

TIMES OF SERVICES
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday PM Worship 2:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 PM
Ladies Bible Class Tuesday
10:00 AM

THOSE SERVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Wiley Ballard

SONG LEADERS
Sept 17 Rob Stroud
Sept 24 Chris Tidwell

PRESIDE:
Sept 17 Dwayne Watson
Sept 24 Michael Walker

**SERVING ON LORD'S
TABLE:**
1.Boyd Cribb
2.Jimmy Telcide
3.Michal Thompson
4.Bobby Fincher
5.Kenneth Fincher
6.Wiley Ballard
7.Steven Pütz
8.Doug Durham

DOOR GREETERS
Sept 17 Marcia Anderson/
Sandy Bobb
Sept 24 Larry/Gail Chunn

**PREPARING LORD'S SUP-
PER**
Dee McGinnis

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September 17, 2017

**IF EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH WERE JUST LIKE ME,
WHAT KIND OF CHURCH WOULD THIS CHURCH BE?**

The goal of the churches of Christ should always be to follow Jesus first, then to restore the church as we read about her in the first century. We should be a church whose head is Christ, and who seeks first and foremost of all, his glory and honor. Some in the world and in the church have made light of this goal, asking questions such as, “Which New Testament church will we strive to be like – Corinthians with its myriad problems from division to marriage and the resurrection? Or Thessalonians with its problems of understanding the Second Coming? Or Galatians with its problems of false teachers that divide the church and enslave the brethren by falsehoods?”

We seek not to restore the problems with the church – we seek instead to see their problems, see what God said to solve their problems, and apply these principles to make sure the church is what GOD wants it to be.

As we look at the letters to the churches in the New Testament, we see that they had problems in doing God’s will—“*God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*” (Matthew 6:10). We desire to imitate the new testament church in what was good, and we need to strive to imitate the first century church in steadfastness (faithfulness to God), in constant, daily, believing prayer, and daily personal evangelism. It is not just the work of elders or the leaders—it must be the work of every member of the church so that the church may be strong.

Paul often used the comparison of the church to that of a body, where all of its parts work together for the building up of the body (1 Corinthians 12). Not all can be an eye, or a hand, or even the heart; all parts of the body are needed to perform his/her function for the church to grow.

Perhaps this is why the early church worked so hard at fellowship. In Acts 2-4 we read of the church having all things in common, going from house to house, and proving its love to all the members. This demands that we look at our fellowship – do we have all things in common? If a brother or sister has needs that we have the ability to take care of, are we willing to do what we can to meet those needs? Are we willing to go from house to house, showing and giving hospitality, and helping encourage one another in the church? Do we show love to ALL the members, or just the ones that we like? How are we doing at this Bible command to fellowship?

The early church was willing to sacrifice everything for the good of the body. As we read of the church in the New Testament we see a spirit of sacrifice and commitment to see the church/body become what God designed the church to be. We see a willingness to sacrifice comforts and desires for the good of the whole. They understood the concept of the church being a family, and the need for each member to sacrifice what they could for the good of the whole. That is why they considered that they had all things in common (Acts 2:44-45). The members of the church wanted the church to flourish in every

IN THE MILITARY:

Ishmael Gordon-California
Jesse Blanton-Germany
Jon Shipp-Texas
Micaiah Thompson-NC
Malachi Bien-Aime-VA

SHUT INS

Fannie Pigg/Kevin Bierley

IN NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

Melba Shinholster

Star Manor Assisted Living
241 Nelson St.
Cartersville GA 30120

Sarah Harmon

Presbyterian Village
East/West Connector

Thelma Pirtle

Powder Springs Nursing Home
room 305
Powder Springs GA
770-222-7056

Jerry/Roslyn Anderson

Delmar Gardens
Smyrna GA

Eva Lou Satterfield

Pruitt Nursing Home
Room 149
Mulkey Rd.

Joy Rebb

Powder Springs Nursing Home
room 213
Powder Springs GA

OUR SICK & PRAYER REQUEST

AMANDA WOODS is trying a new treatment that seems to be helping.
BARRY BROADWAY covets our prayers as he battles cancer again.
TINA BROADWAY is having problems with her leg.
BETTY JANE ROGERS (Nancy Walker's mother) stroke.
CHARLES SMITH (Lexann's uncle) dealing with diabetes and dementia.
CHRISTIAN LAMMERS (neighbor of Peter's family) stomach cancer and diabetes.
DAVID NIXON is doing great and asks for prayers for continued healing for him and his mother.
DIANA NIXON will be seeing her primary doctor on Monday. Still having breathing problems.
DOMINIC COMMISSO had a heart attack on his way back to GA. He is now back home in GA and is doing well after another stent was put in.
DOROTHY CASON continues her recovery from surgery; she has been able to be back with us.
DWIGHT REESE prostate cancer.
FRITZ TELCIDE (Joanne Bryant's father) early onset dementia.
JACKIE STUBBLEFIELD will have a CT scan on September 27.
JAMES BROWN (Dwight Reece's Stepdad) Prostate Cancer.
JOY REBB asks for prayers for her sister Pat Hunter, Pat's husband and their youngest daughter Jennifer.
KEITH DURHAM (brother of Doug Durham) is struggling with addiction.
LARRY SHEEHY, Susan Jackson's brother, is having health issues due to the treatment for lymphoma.
LAURA SALINAS battling Chron's disease.
LESSIE DANIELS has lymphoma and hepatitis C; she will be receiving treatment soon. She needs our encouragement and prayers.
MARK HAYES (nephew of Jean Cribb) may have to have leg amputated.
MARY WHEELER, (Amanda Woods Grandmother) Alzheimer's.
MOLLY DURHAM (Doug Durham's grandmother) dementia.
MYRIAME THOMPSON asks for prayers for her mother Maude.
NANCY EASON (Marie Fincher's cousin) is recovering after a tree fell on her.
SHIRLEY GLOSSON is in ICU room 244 with congestive heart failure.
SOPHIE WALKER Spina Bifida.
VIOLET WATSON, Dwayne Watson's mother, is now in rehab.
WILMA BERRY (Celeste's mother) is suffering with rheumatoid arthritis.

