

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM**

Those serving the congregation today

August 9, 2015      August 16, 2015

Bible Class	Dale	Dale
Announcements	Eddie	Harold
Song Leader	Greg	Jerry
Opening Prayer	Carl	CB
Communion:		
Presiding	Jason	Eddie
Serving	Jesse	Allen
	Ryan	Wally
	Grady	Greg D
Sermon	Dale	Dale
Closing Prayer	Bill	Grady

### **EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM**

Announcements	Harold	Eddie
Opening Prayer	Jason	Harold
Lesson/Devo	Dale	Dale
Song Leader	Jim	Jerry
Communion/ Closing Prayer	Eddie	Eddie

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM**

August 12, 2015      August 19 2015

Lesson	Dale	Ryan
Song Leader	Greg	Greg
Opening Prayer	Eddie	Harold
Closing Prayer	Harold	Jason

### **August Greeters—Sharon and Mary**

RESPONSES: Each time we meet together, there is a possibility that someone would like to respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ. We would be very glad to help you if you would like to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, (2) to repent for sin in your life and ask for prayers of the church, or (3) to ask the church to pray for some special need in your life.

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# Church of Christ

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### **Welcome Visitors**

We are honored to have you as our guest. We pray that the worship and fellowship will be a blessing to you. If we can serve you in any way or answer any questions, you may fill out a visitor card on the back of the pews and place it in the collection plate,

### **Nursery/Training Room**

Provided where you may sit with your children during services

# NEWS AND EVENTS

There will be a Sunday evening fellowship following evening services on Sunday August 16. Bring fingerfood to share.

The next Ladies Fellowship will be Thursday, August 27 at 11:00 AM. The Friday night fellowship will resume September 25 at the annual mountaintop campout/cookout

Volunteers are still need to clean the building. Sign up in the foyer for one or more weeks. See Jim Vogel with any questions.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries	
08 Marshall, Steve & Marie	21 Carr, Raimi
10 Owen, Troy & Kimberly	24 Tate, Betty
14 Kilby, Harold & Janie	25 Ferguson, Ashley
15 Christian, Ed	29 Mattson, Greg & Wanda
17 Carr, Jason & Eliasha	

# PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayers for Wayne's brother, Gary who is in hospice.  
 Prayers for all those who are battling cancer.  
 Prayers for those of our number who are traveling.  
 Prayers for the missionaries out in the world.  
 Please continue to pray for those with health concerns:  
 Mary Jane, Bill, Grady, Sibyl, Nancy, Babs, Linda,  
 Helena, Hayley, Wayne, Jim Zappe, Charlie &  
 Shirley, Gary, Ephraim, Jean Fant, Susi Ruman.,  
 Our Military men and women, and the leadership of our  
 nation and our congregation.

A FAMILY WHO PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

## A Trip To The Zoo

Over the years, I have met some pretty strange people – perhaps “unique” would be more appropriate, but “strange” is what came to mind. The ones I am thinking about were brothers and sisters in Christ. I was thinking the other day that if we were all put together in one place it would be a very interesting zoo. One fellow “relaxed” after an argument with his wife by driving 80 to 100 mph on dirt roads. (He took me with him once but I did not find it very relaxing.) I knew a man who was literally the “town drunk” and everyone in the town recognized him as such.

Then there was the elder who was arrested for soliciting a prostitute, the man who wanted to be a minister but refused to attend classes or Sunday PM worship, the youth minister who was “convicted” (in the local newspaper at least – the jury found him innocent) of child abuse and rape, and the counselor who “counseled” a woman into an adulterous affair. To top it all off, there was the woman who murdered another woman in a fit of jealous rage.

Good grief! Who opened the gate and let these nuts in? In these cases at least we know who did it – his name was Jesus the Christ. But it is OK because he was crucified for it. Of course this is tongue-in-cheek (although the things mentioned are all real). For some of these, the end result was repentance and a very effective life in serving Jesus. Others of them – to my knowledge, at least – have never repented and (from what is said in Scripture) will be lost, but God will decide for both groups. The point is, who could worship in a church made up of those people. Think of all the distractions; think of all the sins. How could Jesus let this happen?

The truth is he didn't “let” it happen, he “planned” for it to happen. Those are the very people who need his forgiveness and the church has been made up of those people from the beginning. Don't believe me? Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. WE ARE THOSE PEOPLE. But we have been FORGIVEN. This is not a zoo; it is the kingdom of God made up of people whose lives have changed, been cleansed, given life and promise.

Before we talk about how strange others are, perhaps we should wonder how strange they would think us to be if they knew our story.

Love ya,  
 Dale

# NOTES

Family Records Last Week	
Sunday Morning Worship	72
Sunday Evening	22
Wednesday Evening	24
Contribution	\$2014
Weekly Budget	\$1500

Elders		Schedule of Services	
		Sun	Bible Study 9:30 am
Harold Kilby	567-9764		Worship 10:30 am
Eddie Rose	567-4349		Evening Service 6:00 pm
			Youth Group 6:10 pm
		Wed	Bible Study 7:00 pm
Jason Carr	592-0791	Thurs	Ladies Devotional 11:00 am
Jim Vogel	451-0782		(every other week)
		Friday	Fellowship (EOW) 6:00 pm
		Tues	Men's Breakfast 8:00 am