

Last Week’s Statistics

AM Bible Study	65
AM Worship	115
PM Worship	46
Wed. Bible Study	48
Contribution	\$3,650.25
2018 Budget	\$3,700.00
2018 Average	\$4,021.57
Building Fund	\$352,238.82

Today’s Sermons

AM: Come, Follow Me
(Matthew 19:21)

PM: Discipleship through Prayer
(Psalm 142)

Vision 20:20 for2019:
Come, Follow Me



Order of Worship and Those Serving		
If you are unable to serve, please contact Jim Ross.		
AM WORSHIP	January 6	January 13
WELCOME	John Dean	David Willbanks
SONG LEADER	David Willbanks	Russ Mitchell
FIRST PRAYER	Jim Dempster	Larry Coe
LORD’S SUPPER	Jim Ross	Jim Ross
	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
PRESIDING	Ben Shafer	Ben Shafer
PRESIDING	Mike Sobiech	Mike Sobiech
	Jeff Maxwell	Jeff Maxwell
	Bill Rouse	Bill Rouse
BIBLE READING	Curtis Hawkins	Terry Browning
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Tom Montgomery	Jerry Barrett
NURSERY	Karen Lilly	Martha Ross
NURSERY	Cherie Dempster	Sherrie Montgomery
USHERS	John Dean	John Dean
	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
SECURITY	Bob Bobo	Wayne Lilly
INVITATION ELDER	Jim Dempster	Tom Montgomery
PM WORSHIP	January 6	January 13
SONG LEADER	Jerry Barrett	Tim Thompson
FIRST PRAYER	John Dean	Mike Sobiech
BIBLE READING	Bob Bobo	Jim Ross
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Russ Mitchell	Ben Shafer
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Wayne Lilly	Wayne Lilly
LORD’S SUPPER	Jordan Holt	Jordan Holt
USHER	Tom Montgomery	Tom Montgomery
WEDNESDAY	January 9	January 16
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	Jerry Barrett
CLOSING PRAYER	Wayne Lilly	Bob Bobo



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Weekly Newsletter - January 6, 2019

Family Matters

Doug Hobbs is recovering at home from his appendectomy on Dec. 28.
Oscar Farley goes to Duke this week for a lung transplant evaluation.
Barry Lawson asks for prayers as he meets with his doctor this week.
Melissa Thompson’s father **Barry Snapp** is recovering after falling and breaking his shoulder last week. Mike McGuire’s brother **Johnny McGuire** underwent surgery Thursday for a brain bleed.
We’re happy to report that **John Barrett, Nan Glenn, Janice Denson** and **Molly Dean** are all doing better. Also Viki Rouse reports that 22-year-old **Brennan Laskas** has made significant progress recently.
The Mays ask prayers for their granddaughter **Mikayla May** as she leaves Friday to study abroad in Denmark this semester.
Our sympathy goes out Jessica Wilson and family in the passing of her brother-in-law **Denver Cantwell** and also to Melissa Wilson in the passing of her uncle **John Wagster**.

Past Requests: Pat & Gene Kinder, Casey Hux, Amanda Rose, Oscar Farley, Jamie Capshaw, Daniel Purkey, Greg Blevins, Jean & Allen Swearengin, Barry Lawson, Lynn Ross, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo, Cole Kelley, Don Kinder

Battling Cancer: Nina Barrett, Helen Roberts, Nancy Capshaw, Mistie Hale, Wells Sommer, John Corn, Sara Hosman, Melody & Brian Forman, Pamela Beasley, Vickie Cruse, Nancy Booth, Julie Browning, Dina Faust, Danny Herren, Angie Dean Cureton, Vanessa McMillan, Mary Nolen Bond, Greg Dexter, Jamin Hymel, Jerry Ladd, Phil Mitchell, Krista Lovejoy, Ed Goins, Susan Jones, Dean Palmo, Chuck Smith, Caleb Hickman, Wyatt Crippin, Rick Stoffer, Heather Coffey Andrews, Jerry Hickman, Jean Waddell, Russ Holden, Todd Turpen, Barb Halcomb, Lisa Wingfield, Emily Marshall, Jim Toombs, Amy Hoyle, Jimmy Biesiada, Douglas Hawkins, Tammy Keho, Pete Misuraca, Jude Vance, Doug Miles, Mitch Plumb, Dennis Cornett, Ashley Lindley

Shut-In: Gracie Arnott, Rick Blair, Jean Brown, Pam Capshaw, Eleanor Creech, Doyle Helton, Kathy Johnson, Keith Sparkman

Military: Cameron Dean, Devon Farley, Tristan Capshaw, Jacob Helton, Austin & Luke Whitelaw, Benjamin Wingfield

Welcome!

Are you new?

Whether you’re just visiting or looking for a church home, it is great to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our church family, feel free to speak with any member or take a brochure located in the hall.

