

## NO EXCUSE SUNDAY

In order to make it possible for everyone to attend both Bible class and worship next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday".

Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to both Bible class AND worship." Blankets will be furnished for those who think the building is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.

We will provide hearing aids for those who say, "The preacher speaks too softly," and cotton for those who say "the preacher speaks too loudly. Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Members of the church's family will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sundays. There will be TV dinners for those who can't be in church and home to cook dinner at the same time. One section will be devoted to trees, grass and a small pond for those who like to see God in nature.

Finally, the front of the auditorium will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the auditorium except during those holidays.

If we have not provided for your particular excuse, please call the church office and we will try to accommodate for that also."

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 1: Men's Breakfast & Meeting @ 8:00am in the fellowship hall.**

**May 8: Breakfast for Singles (45 & older,) Widows & Widowers, fellowship hall @ 8:30am.**

**June 26: Vacation Bible School  
Theme: "Faith Is the Victory"**

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Times of Worship:

SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 7:00pm - Bible Study

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# MONITOR

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## CARL'S THOUGHTS:

What an encouraging day for all of us this past Lord's Day! 406 of us assembled for worship 210 stayed for Bible Class and about this many for a pot luck dinner. We hope that everyone will continue to invite friends and family to be with us each Lord's Day.

Our hearts were made to rejoice this past week as Joyce Kirby rededicated her life to the Lord. Many years ago, she was baptized into Christ at the Goodlettsville church of Christ. After going through the 3 open Bible studies. She decided to reconnect her life to the Lord. Welcome Joyce into our fellowship.

We also want to thank everyone for the planning of our fellowship meal. It was so organized. And what about all the wonderful food that was prepared! God surely continues to bless us at Main Street.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:23-24: *"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."*

**Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!**

Wednesday April 21, 2010

**FOR THE RECORD**

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Morning Worship: (Apr. 18) .....   | 406     |
| Bible Study .....                  | 210     |
| Evening Worship.....               | 117     |
| Midweek Bible Study (Apr. 14)..... | 120     |
| Contribution: (Apr. 18).....       | \$6,785 |

**HOSPITAL**

**Garland Brown**, Centennial, Rm. 3307  
**Bill Bouldin**, Centennial, Rm. 4114  
**Bobbie Deadman**, Man. Medical, Rm. 103

**AT HOME**

**Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson,**  
**Beverly Vanover, Kenneth Poff,**  
**Richard Barlow.**

**NURSING HOME**

**Ervin Walker**, Man. Health Care, Rm. 401  
**Linda Robison**, Man. Health Care, Rm. 304

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL**

The menu for Wednesday, April 28th is: Boston Butt, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Drink & Donuts. Remember to make your reservation by signing the list in foyer by Sunday, Apr. 25th. This is for any member and the cost is: **\$3.00 per person.** There is a special rate for families.

*Our goal for all of those who eat with us is to stay and attend Bible class @ 7:00pm.*

**REDEDICATED HER LIFE**

We rejoice that Joyce Kirby has rededicated her life to Christ. She lives at : 726 Butler Circle, Phone: 728-4334. F10/26.

**READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:**

Virginia Johnson

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**Corn Meal Mix, Mayonnaise, 2# Sugar**

**GOSPEL MEETING**

**April 21-23:** Pocahontas, 7:00pm  
Speakers: Greg Ray, Alan Northcutt  
Justin Morrison

**MEN TO SERVE**

**THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. APR. 25:**

**9:00AM**

**Song Leader:** Mahlon Crosslin  
**First Prayer:** Wayne Rigney  
**Scripture:** John Lawson  
**Closing Prayer:** Gene Parker

**6:00PM**

**Song Leader:** Mahlon Crosslin  
**First Prayer:** Wayne Shelton  
**Scripture:** John Lawson  
**Closing Prayer:** Roger Taylor

**SERMON TITLES:**

**A.M.:** "The Holy Spirit Today" (Romans 8:9-17)  
**P.M.:** "Choosing Men God's Way" (Acts 6:107)

**PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. APR. 25:**

Davis & Andrew Green

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. APR. 25:**

Linda Moore & Shirley Villani

**THOSE TO SERVE, WED. APR. 28:**

**Devotional:** Carl Sims  
**Announcements:** Adam Willmore  
**Opening Prayer:** Bob Gillen  
**Closing Prayer:** John McInturff  
**Song Leader:** Jonathan Hall

**CARE TEAM MEETING**

Ron & Ella Livingston's Care Team #3 will meet Friday, April 23rd @ 5:45pm @ the Bell Buckle Café. The bus will **not** be taken.