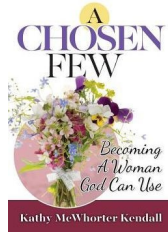
RESPONSES
MARGARET WATSON responded Sunday thanking everyone for the support through this time and asks for continued prayers.

TOUCHING OTHERS!

Jesus called people to Himself. He promised them rest for their weary souls. Most ignored His invitation. That problem still exists today. Why do so many choose to go it alone? This week, think of those you know who seem to be trying to go it alone. Give some of them a call. Send them a text or email to let them know you are thinking of them. Pray for them. Sometimes all someone might need is to realize someone really cares. Jesus did.
Steven Clark Goad, Blythe, CA

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday Morning each week at 10am. They are studying the book **A CHOSEN FEW** by Kathy Kendall.



ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

September 10, 2017

Sunday AM Bible Study 83
 Sunday AM Worship 132
 Sunday PM Worship ??
 Wednesday Bible Study 59

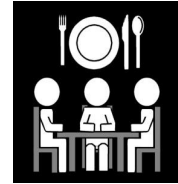
CONTRIBUTION

Budget \$4,500.00

Contribution: \$3,913.00

SENIOR LUNCHEON

October 12th



AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

October 1

At Central Church Of Christ



RAINTREE VILLAGE
 The truck for Raintree will be here October 2nd. Please purchase the item on the slip and bring and place it in the foyer.



LADIES NIGHT OUT

October 6th

We will meet at the building at 7pm. We need to do some cleaning and organizing.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Will be October 21 at the building at 8am.



Georgia Agape's Celebration Banquet

Georgia Agape's Celebration Banquet is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 28th and will be held at the Westin Atlanta North at Perimeter, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be Agape's new Executive Director, Racquelle Grant. Racquelle is uniquely qualified for the role of Executive Director and will share her vision for the future. Agape's banquets are always filled with great fellowship, delicious food and an inspirational program. The cost is \$35.00 per person (less than Agape's cost) and is a great night out! To order your tickets, call the Agape office at 770-452-9995.



UPCOMING EVENTS

South Cobb Blood Drive: October 7 10-3 Fellowship Hall

To schedule online:

<http://www.redcrossblood.org/give>

enter the zip code, look for the South Cobb and schedule



To view eligibility requirements:

<http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/eligibility-requirements>

See Eric about donating or volunteering.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

My fellow teacher called for help—she needed someone who knew about animals. As a science teacher, I filled the bill. "Oh," she added, "bring a net." Expecting to find some kind of beast as I entered her classroom, I was greeted instead by the sight of excited kids watching a hummingbird fly around. Rather than use the net, I suggested they hang red paper by an open door. The bird would be drawn to it, I explained, and eventually fly out. Later, the teacher called back. The trick worked. "Now," she said, "we have two hummingbirds flying around the room."



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way – do we? The result was that the church grew by leaps and bounds, and changed the culture they were in.

Unfortunately, our culture today has changed the church, rather than the church changing the culture. We have placed more emphasis on getting Christians to come to church, rather than be the church.

Studies are now showing that the church must stop catering to the “felt needs” of members of the church and reach out to the lost as Jesus said we must (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20) if we will continue to live and thrive. When the church of the first century kept their focus on reaching the lost, they grew. When the church focused on developing and maturing Christians, so they could teach others, the church prospered. But when the church became inwardly focused; when they were not fighting the outward enemy of the world, they lost their purpose and died. The worst thing that ever happened to the church was it for it to be accepted by Rome and made the official religion of the empire.

Selfishness kills! This is why Jesus says his disciples must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him. (Mark 8:34)

Again, the success or failure of the church is dependent on what the members of the church are willing to do and sacrifice for the good of the church. “If every member of the church were just like me, what kind of church would this church be??” May we commit ourselves to the Lord first, then his church as never before, and commit ourselves to doing what God said we should do.

I write these things not to discourage; but to encourage. When we all dedicate ourselves to being more like Christ, maturing in the faith and growing in him, and teaching and encouraging others the gospel both in and out of the church, we will be the church God wants us to be. Encourage me as I strive to encourage you!

Love, Tommy

A WISE ANSWER

A little girl, age 3, was riding in a taxi with her mother when she pointed to the driver and asked, “Mommy, why is he so black?”

The mother noticed that the man’s shoulders stiffened at the question. She hastily searched for the right words that would satisfy both the driver and her daughter. “God makes people as He makes flowers in the garden, so the world will be more colorful. Some are white, some brown, some black, some yellow – and there are all shades in between. That makes us all the more interesting to look at, don’t you think?” The little girl nodded, for this made sense.

As they left the cab the black driver said to the mother, “Ma’am, when my little girl gets big enough to ask why some people are white, I’ll know what to tell her now. Thank you.”

Oh, what a wise mother that woman was! She created light instead of darkness, trust instead of suspicion. She thought too much of her daughter’s soul, the taxi driver’s soul, and her own soul to traffic in hate.

“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’ you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors” (James 2:8,9).

“For there is no partiality with God” (Romans 2:11).
via Findlay church of Christ
Sparta, TN

