

Sunday, October 22		Sunday, October 29	
Greeters	Larry & Kay Little	Greeters	Mark & Jane Biles
Bible Reading	Bryant Addison	Bible Reading	Nathan Lee
Devotional Prayer	Marl Fuller	Devotional Prayer	Danny Standridge
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Aaron Fletcher	Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers
Worship Prayer	Paul Gilliland	Worship Prayer	Paul Rogers
Lord's Table		Lord's Table	
(B) Paul Gilliland	(J) Chris James	(B) Ken Nelson	(J) Jerry Hall
Nathan Lee	(O) Rex Free	Paul Gilliland	(O) Preston Grover
Matt Woodruff	Roger Jones	Jamie Patterson	James Rogers
Jimmy Jones	Harry James	Roger Jones	Marl Fuller
Announcements	Houston Hutto	Announcements	Matt Addison
Dismissal Prayer	Jerry Hall	Dismissal Prayer	Rex Free
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)		Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Casey Pirtle	-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs/Audio	Preston Grover	-Songs/Audio	Sam Scott
Prepare Communion	Beth James-Sherry Chamberlain	Prepare Communion	Bertha Nelson-Christie Fletcher
Sunday Evening		Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn	Opening Prayer	Tim LeMay
Dismissal Prayer	Paul Rogers	Dismissal Prayer	Aaron Fletcher
Wednesday, October 25		Wednesday, November 1	
Song Leader	Harry James	Song Leader	Matt Addison
Closing Prayer	Rex Free	Closing Prayer	Will Fletcher
Ushers	Matt Addison-Jamie Patterson	Ushers	Houston Hutto-Tom Wilkerson
Lock Building	Larry Little-Brent James	Lock Building	Jamie Patterson-Chris James

ELDERSELDERS

Roger ThomasHarry James

MINISTER

Brent JamesNathan Lee

DEACONS

David Barker

Benevolence

Deacon: Windell Denney

Visitations

Deacons: All

Education

Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto

Missions

Deacon: Larry Little

Youth

Deacon: Matt Addison

Building & Grounds

Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Aaron Fletcher

Technology

Deacon: Tim Hester

Worship Assignments

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"But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, 'He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.'"

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 NKJV

Birthdays

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Events

3 This Week

Assignments

Sunday Morning Song Leader

ConfirmedJan 30

Sermons

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Melonee WilkersonOct 1

Lauren HambyOct 2

Jaylee LilesOct 5

Rachel JamesOct 15

Madison LilesOct 20

Kenneth GroverOct 21

Ashley GillilandOct 24

Harry JamesOct 24

Jasper PitzOct 27

Nathan LeeOct 28

Happy Anniversary!

Marl & Joyce FullerOct 6

Harry & Benita JamesOct 7

Jimmy & Eleshea JonesOct 14

Tanner & Emily OwensOct 22



CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH (EPHESIANS 5:22-33)

Christ is the head of the church, which is his body, (Ephesians 5:23). Since Jesus is the builder and founder of the church (Matt.16:13-19), then He has all authority (Matt.28:18). “The church submits to Christ” (Eph.5:24).

Christ is the Savior of the body, His church (Ephesians 5:23). Importantly, the Lord says, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). So, the church, again, consists of those who obey Him (Eph.5:24; Heb.5:8,9). Jesus is never said to be the Savior of any other body than his own. That’s why we read there is only “one body” (Eph.4:4-6).

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for it (Ephesians 5:25). In His death, Jesus shed his blood (John 19:34) and with his blood, He purchased the church (Acts 20:28). Therefore, the members belong to Him (I Cor.6:10-20). In his love, Jesus cherishes and nourishes the church (Eph.5:29); in fact, He keeps the church nourished through His teaching (Matt.4:4).

Christ sanctifies the church (Ephesians 5:26). “Sanctify” means to be set apart for a holy purpose, God’s purpose (Luke 19:10). Prior to being set apart, one is “cleansed by the washing of the water through the word” (Eph.5:26). This is the new birth process (cf.John 3:3-5; Acts 15:7-9; I Cor.12:13; Titus 3:3-5; I Peter 1:22,23).

Christ will present the church on the day of judgment (Ephesians 5:27; I Cor.15:23-28). He will present the church “to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:27). As always, this holiness is based upon, first, Jesus’ mercy and shed blood (Heb.9:14); second, our own personal faithfulness (I Peter 1:13-15). “If we go on sinning deliberately, there remains no more sacrifice for sin” (Heb.10:26). Personal assessment would include these questions: Am I in complete submission to Jesus? Am I holy and pure in thought, motive, habits, and actions? Is there unresolved conflict between me and another brother in Christ? Am I courageously involved in teaching the gospel to other people?

God’s eternal plan is for His wisdom to be made known through the church (Eph.3:10).

