

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

Those serving the congregation today

August 14, 2016 August 21, 2016

Bible Class	Dale	Dale
Announcements	Eddie	Harold
Song Leader	Jerry	Ryan
Opening Prayer	Harold	Eddie
Communion:		
Presiding	Jason	Greg
Serving	Rami	Harold
	Jessie	Eddie
	Pat	Jason
Sermon	Dale	Dale
Closing Prayer	Carl	Jerry

EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM

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

August Greeters—Patty and Nancy

**Readings for the week: Numbers 6:22–27;
Psalm 150; Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15**

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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**For where
two or
three
gather in my
name, there
am I with them.**

Matthew 18:20

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, or you may contact our Elders.

Nursery/Training Room

Provided where you may sit with your children during services



NEWS AND EVENTS

Remember our Grateful Givers food drive headed up by the teens. See Ryan with any questions.

Men's Breakfast is each Tuesday in July at 8:30am

Ladies Bible Study Thursday, Aug 4th & 18th at 11:00am

Friday Night Fellowship: Aug 12th- Salads; Aug 26th - Cheese, Fruit, Veggies

Sunday Evening Fellowship - Aug 21st- Apps & Ice Cream

Great News! Jameson and Stacey Woodard (and Katie) expressed their desire to be a part of this congregation; even better News – Stacey was baptized into her Lord for the forgiveness of sins. We rejoice with them in her decision.

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PRAISE AND PRAYER

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, Babs, Linda, Helena, Hayley, Charlie & Shirley, Ephraim, Jeff Landers, April's mother Linda, Allen Owen, Ed, Donola and her daughters Becky & Yvonne, Mertle.

Our Military men and women, and the leadership of our nation and our congregation.

A FAMILY WHO PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

What Is It All About?

There was a recent newspaper article about a church changing its name from its "traditional" identity to a name that would give it a connection to the community. It said there was a stigma that had been attached to the old name because of the actions of people in another part of the country. The article told of some of the things they were doing in the community and how a young couple who would never have visited otherwise came, listened to the band, and said, "they had so much fun and loved it." After reading the article I began to wonder about what people expect when they "go to church."

First of all, there has been the feeling by many in the churches of Christ that the name should be changed to put the stigma of arguments and hypocrisy on the part of some behind us, and form a new identity with the world. To be perfectly honest, I can't think of a better name or community to identify with than that belonging to Jesus Christ. Also, if you change your name every time a hypocrite is identified or a disagreement arises nobody would ever know who you are. That is true of any religious or secular group. Jesus did not change his name when the Pharisees criticized his work.

It is also important to note that it is not possible for one to "go to church." If you are a Christian, you ARE the church. You might go to an assembly of the church but the identity of being a child of God is yours individually. Christianity is not a group effort but it does carry a group responsibility. That is, contrary to popular belief, "going to church" will not make you a Christian, but a Christian will attend the assembly of and enjoy the fellowship of the saints.

I don't know what Jesus' followers expected (other than the occasional free meal) when they went to listen to his sermons. Likewise with Peter and Paul as people gathered to worship with them, but I can tell you what they got. They got uplifting words, stories with moral direction, they got information about living an effective, good, life with lasting relationships, and they were educated in the character and being of God and Christ. They heard of the love and sacrifice of Jesus. They heard about a cross of shame and an empty grave. Yes, there were times of guilt when they were made to face the sins that characterized their past but there was, along with the guilt, a message of forgiveness, hope, and eternal life. Nowhere do I see where Christians gathered for entertainment and party time. However, I do see them responding with lives of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I will trade an hour of entertainment for eternal life with Christ anytime. That's what it is all about.

Love ya,
Dale

Graceful Givers

Accepted/Needed Items

Food: Non-perishable; Bread is Accepted

Clothes: Kids Clothing; Shoes; Socks; Jackets; Sweaters; Blankets; Towels; Wash Clothes; Pillows

Supplies: Soap; Deodorants; Shampoo; Toilet Paper; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; laundry Soap; Kitchenware

School Supplies: Coloring Books; Pencils; Crayons; Kids Toys

BIBLES

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" Matthew 25:35

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor" Proverbs 22:9

Family Records Last Week

Sunday Morning Worship	59
Sunday Evening	16
Wednesday Evening	13
Contribution	\$2089
Weekly Budget	\$1500

Elders

Harold Kilby 567-9764
Eddie Rose 567-4349

Deacons

Jason Carr 592-0791
Jim Vogel 451-0782

Evangelist

Dale Rhodes 274-4717

Schedule of Services

Sun	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Evening Service	6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:10 pm
Wed	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thurs	Ladies Devotional	11:00 am
	(every other week)	
Friday	Fellowship (EOW)	6:00 pm
Tues	Men's Breakfast	8:00 am