What to Expect

All that we ask of you is to relax. We are people just like you. Please complete a ‘Connection Card’ from the pew in front of you. This is solely for our records — you won’t get any surprise visits. Our worship order is listed on the back of this newsletter. As our guest, please don’t feel obligated to give to the offering.

Thank you for being with us!

Our Elders

John Dean	581.4373
Jim Dempster	587.0535
Tom Montgomery	587.0743
David Willbanks	586.4747

Our Minister

Blaine Kelly	736.1505
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Service Times

Sunday Bible Classes:	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship:	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship:	5:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Classes:	7:00 pm

Contact Us!

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2018 in Review

“The Spirit Gives Life” has not just been Morristown Church of Christ’s theme for this past year; it has also become an ongoing reality in the life of this church. As with any other year, the past one has come with its share of ups and downs. When evaluated as a whole, however, we have been blessed and experienced new life in many ways throughout 2018. Here are some highlights of what has taken place among us:

On May 6, we installed Jerry Barrett, Josh Frey, Jeff Maxwell, Ben Shafer and Tim Thompson as deacons. Our new and existing deacons have teamed together throughout this year to take on ministries that have blessed this church both visibly and behind-the-scenes. They are to be commended for enriching the church through their service.

Throughout the course of 2018, four foreign mission trips were made among us. The Deans and Demspters attended the Theological Institute of Latin America’s lectureship, and Blaine Kelly taught at the school for a week. Mark Coe, Memphis Coe and David Willbanks traveled to Peru on a medical mission. Emma and Russ Mitchell served the City of Children orphanage in Mexico. All will attest to growing spiritually through their experiences and new relationships. Along with the ongoing mission works we support, we also sent a one-time gift of \$6,417 to support ministers in Ghana.

Locally new efforts have brought spiritual life to both us and those we serve. A new Women’s Bible Study has strengthened many of our women both in their confidence of God’s word and their fellowship with one another. Through World English Institute, Russ Mitchell is sharing the Gospel across the world. Ben Shafer is using Facebook as well as a platform for bringing others closer to the Lord.

New families also breathe life into this church! We have been blessed with the additions of Kyle, Kristi, Griffin & London Barnes; Jordan & Alisha Holt; Jimmy & Retta Parsley; and several other new faces recently. We rejoiced with the baptism of Lauren Nicholson last January and have been blessed by two baptisms this past week! As with most years, some of our church family had to move away. The Coes moved to Georgia, and the Farleys returned to Kentucky. Both families continue to mean so much to us!

We also experienced the grief of losing our sisters Melody Roberts and Mignon Adkins and our brothers Bill Ross and Van Frasher. However, because of the Spirit who lives in us, we grieve with the hope of eternal life.

Here are our attendance numbers from 2018 compared to 2017: Sunday AM worship (114 vs. 125); Sunday PM worship (46 vs. 55); Sunday Bible class (59 vs. 72); Wednesday Bible class (52 vs. 63). Some of our drops have been due to more members dealing with ongoing issues of health and aging. By faith we hope that the spiritual growth of this past year will lead to physical growth in the year ahead. Generous giving blessed us with an average contribution of \$4,021.57, a significant increase from \$3,522.10 in 2017.

All in all, 2018 has been a good year for the spiritual life of Morristown Church of Christ. We seek to build upon it in 2019, expecting the Spirit to continue to bring new life our way as we allow Him to live and work in us. May we do all things to the glory of God!

Family News & Notes



TWO BAPTISMS! We’re happy to announce that **Aaron & Megan Hopson** both put on Christ in baptism on New Year’s Day at the building. Please welcome them among us!

JANUARY CALENDARS are on hallway tables.

CONTACT INFO: If your contact info has changed recently, please update it on your Connection Card. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN WOMAN: If you wish to continue receiving *Christian Woman* magazine, please indicate so on your Connection Card. Please include your current address if it has changed.

The latest issue of *Christian Woman* is also now available on the hallway table.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/6

Janet Cose

1/7

Cyndy Davis



PRAYER GROUP resumes this Tuesday.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY continues a study of Hebrews this Thursday, January 10. Please see Caroline Kelly for any questions.

YOUTH TUBING OUTING: All youth (and all others) are invited to Pigeon Forge Snow on Saturday, January 19 for a morning of indoor fun in the snow. Cost is \$19.50 per person for an hour and a half of fun. Tubers must be 3 years old. Please visit pigeonforgesnow.com or speak with Jeff Maxwell for more info. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway.

LADIES NIGHT OUT will meet for dinner at Aubrey’s on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6:30pm. Please sign-up in the hallway.

NEW MEMBERS POTLUCK will take place after worship on Sunday, January 27.

SAVE THE DATE: The Ladies Retreat will take place on the weekend of March 8-10.

This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Worship	7	8 Prayer Group 10 AM	9 Bible Study 7 PM	10 Women’s Bible Study 10 AM	11	12