

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members

Rhyan Beverly: chronic health problems

Julie Blades: cancer

Kerry Burton: cancer

Joanne Crawford: Wellington PARC

William Drake: Hillside Center

Mike Griffith: heart problems

Harold Jarvis: chronic back pain

Kevin Kline: LHON

Tracy Kline: chronic kidney disease

Janice Lee: chronic health problems

Charlotte McElvain: Ridgewood Terrace

Joyce Potts: Meniere's Disease

Scott Settle: heart problems

Louise Smith: chronic health problems

Kim Wiles: heart & kidney problems

Family & Friends

Cancer: Debbie Baker, Billy Banks, Lisa Brewer, Jim Combs, Danny Edmonds, April Ehrlich, Christine Estrada, Brandon Hall, Dave Hammer, Steve Higginbotham, Jady Hill, Missy Jones, Geoffrey Kline, June Morris, Shelly Patterson, Jane Ann Rose, Dean Stokes, Lois VanWinkle, Dan Winkler

Heart Disease: Kay Clark, Regina Davis, Bruce Gower, Annette Miller, Archie Morris, Susan Scott, Rosemary Starks

Nursing Care: Rita Chappell, Patsy Davis, Anna Lee Hampton, Emerson & Mary Frances Hartford, Bonnie Wiles

Other Health Problems: Dennis Aubrey, Martha Biehl, Don Blackwell, Adam Boldon, Samuel Cox, Keith Elkins, Daniel Groves, Britney Harrison, Maria Johnson, Crystal Jones, Debra Key, Inez Loyola, Richard Metcalfe, Natasha Moore, Justin Nesselroad, Ray Nix, Kelly Oldham, Presley Pearce, Renee Perry, Brittney Payton, Sherry Phillips, Mary Robertson, Jason Rollins, Grayson Shofner, Steve Slaton

In the Military

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

For the week of April 18, 2021

Bible Study N/A

Morning Worship 78

Evening Worship 47

Contribution \$3055.50

Budget \$3025.00

Wednesday Bible Study 54

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Not Far From the Kingdom

Mark 12:28-34

PM: Redemption Remembered in Dishonor

Psalms 44:1-8

OUR ELDERS:

- **Dennis Brasher** (270) 825-1661 or (270) 871-2170

- **Terry Moore** (270) 871-7111

OUR DEACONS:

- **Steve Curtis** - *Visitation*

- **Mike Griffith** - *Benevolence*

- **Deyone Miller** - *Worship*

- **Dave Sprague** - *Building & Grounds*

- **Byron VanWinkle** - *Technology*

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IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

By Russell M. Kline

With each passing week, the world is getting closer and closer to a return to a state resembling what we would call, "normal." While some things may not quite resemble what they once were, and some things might not ever come back, there are definitely some hopeful indications. Last week, we learned that *Big Reedy Christian Camp* is going to reopen for this summer, and the news made our hearts soar! Any of our children and grandchildren who want to go shall have the opportunity to do so. Just pick up a form from the table in the foyer, fill it out, and turn it in at the church office by Sunday, May 9. This is an opportunity our kids didn't have last year, and we owe it to them to make sure that they take advantage of it this year.

In addition to that, the time is coming very soon, when we, as a congregation, shall return to weekly Bible classes for our children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. These have been shut down since March of 2020, and we have not even attempted to bring them back, out of an abundance of caution. But now, the time is right for us to make a return to Sunday school and to our Wednesday night Bible class program. We shall observe social distancing and cleanliness protocols, as we make this return, but our Bible class teachers and our children are eager to get back something they have had to do without for more than a year.

Also, on Saturday, May 1, we will have our first clothing giveaway since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Our storage rooms are filled to bursting with donations we have received throughout the past year, but we have had no giveaways to get those items into the hands of people who need them. The clothing that we have collected was given with the intent of helping people who are in need, but it is not doing anyone any good, if it is just sitting in our basement! It will be a great blessing to be able to finally get back into the habit

Opportunities to Study and Worship:

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. / **Sunday Morning Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m. / **Wednesday Bible Study:** 7:00 p.m.

Listen to "What Does the Bible Say?" Sundays @ 8:30 a.m. on WFMW (AM 730)

of carrying out the Lord’s work of rendering benevolent aid to those who are in need (Gal. 6:10).

In addition to these things, we are continuing to make preparations for *BibleQuest 2021*, which is scheduled to take place here, at the Madisonville Church of Christ, on Saturday, July 31. I don’t know of any other Bible knowledge bowls that have been able to get going again in this year, but we are determined to carry on with ours. It will offer young people an opportunity to exercise their minds, as they learn about the first 50 chapters in the book of Psalms. We will have to do a few things differently, because of pandemic protocols, but we are still looking forward to the return of this great event.

