

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, September 25	
Greeters	Brent & Beth James
Bible Reading	Roger Thomas
Devotional Prayer	James Rogers
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Chris James
Lord's Table	
(B) Larry Little	(J) Paul Rogers
Roger Jones	(O) Danny Standridge
Rayford Morgan	Tom Wilkerson
Larry Peebles	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Brent James
Dismissal Prayer	Rex Free
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Kenneth Grover
-Songs	Will Fletcher
-Audio	Sam Scott
Prepare Communion	Melonee Wilkerson-Ashley Gilliland
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Houston Hutto
Dismissal Prayer	Harry James
Wednesday, September 28	
Song Leader	Matt Addison
Closing Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Ushers	Aaron Fletcher-Nathan Lee
Lock Building	Ken Nelson-Chris Hood

Sunday, October 2	
Greeters	Josh & Elesha Jones
Bible Reading	Chris Hood
Devotional Prayer	Preston Grover
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Jerry Hall
Lord's Table	
(B) Ken Nelson	(J) Nathan Lee
Frank Pitts	(O) Larry Little
Windell Denney	Bryant Addison
Jimmy Jones	Marl Fuller
Announcements	Paul Gilliland
Dismissal Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs	Will Fletcher
-Audio	Rex Free
Prepare Communion	Heather Hood-Kylie Beth Hood
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Dismissal Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Wednesday, October 5	
Song Leader	Harry James
Closing Prayer	Ben Rogers
Ushers	Chris Hood-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Larry Little-David Scarbrough

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Joyce Fuller Frank Pitts	3 Rachael Carle
4 Midway Devo Barkers Lucas Lunsford	5	6	7 Ben Rogers	8	9 Margaret Free Eric & Julie Carter	10
11 TAC - Top Golf Fall Festival Meeting Todd Clippard Finger Food Fellowship	12 Bently Hutto	13 Mark & Jane Biles	14 Rod Thomas	15	16 Emily Owens Matt & Jennifer Addison	17 Service Project 6th Grade & Under
18 County Wide Devo Midway	19 JR & Bekah Peebles	20	21	22 Jamie Patterson	23	24
25 Elders Meeting Lads to Leaders	26	27	28	29	30 Tom & Melonee Wilkerson	1 Pumpkin Patch Trip 6th Grade & Under Melonee Wilkerson
2 Midway Devo Fletchers Kyle Butt Kyle Butt	3	Notes 5- Jaylee Liles 6- Marl & Joyce Fuller Harry & Benita James				

September 18 Bible Study 96

A.M. Worship 123

P.M. Worship 74

Contribution \$6,761

Weekly Budget \$7,000

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Midway Messenger



TEMPTED AND TRIED

Our men's class discussed James chapter one this past Monday. Our discussion revolved around the certainty, purpose, helpful resources and the challenge of trials. James 1:2-4 reads, "Count it all joy, my brethren, when you fall into various kinds of trials; knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience; but let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing." We quickly see that the purpose of trials is to grow in faith to maturity; that the challenge of trials is to "count it all joy;" and that some necessary resources to help are prayer and the word of God. In fact, James 1:5 says, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask God." This prayer must in faith, nothing doubting (James 1:6). And, the latter half of James one emphasizes receiving and doing the word (James 1:19-27).

One interesting verse is: "Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted" (James 1:9). There are certain challenges associated with prosperity. Note a few.

Riches can lead us to forget God (cf.Deut.8:17,18). Let us be alert. John's desire is that we prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers (3 John 1-2). Paul writes, "Charge them who are rich in this world not to trust in the uncertainty of riches..." (I Tim.6:17-19).

Riches can distort reality. Rich or poor, all of us "like a flower of the grass will pass away...the sun withers the grass; the flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits" (James 1:9-10).

Riches can take away the virtue of gratitude. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17).

Riches can alter our sense of values. The greatest of blessings is to be a child of God. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures" (James 1:18). A Christian enjoys forgiveness, faith, a caring heavenly Father, fortitude against evil and a bright future, just to name a few of the blessings. John writes, "Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the children of God and such we are" (I John 3:1).

ELDERS

Roger Thomas
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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Benevolence

Deacons: Windell Denney, Sam Scott

Visitations

Deacons: All

Education

Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto

Local Evangelism

Deacons:

Group A—Houston Hutto

Group B—Harry James, Nathan Lee

Missions

Deacons: Larry Little

Youth

Deacons: Matt Addison

Building & Grounds

Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Nathan Lee,
Aaron Fletcher

Technology

Deacons: Tim Hester

Finance

Deacons: Harry James

Worship Assignments

Deacons: Matt Addison

Security

Deacons: Sam Scott

Transportation

Deacons: Nathan Lee

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am & 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

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Remember in Prayer

- Continue to keep Keith and Denine Thomas in your prayers.
- Judy Jones is in ICU and improving.
- Derrick Robonson, Sam Scott’s nephew, is undergoing treatment for a tumor.
- The mother of Mike Poblete, a co-worker of Sam Scott, is in the hospital in California in a coma
- Paul Taylor is in a lot of pain and in need of prayers.

