

Last Week's Statistics

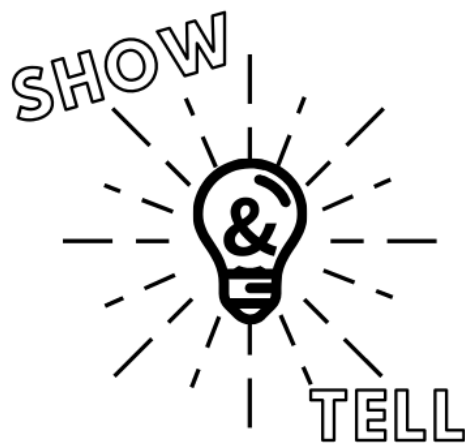
AM Bible Study	71
AM Worship	116
PM Worship	45
Wed. Bible Study	59
Contribution	\$4,198.00
2020 Budget	\$3,900.00
2020 Average	\$4,198.00
Building Fund	\$353,064.43

Today's Sermons

AM: Full of Good Works
(Acts 9:36-38)

PM: Show-and-Tell by Breaking Bread
(Matthew 9:10-13)

Acts 20:20 in 2020



Order of Worship and Those Serving		
<i>If you are unable to serve, please contact Jim Ross.</i>		
AM WORSHIP	January 12	January 19
WELCOME	Blaine Kelly	John Dean
SONG LEADER	Russ Mitchell	Spencer Morris
FIRST PRAYER	Tom Montgomery	Jim Dempster
LORD'S SUPPER	Doug Hobbs	Doug Hobbs
	Harold Royston	Harold Royston
PRESIDING	Jerry Barrett	Jerry Barrett
PRESIDING	Jordan Holt	Jordan Holt
	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
	Mike Sobiech	Mike Sobiech
BIBLE READING	Wayne Lilly	Terry Browning
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Larry Coe	Russ Mitchell
NURSERY	Alisha Holt	Becky Hawkins
NURSERY	Cindy Bullock	Rhoda Cooper
USHERS	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
	Jim Ross	Jim Ross
SECURITY	Wayne Lilly	Russ Mitchell
INVITATION ELDER	Jim Dempster	Tom Montgomery
PM WORSHIP	January 12	January 19
SONG LEADER	Ken Ross	Jerry Barrett
FIRST PRAYER	Jordan Holt	Mike Sobiech
BIBLE READING	Bob Bobo	Tim Montgomery
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Rich Hawkins	Tim Thompson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Wayne Lilly	Wayne Lilly
LORD'S SUPPER	Jim Dempster	Jim Dempster
USHER	Josh Frey	Josh Frey
WEDNESDAY	January 15	January 22
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	Ken Ross
CLOSING PRAYER	David Willbanks	Bob Bobo



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Family Matters

Denton Wilson is recovering after have a tonsillectomy Wednesday.

Jean Brown remains at Morrystown-Hamblen hospital.

We're happy to report that **Wanda & Jack Dickson** are now home.

David Downey (Susan's husband) is also now back home.

Jessica Zimmerman requests prayers for her grandmother **Vonda Zimmerman** who is battling cancer.

Jane Dean requests prayers for **Larry Snyder** who is battling cancer.

Linda Sommer's knee replacement surgery is scheduled for 1/29. The Sommers' son **Andrew** will have thyroid surgery that same day.

Our sympathy goes out to the Parsleys in the unexpected passing of Jimmy's brother-in-law **Walter Marcum** on Wednesday.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be included on your Connection Card.

Past Requests: Curtis Hawkins, Allen Swearengin, Buck Roberts, Oscar Farley, Barry Lawson, Greg Blevins, Kathryn Willbanks, Lynn Ross, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo

Battling Cancer: Nina Barrett, Ken Polston, Helen Roberts, Mistie Hale, Wells Sommer, Chuck Maurer, Charles Staton, Vickie Cruse, Nancy Booth, Julie Browning, Dina Faust, Jerry Ladd, Greg Dexter, Angie Dean Cureton, Phil Mitchell, Krista Lovejoy, Jerry Hickman, Ed Goins, Susan Jones, Rick Stoffer, Jean Waddell, Heather Andrews, Russ Holden, Todd Turpen, Amy Hoyle, Barb Halcomb, Jim Toombs, Emily Marshall, Pete Misuraca, Mitch Plumb, Jude Vance, Tim Smith, Dennis Cornett, John Thomas, Brianne Langley, Larry Smith, Carole Roloff, Lori Spaulding, Karen Hamrick, Jimmy Mooney, Becky Bunch, Brett Hermann, Dwayne Cole, Nancy Porter, Darlene Sentelle, Susan Crigger, Jamie Johnson

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

Military: Cameron Dean, Jacob Helton, Austin & Luke Whitelaw

Our Purpose

Live With the Lord
Live Like the Lord
Live For the Lord

Welcome!

