor was working in his yard, I killed the engine and walked over to introduce myself. He is a kind, elderly soul that enjoys doing yard work alongside his wife. Nothing, however, could have prepared me for his closing statement before we returned to work in our yards. After finding out that I am a minister, he said, "Keep up the good work. We need more people like you to remind us about religion and what we should be doing."

My first thoughts were, What makes me so special? It was not me personally, but what I represented to this elderly gentleman. Then it dawned on me, He is right. We need more people in this world that properly represent Christ.

We need more Christians! We need more Christians, because Jesus told us to grow our numbers. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus wanted us to be fruitful and multiply.

We need more Christians to bring more glory to God. Christians glorify God by the lives they live. Jesus said to, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven," (Matthew 5:16). If there are more Christians, there are more lights to shine, and then God gets the glory.

We need more Christians living as examples to the world. The Christian life is a journey dedicated to becoming more like Christ. It is a lifestyle that transforms us from selfish to self-less. Putting the Christian life into practice, others see our progress causing us to not only save ourselves but others too (1 Timothy 4:15-16). We positively influence the world, beginning with ourselves.

All Christians have a ministry. That ministry begins within ourselves and grows to our families, friends and the world around us. The conversion of souls and faithful living are not exclusively the role of preachers, teachers, deacons, or elders. God calls all his people to multiply, glorify, and exemplify the Christian life-style. Will you answer that call?

~ Robert E. Guinn ~

## Counting The Cost

Becoming a Christian and living the Christian life is demanding. Those who would suggest that such is simple or easy have not read the Scriptures. Jesus said, "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." ... "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:27, 33.

Imagine a teenager who says, "I want to be a doctor..." That teenager will have to make good grades to get into a good university. That same student will then have to take very hard classes in college while making good grades. After graduation from the university level the demands only increase. One must pass entrance exams to be admitted to medical school. Then after years of schooling, numerous hours of clinical training will one graduate only to have to do an internship before being allowed to take their licensing board examination. Many give up along the way thinking the demands simply too great. Those who persevere are rewarded with well-deserved respect and financial reward.

Jesus used two illustrations relevant to His time. One was a person who intended to build a tower. Jesus said that such a person had to count the cost if he had enough financial resources to finish or else set himself up to be mocked. The other illustration was a king encountering another in battle. Would it be wise to engage in war with that king if he were outnumbered two-to-one? In doing so Jesus was expressly teaching the importance of one not only counting the cost now, but the value at the end.

Given the demands of discipleship does it make good sense for one to become a Christian? Is it worth it for one to give up earthly pleasures to be faithful to God? The writer of Hebrews said regarding Moses, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward." Hebrews 11:25-26. But is it worth it? "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18.

~ Tony Lawrence ~