

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
 Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
 Reading.....Kelly Thaxton  
 Scripture.....Ephesians 3:4  
 Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
 Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
 Scripture.....Nehemiah 4:2  
 Lord's Table .....\*Dale Bennett  
 .....\*Willie Newby  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... David McColloch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor  
 Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
 First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
 Reading.....Jacob Graves  
 Invitation.....Paul Hurst  
 Dismiss.....Brandon Fuston

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 161  
 Bible Study..... 135  
 P.M. Worship..... 103  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....95  
 Contribution .....\$4,579

**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/Caleb Graves  
 Assist Baptisms: .....Marsha Collins  
 Pantry Item: .....Tea bags  
 Check Pantry:.....Jane Flatt  
 Check Kitchen:.....Stefanie McColloch  
 Check Workroom:.....Denice Rhea  
 Video.....Caleb Hughes  
 Elder Closing Remarks .....Stanley Graves*

**Van Driver**

Sunday AM & PM .....Barry Mayes  
 Wednesday PM .....Allen Hughes

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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

**Radio Program**

Each Sunday at 1:00 PM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

**TV Program**

Each Sunday at 11:00 AM on BLTV Channel 6

**Shepherds**

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## Sick

### At Home:

Judy Nussbaum  
Eunice Haley  
Susan Pryor

### Hospital

Glenda Ferrell - Manchester Rehab  
Jewell Thomison - River Park #250  
Nancy Rogers will have back surgery on March 4 at Centennial Medical Center.  
Dan Jones, preacher at Earleyville had hip surgery on February 17 at St. Thomas Rutherford

## Prospective New Deacons

The elders placed the names of Barry Mayes and Cory Prince before the congregation to be considered as deacons. The elders ask if you know of any scriptural reason why any of these men should not serve as a deacon that you put it in writing and sign your name to it, and give it to one of the elders no later than February 23. If no scriptural objections are made these men will be installed as deacons on March 2.

## Area Events

The Findlay church of Christ will host an Accordance Seminar on February 27 from 9 AM to 12 PM with Tony Lawrence teaching.

The Arlington church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on March 9-11 with Jeff Archey. For times and topics see the bulletin board.

The East End church of Christ will host a Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies Student Lectureship. Details will be forthcoming.

The Rockliff church of Christ will host a Girls Training Day on April 12, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Speaking will be Amanda Key

Don't forget that our own Gospel Meeting will be April 20-23 with Don Blackwell. Postcards for advertisement are already here. You should be able to pick them up soon.

## CYC this Weekend

Time has come again for us to make our voyage to Pigeon Forge to attend CYC (Challenge Youth Conference). We have several young people going along with several chaperones. We will be leaving this Thursday after school. We will meet at 3:30 pm to load things up and plan on leaving the church building at 4 pm. We will stop in Crossville and eat a bite of supper (some call it dinner 😊). The following day we will be doing an outing as a youth group before we start the sessions on Friday evening. We will be sending a text to those attending for questions and updates. Please pray that our youth group and chaperones will have a safe trip and will grow spiritually from the lessons presented.

## SYR - Fast approaching

SYR (Spring Youth Retreat) is a little over a month away. If the Lord wills, the plans will begin to be finalized this week. Please be looking for the announcement of what all is coming for SYR 2025, the 25th anniversary of SYR.

## Upcoming Youth Events

February 20-23 - Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) @ Pigeon Forge  
February 26 - Birthday Wednesday  
March 2 - Bible Bowl @ Rockcliff  
March 9 - Sunday Night Eats  
March 16 - H.E.Y. @ Rock Island  
March 26 - Birthday Wednesday  
March 28 - 30 - Spring Youth Retreat (SYR) @ Camp Hy-Lake



*Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":*  
**Ecclesiastes 12:1**

## Forgive Seven Times?

In Matthew 18:21-22, we read, "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." Among some of the rabbis it had come to be understood that a man did not have to forgive his neighbor more than three times. They used Amos 1:3 and 2:6 to support this belief. By asking the question the way Peter did, he was going beyond rabbinical teaching. He increased it to seven times. Seven was seen as the number for completion or perfection. Three was the number for heaven and four was the number of the world. Adding them together gave the idea of union of heaven and earth to the rabbis.

However, Peter's question still gave the impression that there was a limit to forgiveness. In the Jewish rabbinical mind one was doing something exceptional to forgive. One was foregoing a right when one forgave someone. To put limitation on it meant there was not an eternal right for forgiveness in the kingdom of God.

Jesus' response demonstrated that God's mercy and grace is eternal. As long as someone is sorry for what he did and asks for forgiveness, forgiveness should be given. Jesus supported this teaching in Luke 17 when He stated that if a brother trespassed against you seven times in one day, then you should forgive him seven times that day if he repented. I am glad that our God is so forgiving. I know that I will stumble and fall in my spiritual life. I know that no matter how many times it happens, I can repent and ask forgiveness and God will give it to me. He is the God of love.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can from it. Obey God. Make sure you are in the proper relationship with Him so that you can receive forgiveness when you sin. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

~ Mark McWhorter ~

*"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:37)*

## Watch Your Mind Food

It is amazing how much time Americans spend on eating. We either prepare the food or discuss where we are going to eat. Then, we eat. Afterward, we discuss how it was and what we might do to make it even better the next time. There are even television channels devoted to food.

Christians need to realize that what we put into our stomachs is not as important as what we put into our minds. Jesus said,

Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man. (Matthew 15:17-20)

Each child of God would be blessed by devoting time to consideration of what he is feeding his mind. The best "restaurant" for the mind is not found in popular music, magazines or television programs. Instead, it is found in a diligent search through God's Word to discover how to be a proper workman for him (2 Timothy 2:15). Those who have been risen with Christ must put their focus on "those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:1-2).

Paul gave specific types of "mind food" on which to focus. "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Any faithful reader of God's Word will recognize the greatest source of materials of these sorts is the Bible. Let us resolve to make daily Bible reading a habit. It will make us better people.

~ Gary C. Hampton ~