



August 12, 2018

1776 Clay Road
Mableton, GA 30126

TIMES OF SERVICES:
Sunday Bible Study 10 AM
Sunday AM Worship 11 AM
Sunday PM Worship 5 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 PM
Ladies Bible Class Tuesday 10 A

THOSE SERVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Eric Johnson

SONG LEADER
Aug 12 Rob Stroud
Aug 19 Bruce Stroud
Aug 26 Chris Tidwell

PRESIDING:
Aug 12 Doug Pirtle
Aug 19 Michal Thompson
Aug 26 Eric Johnson

A/V ROOM
Aug 12 Augustine Sunday
Aug 19 Kenneth Fincher
Aug 26 George Awuley

SERVING ON LORD'S TABLE:
1. Emmett Peters
2. Romund McConis
3. Hubert Grier
4. Wade Peters
5. Amir Williams
6. Kevan Baker
7. George Awuley
8. Ed Singleton

DOOR GREETERS:
Aug 12 Pat/Dominic Comisso
Aug 19 Jenny Stubblefield/Margaret Watson
Aug 26 Beth Hester/LaRheasa Tidwell

PREPARING LORD'S SUPPER
Marcia Anderson/Sandy Bobb

We are so glad to see all of you here worshipping with us this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope that you will come back. If you have any questions about anything, please contact us and we will sit down and talk. In all things we pray that GOD will receive glory!

**What your preacher wishes you knew.
Jack Wilkie July 25, 2018**

The life of a minister is one of those things that's hard to understand unless you've lived it. The weight of responsibility of setting a Christ-like example and preaching correct doctrine is not something we take lightly. Beyond that, we have the unique challenges of maintaining our personal lives and working on our imperfect relationship with God while carrying the weight of helping others in their personal lives and relationships with God.

So, I asked my ministry friends to share things they wish church members understood about the life of a minister. I wanted to give them the opportunity to say things that give a glimpse into the mind of a minister, things that they wouldn't necessarily say from the pulpit or in conversations with members. The following is a collection of their comments, categorized by the main topics that seemed to emerge from their suggestions.

(I want to make it clear that these aren't being shared to complain or criticize or cast a negative view of ministry. We love what we do – it's the best job in the world. Instead, the purpose is to share things that church members might not know or realize about the life of a minister. Awareness helps, as the members who understand the concepts discussed below are often those who are most helpful to our work and the biggest encouragement to us and our families.)

The work

I wish they knew that I think about them and their families even after I come home from work. I never leave my job at the office. I'm practically on call 24/7 even on my days off.

I wish they knew that we aren't employees. We are fellow laborers who are constantly under a microscope, unlike themselves.

Preachers wish that their congregations knew that he isn't paid to preach.

Preachers wish that their congregations knew that he works hard at what he does.

Preachers wish that their congregations knew that he measures success in changed lives.

IN THE MILITARY

ISHMAEL GORDON - FL
JESSE BLANTON - GERMANY
JON SHIPP - TEXAS
MICAIAH THOMPSON - SPAIN
MALACHI BIEN-AIME - CA
MICAH THOMPSON - VA

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING

FANNIE PIGG
KEVIN BIERLEY
MELBA SHINHOLSTER
SARAH HARMON
THELMA PIRTLE
JERRY/ROSLYN ANDERSON
EVA LOU SATTERFIELD
JOY REBB
MAUDE BIEN-AIME
SHIRLEY GLOSSON

MISSIONS:

GA AGAPE
RAINTREE VILLAGE CHILDREN'S
HOME
RAINBOW OMEGA
ROBERT MARTIN -PACIFIC
ISLAND
A MISSIONARY IN DUBAI
WAYNE PARKER POHNPEI

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING West
Georgia Church of Christ
August 26-29 with Larry Acuff.

WIDOWHOOD

LUNCHEON Villa Rica Church
of Christ August 29th at 11:30.
Menu is BBQ.

LADIES DAY Monroe Church
of Christ Sept. 8th 9:30-11:30.
Lunch will be served. Nursery
provided.

LADIES DAY Rockmart
Church of Christ October 6th
8:30 Brunch served.

OUR SICK AND PRAYER REQUESTS

AMANDA WOODS ongoing health problems.
BETTY SINGLETON asks for prayers for her cousin's mother in law
that is in hospice in NJ.
CLARA NELL MCCROY has shingles.
CHARLES SHIPP was not feeling well Wednesday.
CODY SHIPP is back but still in need of our prayers.
DAVID NIXON needs our continued prayers.
FRITZ TELCIDE (Joanne Bryant's father) early onset dementia.
HUBERT GRIER asks for prayer for his twin brother Herbert and
brother in law James as both are dealing with health issues.
JEAN CRIBB is in a lot of pain with her back and legs.
JOY REBB asks for prayers for her sister **PAT**, her brother in law **JIM**
and her niece **JENNIFER** who are all having health issues.
KYLEE. 4 year old niece of Doug and Lindsey Durham is having heart
surgery to repair a hole in her heart sometime in the next few weeks.
MARICE ALLEN needs our prayers and encouragement as she is
taking another round of chemo for liver cancer.
MARY COLE asks for prayers for her cousin Teresa who has brain
cancer.
REMY PütZ broke his elbow while riding his bike. A cast was put on
Monday. They will see how he does for about 4 weeks.
SHIRLEY GLOSSON having a CT scan this week.
STEVE WATTS has pancreatic cancer.
SUSAN JACKSON was sick at home last week with a stomach bug.
TAMMI RITCHIE will have a chest X-ray for a cough she has had for 4
months.
TYLER JOHNSON will not need surgery for at least a year.
VERNA HITE fell and broke her arm. They are keeping it immobilized
and will re-evaluate in a couple of weeks. They hope she will not have to
have surgery.

