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Sunday Morning Worship		
Announcements	Brandon Fuston	
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst	
First Prayer	Larry Flatt	
Reading	Tommy Turner	
Scripture	TBA	
Lord's Table	*Tim Gann	
Sermon	Michael Clarke	
Dismiss	Caleh Graves	

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
	John 20:25
	*Kurt Maynard
	*Kane Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
	Kelly Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Jared Mullican
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Tucker Gann
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Nate Turner

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship	162
Bible Study	134
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	90
Contribution	\$4,659

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093 Ushers:......Eddie Palmer, David McColloch, Bruce Pryor
Un/Lock Building:Ronnie Prince/Danny Duncan
Assist Baptisms:Kara Fuston
Pantry Item:Corn
Check Pantry:Mary Flatt
Check Kitchen:Denice Rhea
Check Workroom:Judy Sullivan
VideoCaleb Hughes
Elder Closing RemarksLeonard Clemons

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM	Barry Mayes
Wednesday PM	Paul Hurst

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Radio Program

Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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	Jared Mullican	Mike Mullins	
		Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

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Sick

At Home:

Ken & Nona Martin
Willie Newby
Elmer Rutledge (following surgery)
Jessica Adams (following knee surgery)
Judy Nussbaum
Linda Fults
Rusty Rydner (Daniel Schillinger's son-in-law)

Hospital

Eva Simons - River Park #255 June Crouch - NHC Rehab Helen Morgan - NHC rehab #123 Osborn Huntley - NHC Rehab

Area Events

Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies classes begin August 29. 6 PM - The Period Between The Testaments (Bill Boyd, Kevin Key & Tony Lawrence); at 7 PM 1st & 2nd Thessalonians (Garland Robinson). Classes meet at the West Riverside building.

West Riverside will host a Friday Night Singing on August 23 from 7-9 PM.

Mount Leo will host a VBS on August 24 starting at 9 AM.

Events at the Warren County Fair

Our annual Monday Morning Bible Class will be on September 9, at 9 AM at the Antioch church building. Also, our annual Singing at the Fair will be on Tuesday, September 10, from 6 to 7 PM.

Youth News

August 25, Home Devo
August 28 Birthday Wednesday.
September I - Labor Day Youth Madness @
McMinnville Lanes

September 8-Sunday Night Eats September 15 -H.E.Y. @Smartt

September 22 -Home Devo @Gann's

September 25 -Birthday Wednesday

September 29 - Youth Led Services

Starting Small

Doing something new can be intimidating. We work really hard to avoid doing things that make us uncomfortable, sometimes going to greater lengths and effort just to avoid them! We may never even try just because we are afraid of doing something new or challenging.

Evangelism is like this for many people. It seems to be an impossible goal to convince people to give their life to Jesus and walk away from the world, life, and sometimes family that they love. Multiply that by the perceived pressure to save everyone and the possibility of upsetting people, and it is easy to understand why evangelism is so daunting.

But consider this. Would you climb the most difficult mountain in the world without climbing a smaller one first? Hopefully not! You need time to practice, test your body and your gear, and learn the skills needed to conquer more difficult challenges. Neither can we save everyone overnight. So, take the pressure off yourself and start small.

Jesus started small. He did not march into Jerusalem and attempt to convert the masses in his first sermon as the Messiah. Jesus started with two people: two disciples of John (including Andrew) who left John the Baptist and followed the Lamb of God (John 1:35–40). Andrew then found Peter, and Peter came to follow Jesus. Then Jesus called Philip, who found Nathanael, who then found the Savior (1:43–49).

Jesus started small. We can too. You don't have to save hundreds of people or convert the staunchest atheist in the world to be successful. Every individual soul matters. If we accomplish nothing this year except bringing one person to Christ, we have done well. Find one or two people and focus on bringing them to Jesus.

~ Spencer Clark ~

Evangelism/Outreach Minister at Karns and an adjunct instructor at the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies via Lithia Springs Church of Christ bulletin

Motive Matters

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good" (Rom 12:9).

Doing "good" for the sake of doing "good" is certainly beneficial for the recipient; however, motive matters. In our benevolence, good works, reciprocation in relationships, and the disposition with which we operate matters.

If we are benevolent, active in good works, or reciprocate in relationships for selfish purposes (to upstage others, hold it over others' heads, use them as receipts for later payback, or create a particular façade), those efforts can end up condemning us. Let love be without "dissimulation" (hypocrisy).

"Why" we do a thing matters. Motive matters. Let us operate out of a pure heart with all genuineness.

~ Eric D. Garner ~ preacher for the Ooltewah Church of Christ

Greatness

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians I:6 NASU).

Helen Keller wrote, "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."

I think we all realize what she says is true. How often people get caught up thinking greatness is something recognized by the masses. Seldom do we ever think that God sees greatness in things no one else sees. All the so-called great things done by all the renowned heroes of this world together couldn't compare to all the things the so called "nobodies" have done to make this a better place to live.

Have you ever thought that Acts and the epistles say little or nothing about the other apostles besides Peter, John and Paul? Luke, James (the Lord's brother), Jude, and Mark were not apostles. What about those other men? Have we forgotten there were twelve apostles and not just two or three? Do we really believe Paul converted the Roman world all by himself?

There are some who think that unless a preacher is published, he's not much of a preacher. I have known, and still know scholarly brethren who have no interest in writing for publication. These men are serving the Lord in their niche of the world. I think about the scholarly sisters who corrected me a time or two with their great knowledge of Scripture, and how grateful I am for their humble assistance.

Stop thinking you are a nobody! Jesus died for you. He has a plan for you. I remember when I was young I heard elderly men pray, "Father, use us for your high and holy purposes." I believe those words. Paul said that "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians I:6 NASU).

~ Rob Redden ~
preacher for the Grover Beach Church of Christ in
Grover Beach, CA
via BulletinGold

"A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