Looking ahead, into the rest of the year, we are hoping that we may yet have the chance to have our annual Congregational Retreat, at *Big Reedy Christian Camp*, at the end of the summer. Also, we are making plans to participate in the second annual National Door Knocking Day, which is being organized by the folks at House to House/Heart to Heart and is scheduled for Saturday, October 2. We are hoping that we will be able to host our annual *Gospel Meeting* in October, which is scheduled to feature the preaching of **Glenn Colley**. Furthermore, we hope to be able to host our annual *Ladies Day*, if we can reschedule the speaker that we were supposed to have last year. At some point, we hope to be able to start having monthly youth group activities, and maybe sometime this year, we can actually start having church potlucks again.

In short, the Lord’s church is starting to come back to life, after a long pandemic slumber. What that means for each of us is that it’s time to get involved again, in the life of the church. In the past year, we’ve all gotten used to doing less and less for the cause of Christ and I have already discussed how much that lack of activity has cost us. But, now we are about to be confronted with opportunities to roll

up our proverbial sleeves and get back to work for Jesus Christ. It is going to seem strange to us, but we are going to have to make ourselves get back into the habit working for the Lord all over again (Phil. 2:12, 13). In fact, this might even be a golden opportunity for us to try doing things for Christ that we have never done before. If we are ever going to grow, as Christians, we must get out of our “comfort zones” and challenge ourselves to do more and to be more than we have in the past.

It is especially important for us get our children and grandchildren involved in the life of the Lord’s church. The sooner we can develop good spiritual habits in them, the better off they will be, both here and in eternity. Many parents want to make sure that their kids are involved in extracurricular activities that are supposed to “broaden” their “horizons” and improve their academic performance, but all of the ballgames and band camps in the world will not do anything to help your children go to Heaven. Please don’t teach your children to give God the scraps of their time, and resources. Let’s teach them to put God first in their list of priorities and help them to become the kind of people who can truly make a difference in this world.

The church of Christ is just beginning to make a comeback and we all have a responsibility to see it through. Let’s all be determined to give God the very best of all that we have to offer Him, as we make our contribution, in the days ahead. The Lord needs people who are willing to work and give of themselves. How will you answer the call that goes out to you today? Let’s all be resolved to take advantage of every opportunity that comes our way to serve God and to make a difference in the lives of the people of our community. Our souls and the souls of our friends and neighbors are at stake in the challenges that lie ahead. We must rise to the occasion and answer the call of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which echoes through the ages!

YOUTH NEWS

- *Big Reedy Christian Youth Camp* is scheduled for June 13-18. Camp application forms are on the table in the foyer. If you plan to go, fill one out and turn it in at the church office by Sunday, May 9. The cost of the camp is free to children and grandchildren of members.
- *BibleQuest 2021* is scheduled for Saturday, July 31. Questions will come from the New King James Version of Psalms 1 - 50. Check the BibleQuest YouTube channel and Facebook page for practice videos.

GOOD WORKS IN PROGRESS

- ◆ The elders are asking everyone who attends worship services and Bible studies at the church building to wear a facemask and to observe social distancing protocols. Please do not come to church, if you have a fever, or are experiencing any other symptoms of illness. If we all will observe these simple rules, we can help to keep each other safe during this perilous time of pandemic.
- ◆ There will be a *Clothing Giveaway* in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be our first such giveaway in more than a year. Please spread the word about it. We have a lot of clothing in storage and we need to make room. We will need help with setting up and taking down on the day of the giveaway. Please sign the list posted on the bulletin board, if you will be able to help.

FAMILY NEWS

- ◇ **Gene Turner, Lyndle Turner’s** father, passed away on April 20. His funeral was last Friday, April 23, at Harris Funeral Home, in Madisonville. Please remember his family in your prayers.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD

- * The 30th Annual *Truth in Love Lectureship* is going to be hosted by the East Hill Church of Christ, in Pulaski, Tennessee on May 12-16. The theme is “Never Leave the Lord.” Please visit www.truthinlovelectureship.com for more information.
- * The 54th Annual *Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship* has been scheduled for May 23-27. The theme is “Magnify His Name.” Be sure to visit their website www.msop.org for more information.
- * Watch the *Gospel Broadcasting Network* 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, at their web site: www.gbntv.org.
- * Listen to Biblical podcasts on *The Light Network* 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at their web site: www.thelightnetwork.tv.



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