-David

PRAYERS

- Chloe James will be having heart surgery October 31st. Please keep Chloe, Chris and Alison in your prayers.
- Continue to remember baby Karter in your prayers.
- Bonita Jones has been sick this week.
- Savannah Gephart, Denine Thomas’ granddaughter, is in the hospital and needs our prayers. **Address.. 308 Presson Street, East Prairie MO 63845.**
- Darrell Holmes, friend of the James family, has cancer and is taking treatments. Prayers requested. **Address..4245 Eva Rd, Eva AL 35621.**



Saturday, October 28th, from 4-6 pm. There are sign-up sheets on table in back of auditorium of ways you can help. Items needed are-Candy, Little Debbie cakes, plain individual bags of chips, water, juice boxes.

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THE B-I-B-L-E, YES, THAT’S THE BOOK FOR ME!

The Bible is the most amazing document known to mankind. Consider that it is a compilation of 66 different books written by 40 different individuals over the course of 1,600 years, and yet it is perfect in harmony, history, accuracy, and advice.



Notice what 2 Timothy 3:16-17 has to say about the Bible: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine...for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

The Bible is from God. It is not a document containing man’s opinion – it is God’s Holy Word. Like the Psalmist said, “The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” (Psalms 12:6). Being from God, let us be reminded that the Bible is pure and perfect and all we need.

The Bible contains religious doctrine. How the church is to go about conducting proper worship and work is found within its sacred pages. Paul wrote God-inspired words to Timothy so that he and others would know “how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church” (1 Timothy 3:15). Since the church is from God, it makes sense to follow only the guidelines He established for it, which is only in the Bible – it is all we need.

Everything pertaining to salvation matters and godly living is clearly revealed to us in the Bible. Men may devise many plans of salvation, but the Word of God reveals only one. The first century Christians obeyed the “word of truth, the gospel of... salvation” (Ephesians 1:13). The word of God was all they needed, and it is all we need today, as well.

Men can be made complete and productive through following Biblical precepts. In the Holy Writ we find our highest calling. In Ephesians, we Christians are reminded that we were “created in Christ Jesus for good works” (2:10) and that we are blessed with “every spiritual blessing” (1:3). The Bible guides us toward every good thing to be and do – it is all we need.

Wouldn’t it be great if everyone would shed their denominational dogmas, man-made creeds, and diverse opinions and doctrines, and simply follow the Bible only? Truly we would then be doing what God desires. The Bible – it’s truly all we need.

The song we learned long ago still rings true today:
The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that’s the Book for me!
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.

— Edd Sterchi

Upcoming
EVENTS

- **October 21** - Supper Outing to Francesco’s in Decatur
- **October 28** - Trunk or Treat
- **November 4** – Daylight savings time begins
- **November 5** – Young men’s training class

20/20 VISION

Paul reminded the elders at Ephesus: “how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house.” This passage is from ACTS 20:20. First, our commitment must be to declare “anything that is profitable,” that is, “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). The inspired scriptures, all of them, are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness...” (2 Tim.3:16). Second, our efforts to share the word must be in public and house to house (cf.Acts 5:40-42), including locally, regionally, and world-wide.

THE REACH OF MIDWAY

We appreciate the group who was able to go and encourage the Spruce Pine church of Christ last Sunday evening. Our young men and women are steadily growing in the word and faith. Through our members’ efforts, we have been able to assist several smaller churches this year, including Arley church of Christ, Uvalde church of Christ, and Carrizo Springs church of Christ.



INTO THE COMMUNITY

A few of our members chose to go out, Saturday, October 7, and spread the good news of the gospel, door-to-door. We were also able to tell others about the upcoming Fall festival. This afternoon, a few of our young men will go with David and Mark to hang door bags, as we again advertise for Fall Festival.

HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES

Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for it (Eph.5:25). A sacrificial, self-denying, and submissive love must be exemplified and taught in the home. These are not mere words to be read; rather, we are to be like Christ in this regard. Challenging indeed! Such love is the best choice for everyone – “he that loves his wife loves himself” (Eph.5:28).

Husbands, love your wives and provide for them. We are “the head of the wife” (Eph.5:22-23). We must provide for her physical needs – food, housing, clothes, etc. (I Tim.5:8). The wife is the “weaker vessel” (I Peter 3:7) and the man must shoulder this responsibility. We must also provide for her spiritual needs. As Christ is the savior of the body, so we must lead our wives to heaven. Our goal is to be “heirs together of the grace of life” (I Peter 3:7). The husband “cherishes and nourishes” his wife, by leading her and the family into the knowledge of the word of God (Eph.5:28,29; Matt.4:4).

Husbands, love your wives and give them security. Quoting from the Genesis record, Paul says, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh” (Eph.5:31). The new marriage is a new unit in society. The husband, by word and deed, tells his wife, that, with God’s guidance, we will serve Him in our new family.

Husbands, love your wives and be filled with compassion, tenderness, and dignity. We love her as we do our own selves (Eph.5:32). As Jesus has been understanding and tender with us (Eph.4:31-32), so we are to be with our wives, children, and everyone. --David

NEXT MISSIONARY VISIT

Brother Daniel Gaines, who is currently in Tanzania, plans to be with us in November. He will present a report on Wednesday night, November 29. We are ever grateful for those who sacrifice and are willing to go into the world with the gospel.