**CARE BOX**

Girl Scout Troop #507 has provided a box in the foyer for Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue for Shepherd's House Homeless Shelter in Tullahoma. If you have any questions, see Amie Woods.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY**

**April 25:** Pocahontas, B.S. 9:00,  
Worship 10:00am, Evening worship: 1:30pm  
Speaker: David Haley  
Fellowship meal to follow morning worship.

**SINGING**

**April 25:** Morrison, 7:00-11:00pm

**TEENAGE BIBLE STUDY**

**April 25:** New Union, 6:00pm

**ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

**April 25:** Lane St., B.S. 10:00am,  
Worship: 11:00am, Dinner: 1:00pm  
Evening Worship: 2:15pm.  
Speaker: Burnes Lyons



To Our Main Street Family,

We want to thank you for all you have done for us following my grandmother's death. We appreciate the beautiful church house you sent us, the visits to the funeral home, your prayers, and comforting words. You have helped us to feel blessed even in this time of loss. Thanks again. In Christian love,  
Jonathan & Megan Hall

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

11-Jayson & Chris Little  
19-Aaron & Signe Williams  
21-Eric & Gabby West  
29-Buddy & Betty Fetzer  
29-Leroy & Shelia Munsey  
30-John & Judy Jouett

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

01-Debbie Farless  
01-Caden Long  
04-Byanka Woods  
05-Martha Armstrong  
05-Brandy Henley  
06-Sally Owens  
07-Olivia Henley  
09-Jimmy Jetton  
11-Carlton Long  
12-Ethel Irwin  
12-Sky Smith  
16-John Lawson  
16-Pon Walker  
19-Garland Brown  
19-Ralph Elam  
19-Chris Little  
20-Dorothy Bramblett  
21-John McInturff  
21-Linda Moore  
21-Betty West  
22-Sandra McCall  
22-Monica Reed  
22-Joe Verner  
24-Buddy Fetzer  
24-Rachelle Long  
26-Damon Bailey  
27-Phyllis Adams  
29-Eugene Warren  
30-Josh Graham  
30-Andrew Vanbutsel  
31-Leroy Munsey

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE**

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Lessons Graded (Apr. 14-Apr. 20) ..... | 1,425 |
| Requests For Personal Contact .....    | 2     |
| Students served .....                  | 570   |

**THIS IS NOT A HAMBURGER STAND**

I had a call early one Sunday morning and a person asked, "How long will your service last, and do you serve the Lord's Supper first or last?" They were probably traveling and wanted their "crackers and grape juice" to go! Many are demanding today that we be quick and convenient. It seems that many religious leaders are taking the Burger King approach: "Have it your way!" But we are not a hamburger stand. We are the body of Christ. It is tempting to apply the fast food approach, but it will be deadly to the church.

Will some offer a drive-in window where one can get the Lord's Supper on their way to go fishing? Will we eventually have home delivery "Hold the lettuce, hold the pickles." Some in the church want to "hold the water" in salvation. "Hold the preaching—shorten the service!" "Hold the doctrine" "Hold the singing!" You can't hold anything God's Word requires!

We hear some saying, "Change! Adapt! Conform or die!" We must not panic because we do not do the business that a hamburger stand does. We are not in the growth business. At least this is not our number one priority. We are to sow, plant, water, and God gives the increase (I Cor 3:6). **We are not in the people pleasing business—we are in the God pleasing business (whether people are pleased or not)!**

Until we can convince the world that it is sick with sin, lost and dying and that Jesus is the only hope, men will continue to criticize God's system.

The church is facing a spoiled, pampered, indulged generation and we must not give in.

—Borrowed