

Last Week’s Statistics

AM Bible Study	N/A
AM Worship	111
PM Worship	48
Wed. Bible Study	59
Contribution	\$4,387.00
2019 Budget	\$3,900.00
2019 Average	\$4,298.25
Building Fund	\$355,774.04

Today’s Sermons

AM: Take Up Your Cross
(Matthew 16:24-26)

PM: Discipling a Leader
(Exodus 17:8-10)

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 27	February 3
WELCOME	Tom Montgomery	Blaine Kelly
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	Davie Willbanks
FIRST PRAYER	Wayne Lilly	Ben Shafer
LORD’S SUPPER	Jim Ross	Kyle Barnes
	Jeff Whitaker	Curtis Hawkins
PRESIDING	Ben Shafer	Jerry Barrett
PRESIDING	Mike Sobiech	Jim Glenn
	Jeff Maxwell	Harold Royston
	Bill Rouse	Kenneth Ross
BIBLE READING	Larry Coe	Bill Rouse
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Jim Dempster	Rich Hawkins
NURSERY	Rhoda Cooper	Jennifer Maxwell
NURSERY	LaDonna May	Janet Cose
USHERS	John Dean	Tim Thompson
	Rich Hawkins	Jim Ross
SECURITY	Jim Ross	Jeff Whitaker
INVITATION ELDER	Tom Montgomery	Jim Dempster
PM WORSHIP	January 27	February 3
SONG LEADER	Russ Mitchell	Jordan Holt
FIRST PRAYER	Bob Bobo	Russ Mitchell
BIBLE READING	Jeff Whitaker	Jim Ross
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Mike Sobiech	John Dean
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Wayne Lilly	Rich Hawkins
LORD’S SUPPER	Jordan Holt	Larry Coe
USHER	Tom Montgomery	Bob Bobo
WEDNESDAY	January 30	February 6
SONG LEADER	Jerry Barrett	Tim Thompson
CLOSING PRAYER	David Willbanks	Larry Coe



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Weekly Newsletter - January 27, 2019

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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Family Matters

We are thrilled to announce that **John Surber** was baptized into Christ last Sunday afternoon! Please welcome him among our church family.

It was great to see the Huxes with us Wednesday night! Please keep **Nelsie Hux** in prayer as she continues to grow.

Mike McGuire is currently undergoing tests.

Nancy Capshaw has been in the hospital for the past couple of weeks.

Pam Capshaw is currently residing at Newport Health & Rehabilitation.

Former member **Wanda (Allen) Dickson** will soon begin dialysis.

Our sympathy goes out to Viki Rouse and family in the sudden passing of her nephew **Jay McLeod** from a blood clot.

Our sympathy also goes out to Alisha Holt’s sister Maggie Hovater whose close friend **Gator Hanohano** died in a car accident this past week.

Pam Thompson asks prayers for the people of Sebring, Florida after the recent shooting there. Marsha Grigsby and family live in Sebring.

Past Requests: Jamie Capshaw, Jean & Allen Swearengin, Barry Lawson, Oscar Farley, Pat Kinder, Amanda Rose, Eddie Gilbert, Barry Snapp, Daniel Purkey, Greg Blevins, 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, Jesse Smith

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

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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Follow Me, Not Rome

If Jesus had come to earth in 21st century America and not 1st century Judea, we may have been surprised by how little attention he gives to political battles and culture wars. Obviously he and his fellow Jews did not have the access to mass media like we do today. However, he was not ignorant of the events of his day. After all, the Roman Empire overshadowed everything that took place. The events surrounding his crucifixion make this clear.

Yet Jesus said amazingly little about the Caesars, what was happening in Rome, or how imperial politics affected daily life for the Jews. Neither did he address the ways Gentile culture had offended Jewish sensitivities. The natural question to these realities is “Why?” Maybe the answer is found in the two direct comments Jesus actually made about the Roman world.

“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21). It is easy to quote this passage and miss the ultimate application. How much do we owe the Lord? In a word, the answer is “everything.” How much do we owe Caesar? In comparison to what we owe the Lord, it’s not much really. While some may reduce Jesus’ answer and apply it only to paying taxes, he is providing a principle for all of life. How much time, attention, emotion, and energy do we owe God? Again, he deserves everything we have. How much time, attention, emotion, and energy do we owe “Caesar?” In comparison to God, it shouldn’t be much.

Jesus’ other comment on the politics of his day is found in Matthew 20:25-28. In summary, he says, “Don’t be like the leaders of the world, but instead, be like me and serve those around you.” Where we devote our focus will most influence who we become. Has the world’s way of doing things changed you or is Jesus’ way of doing things shaping you? Only you and the Lord can honestly answer that question. I know there have been times when my eyes have been taken off of Jesus. When they have, I don’t serve very well, and I don’t look much like him.

Rather than focusing on what was going on in Rome or how Gentile culture was changing his world, Jesus took to the streets of Jerusalem, the seaside of Galilee, and the forsaken territory of Samaria. He didn’t invest his limited time on earth in being a political pundit, social commentator or culture warrior. Instead he made himself a servant to all. Thank God for that! Such service and humility allowed him to be the Savior of the world. We aren’t people’s personal saviors, but we have been called to follow in the Savior’s steps. After all, people don’t need my two cents on every issue; they need the priceless gift of Jesus Christ. Are we following him or have we become disciples of the distractions of this world? — Blaine

Family News & Notes



FEBRUARY CALENDARS: If you have events for our February calendar, please include them on your Connection Card today. Thanks!

NEW DIRECTORY PAGES for Jimmy & Retta Parsley are now available on the hallway wall.

FOLLOW THIS THIS WEEK: When you feel the urge to act only out of a sense of self-interest, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus.



NEW MEMBERS POTLUCK follows worship this morning. Please join us as we celebrate our new members from the past year while enjoying a meal together.

AREA WIDE SINGING is today at 2:30pm at Mountain View Church of Christ in Rutledge.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY continues a study of Hebrews this Thursday.

A BABY SHOWER to welcome Nelsie Hux, daughter of Casey & Stephen, is scheduled for Sunday, February 17 at 3pm. For gift ideas, please see Cherie Dempster or Brenda Dean. They are also registered at Walmart and on Amazon.com.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/24 Rhoda Cooper

1/24 Karl DeCesare

1/27 Martha Ross

1/29 Kody Thompson

1/29 Caitlan Thompson

1/31 Dennis Talley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

1/27 Tom & Sherrie Montgomery

This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM	Women’s Bible Study 10 AM		
12:00pm Potluck		38 cards sent last week.				
5:00pm Worship						