Please remember all of our sick with prayers and cards of encouragement.
*There is a complete cards and prayers list on back table.

Learning to Teach!

Wednesday began a weekly class for Bible teachers. Topics covered include how to structure a Bible lesson, how to use tools like PowerPoint, and how to effectively teach. The class will go for 8 weeks and will involve lectures, discussion, and readings outside of class. Please see Christopher James for more information.



BACK TO SCHOOL!

Once again, we are providing snacks for needy children. School officials and families are very appreciative for this timely service. If you can help, place your snacks in the fellowship hall closet. Thank you!



A LITTLE CAN MEAN A LOT

We are collecting winter coats, jackets, shoes, gloves and hats for folks in the Ukraine area. In addition, we seek to gather canned meat, baby formula and hygiene items. If you can help, please bring items to the fellowship hall and place them on the tables under the windows. Most of us can bring, at the very least, a few items. Your one or two items will mean a lot to a mom, dad, grandmother or child this winter. A shipment of supplies will be sent out under the oversight of the Sherrod avenue church of Christ during the first couple of weeks of October. So, let’s try to bring items by this Wednesday evening, September 28.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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DEFENDING THE FAITH



We are to be ready to give an answer for the reason of the hope we have within us (I Peter 3:15). Is the Bible really inspired of God? Is there really a true God? Is Jesus the Son of God? Did He really rise from the dead? Is our salvation in Christ and hope for eternal life grounded in reality or is it mere fantasy? Apologetics Press is a program of teaching which specializes in these matters. For many years, we have financially supported this work and have benefited from the materials produced within it. The good Lord willing, brother Kyle Butt will be us next Sunday evening to refresh our minds and help us reach more people with the gospel.

The Coming of Christ

The first letter to the Thessalonians discusses the coming of Christ. It mentions it a number of times. There are a number of things we can learn about this event by reading this brief correspondence of Paul. The coming of Christ is spoken of in at least these areas of the letter: Chapter 1:9-10, 2:19-20, 3:12-13, 4:15-18, 5:2, 23. Sometimes the actual language “coming” is stated directly, yet, in the first chapter it is inferred as the phrase “wait for his Son from heaven” is used. The Thessalonians were impacted by the thought of the coming of Christ to the degree that they directed their worship away from idols and toward God. It was to direct them toward holiness so that they might be presentable to God when Christ returns. This thought filled the mind of Paul as he envisioned them being a crown and joy in that same holiness. When Jesus returns the Thessalonians are told very explicitly what will happen upon that day. They are told what it will look like. It is explained how they will meet Jesus in the air, that He will not be touching back down upon the earth. They are told they will meet him in the air, in the clouds. They will do so with all those who have died in the Lord before them.

SIMPLIFIED GUIDES FOR STUDY



Please look in the foyer for small, colorful BACK TO THE BIBLE study guides, produced by Glad Tidings Publishing. The booklets can be found in blue, red, green, brown, and purple colors and they address such themes as Bible authority, worshipping in truth, becoming a Christian, the singleness of the church, faithful Christian living, Bible inspiration and the Lordship of Christ. These pamphlets set alongside an open Bible can help lead a person to Jesus.

ENGAGING GOD’S WORLD



Our younger-aged youth are planning a trip to the pumpkin patch this Saturday morning, October 1st. Pumpkin patches can provide precious memories for children as they have the opportunity to roam the area, choose their own pumpkin, learn about pumpkins, gourds and how God’s creation grows. There are also games and other activities associated with the pumpkin patches. See Matt and Jennifer for more details.

MARRIAGE/FAMILY NOTES

We cannot overemphasize the importance of knowing what the Bible says about marriage, family and life. It is foundational to our existence and the salvation of our souls. “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain” (Psalm 127:1). Two recent Bible classes discussed these truths. Notes from these classes are available on the back tables.



Fall Fellowship

Everyone is invited to a Fall Fellowship, October 8th, 5:30 pm, at the home of Brent and Beth James. See sign-up sheet on back table. (Please bring lawn chairs)

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

We were thankful to host the Lawrence County youth devotional last Sunday evening. There were youth and families present from various congregations across the area. Our group did a great job hosting the event. Ben’s song leading, Chris’ lesson, Preston’s prayer, and our youth’s service were all very inspiring. Our parents and other members handled the set up and clean up for the fellowship in an excellent manner. The food was abundant and delicious. Many were able to take food home and there was plenty for men’s class on Monday evening. Thank you to everyone .

LADS TO LEADERS



There will be meeting today at 5 p.m. for all families interested in this program. Lads to Leaders helps focus youth and families on Bible learning and serving in the church. Within the program is Bible Bowl, which requires answering and learning hundreds of questions straight from the Bible. Also, the program provides ideas and avenues of service which can be chosen according to individual interests and talents. See Aaron Fletcher for more details.

Upcoming EVENTS
Make Plans to Be a Part

- **October 2**, Kyle Butt (Evening)
- **October 9**, Josh Webster (Evening)
- **October 14**, Ladies Convention—Pigeon Forge, TN
- **October 16**, County Wide Devo
- **October 29**, Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
- **October 30**, 5th Sunday Singing/Finger Food Fellowship