Whether you're passing through or looking for a church home, thank you for joining us! If you need more info about us or have a prayer request, please include the appropriate information on your Connection Card and leave it in the collection plate.

What to Expect

We seek to exalt the Lord while encouraging each other in our worship. We sing together as a congregation and welcome all voices to join us. As our guest, please don't feel obligated to give to our offering. Our worship order is listed on the back of this newsletter. May God be glorified and you be blessed today.

Thank you for being with us!

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

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Our Minister

Blaine Kelly	736.1505
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Forever Isn't a Long Time

Our theme for 2020 is "Show and Tell." My hope for this year is to challenge myself and all of us to live out our faith with more conviction in both word and deed.

The truth is that we sometimes say what we know we're supposed to say but deep down we're not sure if we really believe it within ourselves. While our words may communicate one thing, our actions and attitudes reveal something else.

Sadly this can be true for topics that should serve as some of our greatest sources of comfort and confidence. Take the ideas of eternity and heaven as an example. Let's just be honest about it: there are things about eternity - even an eternal existence with God in heaven - that don't sound the most appealing from an earthly perspective. This seems especially true in how we speak of time.

When we speak of time in relation to heaven, we often describe it as a very long time. Anything that goes on and on - even the best things - lose their luster, and we eventually tire of them. Knowing this, some of us might sing the words "When we've been there ten thousand years . . ." in "Amazing Grace" with some uncertainty of how appealing that truly sounds. Songs get the luxury of poetic license, and I love "Amazing Grace." The truth, however, is that we won't be in heaven for ten thousand years or any number of years. That's because eternity is not an existence that lasts a long time; it is an existence that lacks time altogether.

Although Scripture is written for us who live within the constraints of time, it gives small clues about an existence without time. "In the beginning" marks the start of time. It also implies and demands an existence beyond the constraint of time. 2 Peter 3:8 tells us that God lives beyond the boundaries of time. Peter does not just say that a thousand years is as one day to God. He also says that one day is like a thousand years. That is the essence of timelessness.

I believe we get glimpses of timelessness in this life. Have you ever found yourself lost in the joy of experience or the purpose of work in such a way that time seemed to temporarily go away? Athletes call this being "in the zone." While these moments are fleeting, they briefly give us a taste of timelessness.

Whether we believe in or understand timelessness, we have this promise from the Lord: "I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5). Being with God will never get old, and nothing fades in his presence. We will not get tired of heaven.

Because we currently dwell in a timed existence, it is impossible to wrap our minds around an untimed existence. Nonetheless, thinking about such things can help us speak more confidently about eternity and actually live with greater confidence about how wonderful heaven will be.

— Blaine



JANUARY CALENDARS can now be found on the tables in the hallway.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Spaghetti, Oatmeal, Canned Meat, Box Meals, Canned Fruit, Jelly & Cereal. Our pantry is used often and is very low. Please check expiration dates. Thanks!

MILLER-BOYD SCHOOL is currently in need of white 8.5 x 11 printer/copier paper. If you can help provide this, you can leave it on the table in the church office. Thank you!

LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS needs workers to come to Panama this year to help with building projects at the Bible School of the Americas and Children's Home. The dates are April 12-18 and August 22-29. If you have interest in serving this effort or would like more info, please see Russ Mitchell or Blaine Kelly.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING for January will be next Sunday, January 19, at 3:30 PM.

GOSPEL GIRLS meet next Sunday, January 19, at the building at 3 PM. Please see Becky Hawkins for any questions.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT will take place Thursday, January 23, at Jack's at 6:30 PM. If you plan to attend, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS LUNCH: We will celebrate the new faces we have gained this past year with a Potluck Lunch following morning worship on Sunday, January 26. Please note that this lunch is for everyone and not just our new members. Please make plans to join us and bring a dish or two!



1/17 Logan Cox
1/18 Jackie Frasher

This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM 28 cards sent last week.	Bible Study 7 PM			
5:00pm Worship						