Leading Our Worship			
GREETERS FOR THE MONTH			Elders
AUGUST CHAIRMAN	Russell & Dana Simpson   Lorvetta Dillard & Shirley Belcher PREPARE COMMUNION		Kevin Eubanks
Stephen Pitcock			Roger Johnson
Ctophion i Record	Wayne & Kim Moyers		David Pahman
			Stephen Pitcock
		For the Record	Russell Simpson
Serving At The Table	Servers / Ushers	August 17th Attendance	<u>Deacons</u>
Smith Sexton	Barry White	Bible Study– 256	Derek Depp
Bob Raby	Todd Childress	AM Worship- 374	Andrew Gott
Tim Ferguson	Harold Brantley	PM Worship- 211	Barrett Hammer
Kevin Gutierrez	1		Travis Harrison Duane Hudson
Terrill Elkin	Jim Fuqua Devin Garrett	August 17th Contribution	Will James
Stephen Candela	Devin Garrett	\$16,089	Derek Johnson
Michael Mouser		Budget- \$17,512	Michael King
Cody Basham		August 20th Attendance	Justin Lohden
Cody Basham		240	Jack Mabry
Our day Marrian	A 4 O 441		Mike McGuire
Sunday Morning	August 24th	August 31st	Wayne Moyers
Opening Prayer	Phil Hartnady	Dave Eubank	Greg Neville
Song Leader	Jared McGuire	Jeremy Waddell	Jon Paschal
Lord's Supper Prayer	Kevin Eubanks	Mike Thomas	Smith Sexton
Scripture Reading	Denver Young	Tavias Babb	Randy Simpson
Announcements/Prayer	Stephen Pitcock	Stephen Pitcock	Mike Thomas
Lights Off - Lockup	Bryan Sipes	Barrett Hammer	Jeremy Waddell
Bus Driver	Grant Wilson	Rick Wheat	Roger Watt
A/V Room	lan & Randy	Randy & Jon	Rick Wheat
Sunday Evanina	August 24th	August 31st	Barry White
Sunday Evening Announcements	August 24th	Harry Potter	Andy Wright
	Brady Baughman	Phil Hartnady	Ministers
Song Leader	Clint Harbison	Ethan Wheat	Hiram Kemp Neal Pollard
Scripture Reading	Derek Depp		Secretaries
Closing Prayer	Dan Grise	Jack Mabry	Kya Hendrick
Lights Off - Lockup	Bryan Sipes	Barrett Hammer	Ashley Waddell
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Wednesday Evening	August 27th	September 3rd	If unable to serve
Announcements/Prayer	Caden Hammer	Jared McGuire	contact:
Song Leader	Mike McGuire	Clint Harbison	Wayne Moyers (270) 779-2410
Devotional	Roger Johnson	Caden Hammer	(270) 779-2410 OR
Lights Off - Lockup	Duane Hudson	Ethan Wheat	Dale Wiley
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### **Hours of Worship**

Sunday Bible Class | 9:30 AM Sunday Worship | 10:30 AM & 6 PM Wednesday Bible Study | 7 PM

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### Getting to know our Marriage Seminar speakers: John and Carla Moore

John and Carla married in 1986, and have since been involved in ministry at the Bible Chair on the campus of TSU, then with the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas. Later they worked with the Dripping Springs, Texas, church of Christ. In January of 2017, John and Carla began a new ministry called *Bible Passages*: a work dedicated to reaching souls, training preachers, and defending the faith. They work closely with the Bear Valley Bible Institute International in Denver, and World Video Bible School in Maxwell, Texas. John is the director of the *Bible Land Passages Project* as well as serving as one of the scriptwriters and narrators of the Bible Land Passages videos. He and his wife Carla, are also the directors of *Bible Land Passage Tours, Expeditions, and Studies*; an educational ministry dedicated to defending the faith and edifying the church. Since 1986, John has preached in Gospel Meetings and lectureships in eighteen states and has conducted or participated in numerous campaigns to various foreign countries including Jamaica, Tobago, Malaysia, and Singapore. John and Carla have three sons, Jordan (daughter-in-law, Erin), Jacob (daughter-in-law, Alyssa), and Micah (daughter-in-law Courtney). They adore their eight precious grandchildren.



John will teach a combined adult class, then preach during the morning worship hour today.

#### **Neal at the Cross**

# Marriages Secretly In Trouble Neal Pollard

Social media has done us no favors, with the temptation it presents to project happiness and perfection while masking the trials and challenges inevitable for such a long-term commitment as marriage is. Not only can we be guilty of misrepresenting our own relationship, but we can unwittingly put pressure on other couples who see these projections and increase dissatisfaction with their less than perfect and happy marriage. Of course, the answer to this is not to use forums like social media to air the sordid stains on our life's laundry. But, there is a need for some reasoning and common sense that can assist us in building better marriages.

