

Those to Serve

Announce	Bernie Young
Greeters	Mark & Rachael Jones
Secure Bldg.	Mark Jones
Wed. Song Leader	Perry Taylor

Sunday Morning

Worship Prayer	James Pugh
Lord's Supper	Lead: Jerry Gwin
	Serve: Basil Stinson
	Logan Taylor
	Bernard Young
Scripture Reading	Roy Houlton
Closing Prayer	Matt Stinson
Nursery	Unattended

Sunday Night

Song Leader	Jerry Gwin
Worship Prayer	Roy Houlton
Lord's Supper	Billy Lewis
Closing Prayer	Elders
Nursery	Unattended

Sunday Building Security

Bible Class	Bernie Young
AM Service	Freddy Loftin
PM Service	Bernard Young

Other Assignments

Cards	Kathryn Loftin
Communion Prep.	Theresa Henderson
February Flowers	Roxanne Young

Birthdays & Anniversaries

18- Roy Houlton
19- Barbara Pugh
21- Barbara Haire
24- Kathryn Loftin
27- Lynn Boyd

Our Offering

02/02/2020
\$9,102.50

02/09/2020
\$2,835.00

Mission Works

Agape	Kenny Payne - Ukraine
Childhaven	7 Hills church of Christ (VA)
Apologetic's Press	Glen Buffington - India
Larry Brady -Panama	Strata church of Christ
Gospel Broadcasting	World Christian Broadcasting Mt. Dora Children's Home

Those Needing Prayer for Health Problems

Zack Higman	Michael Cline
Faye Wilson	Pat Cole
Dennis Itson	Marc McKee
Libby Jackson	Hughes Allen
Kim Roberts	Jennifer Perkins
Cathy Robertson	Katie Robinson
Peggy Duggett	Clayton Jackson
Rebecca Doyle	Frankie Buffington
Joel Baxley	Ruby Bradd
Wanda Motes	Roianne Conner
Jennifer Birchmeir	Sarah Pugh
Nancy Matheney	Lynnie Conway
Summer Freeman	Kathy Sereneck
Lisa Green	Dusty Pouncey
Shelia Brown	Mary Ann Golson

CANCER

James Cline	Betty Chestnut
Pat McCain	Warren Salyer
Sue Fain	Paulette Watson
Marion Thompson	Bill & Virginia Evans
Annette Butler	Pat Norman
Jaxson Yarbrough	Mary Sinnard
Michael Leahy	Kitty McDowell
Mannie Houlton	Sally Garcia
George & Nina Herring	

ON-GOING PROBLEMS

Sandra Dunlap	Shane Buffington
Hayden Pate	Jimmy Bundrick
Sarah Gafford	Dickie Flowers
Jackie Lowe	Mike Armstrong
Christine Johnson	Jennifer Mitchell
Darrell Thompson	Daniel Johnson
Langston Burnes	Pam Sanders
Jimmy Mathews	John Slaughter
Angela Wilson	Cody Holmes
Michaela Dillon	George Sorrell
Cannon Breeding	Everett Cole
Chris Jackson	Eunice Wells
Alyssa Melton	Billy Lewis
Terry Olson	Kenny Payne
Wilber Whatley	Barbara Pugh

OTHER

What Must I Do?

HEAR the Word of God. 2Tim.3:16-17; Rom.10:17
BELIEVE in Jesus as God's Son. Heb.11:6; Mk.16:16
REPENT of your sins. Lk.13:3; Acts 2:38
CONFESS your faith in Jesus. Ro.10:9; Ac. 8:36-37
Be BAPTIZED for remission of sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16
Live FAITHFULLY. Rev.2:10; Matt.7:21

Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here!
Please fill out a Visitor Card and place in the collection plate.

Bible Classes

Nursery – 2yr. and under
Pre-School 3 – 5 yr.
Early Elementary k – 3rd
Upper Elementary 4 – 6th
Sr. High & College
Auditorium Adult
Alternate Adult

Services

Sunday

Bible Study..... 9 a.m.
A.M. Worship.....10 a.m.
Pew Packers.....5:30 p.m.
P.M. Worship.....6 p.m.

Wednesday

Ladies Class.....10 a.m.
Bible Study..... 7 p.m.