NAMES WILL BE REMOVED IF NO UPDATES ARE GIVEN IN 2 weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 12 Area Wide Youth Devo at Woodstock Church of Christ 4pm
Aug 18 Men's Breakfast at the building 8am
Aug 19 Elders/Deacons Meeting
Aug 25 Congregational Meal 9am at the building. Menu is Breakfast
Sept 08 Lifeline Screening here at South Cobb
Sept 13 Senior Luncheon
Sept 23 Kenny Holton will be here giving an update on Raintree Village

Psalm 119:97

There's an old adage that says, "Familiarity breeds contempt." That
may hold true in some situations, but not when you're discussing the
law of God. Familiarity breeds love. It was because of the psalmist's
daily and day-long contemplation of God's word that he could
exclaim, "O how I love Your law!" And, in turn, his growing love for
the law made it his "meditation all the day."

I don't know about you, but that's a repeating cycle I'd like to be in!

Eddie Parrish

Brown Trail church of Christ

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Teacher: Class, we will have only half a day of school this morning.

Class: Hooray!

Teacher: We will have the other half this afternoon.

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

August 05, 2018

Sunday AM Bible Study 79

Sunday AM Worship 132

Sunday PM Worship 73

Wednesday Bible Study 54

CONTRIBUTION

Budget \$4,500.00

Contribution: \$5,296.66

SENTENCE SERMONS

An optimist is one who can always see the bright side of the other person's problem.

If at first you do succeed, don't stop. Set a new goal, and try something harder.

Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Philippians 2:14-16 (KJV)

If a member intellectually teaches that a preacher is not a pastor (unless the congregation has a dual elder-preacher thing going), then they shouldn't practically expect the preacher to do the job of a pastor.

I wish church members would not be overly proud that they don't call me a "pastor" even though they treat me like one.

I wish church members would define my work the way that Scripture does.

Criticism

If you have a problem or something you don't like, come talk to us and not elders or other members.

We can tell when you don't like us or our preaching.

I wish members knew how deflating and disheartening it is for a minister to hear gossip and rumors about him or (especially) his family.

We wish you would hold yourself to the same standard that you hold us.

It's hard not to take everything personally.

Constructive criticism is much easier to take from people who regularly encourage us.

Our imperfections

I wish they knew that we have struggled. That we are not perfect.

We live with James 3:1 hanging over our heads every day of our life. We are imperfect. We need grace as much as the next person.

Read through Hebrews 11. In that amazing list of godly people were murderers, harlots, liars, drunkards...please forgive and/or tolerate preachers who struggle with addiction, depression, obesity, introversion, or a poorly worded sermon from time to time.

I wish members knew how preachers struggle with sin, selfishness, loneliness, and how they can never feel fully vulnerable without fear.

I wish church members would not hold me to a higher standard than God does.

The church

You discourage me when you don't show up for services and you could.

We wish you knew how much it hurts the body when you (a member) don't think it's important to be there when we're gathered.

Preachers wish that their congregations knew it isn't HIS congregation.

Preachers wish that their congregations knew that he really cares about each of them.

I wish church members would talk with me about spiritual things on days not Sunday and Wednesday.

I wish church members would realize that though we may not always see eye to eye, we're still on the same team.

I wish church members knew that there are very few times when they're not on my mind.

We want you to know how often we think and pray about you at home.

I wish they knew the love and energy that it takes to be a minister in the Lord's church.

Personal life

I wish church members would realize that my family is my first ministry.

I wish church members would realize that preachers should not have to live any less comfortably than they do.

I wish church members would realize that the lesson steps on my toes while I'm writing it and preaching it.

I wish church members would not act like that I'm the only person who lives in a "glass house" (Hebrews 4:13).

When we lose our job, we lose our friends, our home, and most of the time are forced to move to a new city or even state.

It's ok to be friends with the minister and his family. Ministry is lonely. It can especially be lonely for the minister's spouse and children. Friendship is one of the best gifts a congregation can give.

I wish people wouldn't censor themselves because I'm a minister. Speak to me like you'd speak to anyone else. For a couple reasons – 1) I like having real interactions with people that aren't necessarily ministerial. But also 2) It's hard to minister to a projection of a person. If you aren't your true and honest self, I can't minister to your actual needs.

Invite the minister and his family to have lunch with you Sunday after services. It could be McDonald's and you don't even have to pay. But the fact that you wanted to spend time with them will mean a ton.

Again, these are not shared to criticize or complain, but to give a glimpse into our hearts and minds. We love you and care about you. We desperately want to be faithful to God in serving Him and you. It's because we care that it hurts when we are brought down. It is because we care that we carry the weight of our responsibility with us 24/7.

I want to thank all of those who shared thoughts for this post. I hope their words give you a greater perspective in your interactions with your minister(s). It's a hard work, but a little bit of shared perspective and empathy can go a long way toward keeping us going.

I love you brethren. And I appreciate how you have supported me over the years. PRAY FOR ME DAILY. Tommy

2018 SUMMER SERIES SOUTH COBB

HE WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD . . . FOR GOD WAS WITH HIM ACTS 10:38

AUGUST 15 JESUS' MANNER OF TEACHING

AUGUST 22 JESUS' HUMILITY

AUGUST 29 JESUS' REACTION TO OPPOSITION

SEPTEMBER 5 JESUS AS A SERVANT

Mark 10:4 John 13

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