The University of Wyoming's Family And Consumer Sciences department has an excellent study by Ben Silliman entitled, "Intimacy Means Conflict." They begin with a profound, if provocative, statement, saying, "To love may not mean to fight, but it does mean to become close, to care a lot, and eventually to discover differences and disagreements. Those who love much have a better chance of conflict." This great study includes some common sense suggestions for working through the conflict:

- Focus on needs, not solutions.
- Brainstorm possible solutions.
- Choose the best option.
- Make a plan.
- Implement the plan.
- Seek feedback and evaluate both the process and the outcome.

He does not overtly come from a biblical worldview. He is not exclusively focused on monogamous marriage relationships. But his counsel is sound and consistent with biblical principles. Cross-check each of his suggestions with Scriptural guidance: Philippians 2:3-4, Ecclesiastes 4:9, 1 Corinthians 10:23, Proverbs 16:3, Psalm 37:5, 1 Peter 3:7; & James 3:17.

The passages show that the Bible talks about all these methods and approaches, but it does not suggest that this is all the Bible has to say about these. I am convinced the devil would love nothing more than for married couples, burdened by conflict and even repeatedly addressing the same issue or issues, to just give up on their marriages. Wouldn't he love for us to be convinced that we're the only ones struggling and our situations are hopeless? I know such thoughts are not of God, who urges us to see possibilities even through improbabilities because of His capabilities (Phil. 4:13).

It's fatal to a marriage to ignore or be in denial about the things that produce conflict. And it's foolish to believe that a marriage is doomed because conflict is present. There is no way to achieve closer relationships without negotiating the unavoidable differences between two individuals striving to be a united couple. May I encourage all of us who are married to redouble our commitment to working through conflict in order to reach closer, Christ-centered relationships.

Watch Light of the World on WNKY-NBC TV or WVBS Online. Sundays at 6:30 AM & 10 AM with Hiram & Neal.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

- Rejoice! Becky Moore & Luke Burns were recently baptized.
- It's time to register for *Lads to Leaders*, a training program for our youth, PreK through 12th grade. There are registration forms & information sheets on one of the tables in the foyer. For more information, please see Sherry or Randy Simpson.
- August 24th: There will be a teacher's meeting today at 5:15 PM. This is for those who
  are teaching next quarter. Parents, you are encouraged to attend if you'd like to know
  more about the curriculum being taught. The new quarter will begin on Sunday,
  September 7th.
- August 26th: The Young at Heart ladies' group will meet here at the building at 10:30 AM to go to Smiths Grove for lunch at *Grammie's Home Cookin'*. Please let Diane Boyles know by tomorrow, August 25th if you plan to attend.
- August 26th: Ladies' & teen girls Bible study at Kathy Pollard's house at 7 PM.
- August 29th: Game Night here at the building from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM in the MPR. Bring your favorite game. All ages welcome!
- September 5th: Singing night at 7 PM in the adult classroom.
- **September 7th**: If you are in the *Family Vision Group*, or would like to know more about the *Family Vision Group*, we will meet at 4:45 PM in the young adult classroom.

## Remember in Prayer

- Mike Tanaro, brother in-law of Harold Nicks and the uncle of Kyle Johnson & Carrie Arnold, passed away Wednesday, August 20th. Mike spent many decades as a preacher and missionary.
- **Evelyn Hall's** (one of our WKU students) grandfather passed away. Please keep Evelyn and her family in your prayers.
- **Ryanna Shields**, granddaughter of Shannon Anthony, has fractured bones in her leg and will be having tests run.
- Scott Williams is back at Cal Turner Rehab after a recent visit to the emergency room due to low oxygen levels.
- Margaret Breedlove has been moved to long-term care at Signature Health. She's now in room 164-B.

Beverly Dunning, Charlie & Ann Wolfe, Donna Potter (*Colonial Manor, Room 13-A*), Doris Phelps, Ed & Mary Whieldon, Edith Riley, Georgia Hudson (*Colonial Manor, Room 12*), Helen Vanzant (*Village Manor, Room 214*), James & Barbara Jones, James Tabor, Jan Painter, Janet Brent, Jean Simmons (*Colonial, Room 20-B*), Lee Swetmon, Loretta Celsor, Margaret Breedlove (*Signature Health, Room 164-B*), Margo Bale, Maxie Jones, Ronnie & Patty Cosby, Pat Hodges, Raymond & Murl Raymer, Scott Williams (*Cal Turner Rehab, Room B-8*), Sharlene Newton, Shirley Mills, Virginia Darmondy (*Arcadia, Apt. 221*)

Derrick Lewis (Vivian Grise's brother)
Tracy Eidson (Joan Roemer's brother)
Sandy Lewis (Cousin of several of our members)
Mike Whitaker (Friend of Duane Hudson)
Addy Smith (Tom & Peggy Kitchens' great-granddaughter)
Delford Johnson (Derek Johnson/Ann Keown's father)

Gracie Pitcock (Chris & Amber's daughter)

Laurie Wright (Andy Wright's sister)

Becky Bruner (Betty Bruner's daughter)
Bill Brumit (Brenda Word's brother)
David Cobb (Byron & Barb Henbest's son)
Gracie Pitcock (Chris & Amber's daughter)
Laurie Wright (Andy Wright's sister)
Sarah Nicks (Harold Nicks' sister)