Elders

Jerry Gwin - James Pugh
Perry Taylor

Minister

Mark Jones

Deacons

Mark Jones
(Benevolence)
Mark Yarbrough
(Education)
Bernie Young
(Worship)

"For no one
can lay any
foundation
other than
the one already laid,
which is
Jesus Christ."
1 Cor. 3:11

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Billy Lewis** received good reports on his tests.
- **Brookes Boothe** is waiting for test results.
- **Jon Adkins** had a heart attack **erett Cole** had outpatient surgery last week to hopefully help with pain.
- **Courtney Norman** is recuperating at home.
- Remember the **Norman family** in their loss. The graveside service will be on Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 at Ramer. The Liberty ladies will be providing the meal for the family and friends at the Ramer church building after the funeral.
- **A complete list of those needing prayer is on the back page.**
- Please fill out a **"prayer request card"** and give it to the elder leading the

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PEW PACKERS CLASS:** The Pew Packer Class will meet today at 5:30.
- **BABY SHOWER:** The Baby Shower honoring Allyson (Houlton) & Dustin Ferguson has been postponed. A new date will be announced soon.
- **FAULKNER LECTURES:** The Faulkner Lectures will be March 1-4. Flyers are on in the foyer.
- **LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** The Ladies Bible Class meets at 10:00 every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00.
- **SENIOR CENTER:** The Senior Center is open every Tues. & Thur. at 10:00 with a devo every Tues. at 11:00.
- **Be sure to check the boards for announcements and sign-up sheets for various opportunities.**

Our Need for Grace

On Father's Day in 2003 Brian (10) was innocently playing with a pair of old handcuffs that his father, a former security guard, had laying around. Brian decided to "attach" himself to his father, who was glad to play along until he realized that the key was missing. After an exhaustive search the police were contacted to help remove the cuffs, which they did, and replaced them with new ones. As a result of routine background checks they discovered two outstanding warrants on Brian's dad (Des Moines Register, June 17, 2003). He thought he had escaped his past. Justice is not very forgiving!

The sad reality of life is that we all struggle with sin. Not only do we struggle, we consistently lose that battle. Two familiar verses burn this reality into our minds: *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Rom. 3:23) and *"the wages of sin is death"* (Rom. 6:23). Therefore, we need God's grace.

Grace has been described in various ways. It is...

"God's unmerited favor"

God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

But no matter how you define it, grace is essential. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God"* (Eph. 2:8).



The congregatiion seemed to be struggling with the meaning of church growth.

The Glorious Church

Among the terms used in the Bible to refer to the church, none is more descriptive of our close relationship to Christ than that of a bride. In Ephesians 5:22-33 Paul compares the husband and wife relationship to that of Christ and the church. The husband is to be *"the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church"* (v. 23), but this headship is to be exercised in the spirit of Christ, as he further writes, *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it"* (v. 25). He anticipates the time when, at the return of Christ, He presents His bride to Himself as *"a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish"* (v. 26).

The beauty and glory of the wedding-attire of the bride of Christ is not of her own doing, but of her husband's. He has so designed the church that despite the deficiencies of those composing the church, it will, in that day, be seen as *"a glorious church."* We would do well to consider why and how this could be so.

First, the church owes its existence to Christ. The passage in Eph. 5 declares that Christ *"gave himself for it"* (v. 25b). He purchased the church (the redeemed) with His own blood (Acts 20:28). Had Christ not shed His blood at Calvary, the church would be non-existent. Under another figure, He is the church's builder (Matt. 16:18; Heb. 8:2). The church's glory reflects the glory of its builder.

Second, the glory of the church is seen in its head, Jesus Christ. The Lord's church has no mere human, or council of men, as its head. As Paul wrote in Col. 1:18: *"He is the head of the body, the church...that in all things he might have the preeminence."*

Third, the glory of the church is evident in the church's foundation. *"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 3:11).

Fourth, the church is glorious because of its glorious purpose. Paul wrote of its purpose when he said, *"Unto him (Christ) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end"* (Eph. 3:21). Through Christ, the redeemed glorify God as the people reconciled to God *"in one body by the cross"* (Eph. 2:16). Returning to Eph. 5, Christ is both the *"head of the church, and he is the Savior of the body"* (v. 23). The purpose of the church is to exist in this world as that body of people called out of the world to show forth the good news of salvation in Christ.

While the church is commonly vilified in the world, its glory will one day be evident. The mansions in which the saved shall dwell (John 14:1-4) will be glorious, but also what we suffer for Christ's sake personally is *"not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us"* (Rom. 8:18). Those who shall partake of this glory are identified as those who are first sanctified and cleansed of sin *"with the washing of water by the word"* (Eph. 5:26). Have you surrendered yourself to Christ, and been added by the Lord to His glorious church? (Acts 2:36-47).

—Adapted