

### Last Week's Statistics

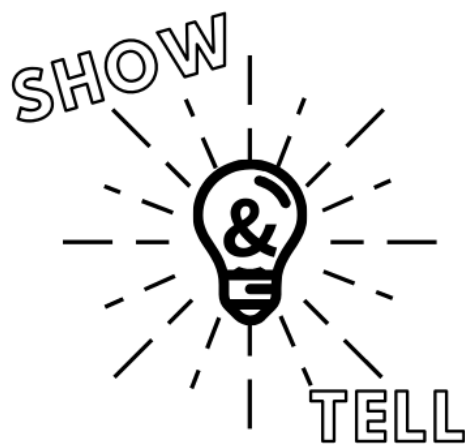
AM Bible Study	72
AM Worship	115
PM Worship	53
Wed. Bible Study	50
Contribution	\$4,090.00
2020 Budget	\$4,000.00
2020 Average	\$4,142.29
Building Fund	\$353,147.32

### Today's Sermons

AM: Living Eternally Today  
(James 4:13-14)

PM: The Prayer of Faith  
(James 1:5-8)

### 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	February 16	February 23
WELCOME	John Dean	Jim Dempster
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	Spencer Morris
FIRST PRAYER	Russ Mitchell	Tim Thompson
LORD'S SUPPER	Brandon Martin	Brandon Martin
	Kyle Barnes	Kyle Barnes
PRESIDING	Jim Glenn	Jim Glenn
PRESIDING	Bob Bobo	Bob Bobo
	Bill Rouse	Bill Rouse
	Ken Ross	Ken Ross
BIBLE READING	Jim Dempster	Larry Coe
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Mike Sobiech
CLOSING PRAYER	Larry Coe	Rich Hawkins
NURSERY	Becky Hawkins	Melissa Thompson
NURSERY	Karen Lilly	Cindy Bullock
USHERS	Wayne Lilly	Wayne Lilly
	Jeff Maxwell	Jeff Maxwell
SECURITY	Larry Capshaw	Rich Hawkins
INVITATION ELDER	John Dean	Tom Montgomery
PM WORSHIP	February 16	February 23
SONG LEADER	Jerry Barrett	Russ Mitchell
FIRST PRAYER	Mike Sobiech	Tom Montgomery
BIBLE READING	Wayne Lilly	Jeff Maxwell
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Dathan Hickman
CLOSING PRAYER	Bob Bobo	Jerry Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
LORD'S SUPPER	Spencer Morris	Spencer Morris
USHER	John Dean	John Dean
WEDNESDAY	February 19	February 26
SONG LEADER	Spencer Morris	Jordan Holt
CLOSING PRAYER	John Dean	Jim Dempster



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### Family Matters

**Nelsie Hux** is doing well at home after her procedure on Thursday.

**Rosie Dillard** is battling shingles. Her surgery has been postponed.

**Jackie Frasher** is dealing with the effects of suffering an eye stroke.

**Faye Pistole** is home after suffering a couple of falls last weekend.

**Bernie Hernandez** (Steve's brother) is recovering from pneumonia.

As of this printing, Tyler Gilbert's grandmother **Edith Gilbert** was scheduled to have surgery Saturday for a broken hip.

The DeCesares ask prayers for **Stephanie Buford** who is being evaluated for a stroke. Leah also reports that her dad **Chuck Maurer** has been approved for another clinical trial.

Our sympathy goes out to David & LaDonna May in the passing of their niece **Lori Spaulding** and to Cindy Bullock in the passing of her niece's husband **Richard Morrison**.

The Kellys leave this week for their trip to New Zealand.

**Past Requests:** Kathryn Willbanks, Linda Sommer, Curtis Hawkins, Allen Swearingin, Ann Ross, Anibal Ramirez, Diane Hawkins, David Downey, Buck Roberts, Oscar Farley, Barry Lawson, Greg Blevins, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo

**Battling Cancer:** Nina Barrett, Helen Roberts, Ken Polston, Mistie Hale, Chuck Maurer, Vonda Zimmerman, Charles Staton, Dina Faust, Julie Browning, Jerry Ladd, Greg Dexter, Angie Dean Cureton, Phil Mitchell, Krista Lovejoy, Jerry Hickman, Ed Goins, Susan Jones, Rick Stoffer, Heather Andrews, Jean Waddell, Russ Holden, Todd Turpen, Amy Hoyle, Barb Halcomb, Jim Toombs, Pete Misuraca, Tim Smith, Dennis Cornett, John Thomas, Brianne Langley, Larry Smith, Carole Roloff, Karen Hamrick, Jimmy Mooney, Becky Bunch, Dwayne Cole, Darlene Sentelle, Susan Crigger, Jamie Johnson, Larry Snyder, Sarah Wolfe, Richard McCollough

**Shut-In:** Gracie Arnott, Rick Blair, Jack & Wanda Dickson, Doyle Helton, Kathy Johnson, Keith Sparkman

**Military:** Cameron Dean, 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

### Contact Us

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### Our Elders

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### Our Minister

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# What about Membership?

What does it mean to be a church “member?” In relation to the church, the concept of membership often gets watered down compared to the New Testament’s definition of “member.” When Paul speaks of being a member of the church in Romans 12:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, he uses “member” synonymously with “body part.” In comparing the church to a physical body, Paul says every Christian is a member or part of the body. God puts us together to collectively form one, fully functioning, healthy body. That means God intends for each Christian to be an active, supportive part/member of the body. This takes the idea of membership far beyond simply having one’s name on a roll or in a church directory.

Nowhere in the New Testament will you encounter the idea of “placing membership” within a local church. Because of this, some challenge the idea of placing membership. It is true that all Christians are members of God’s universal church, and He certainly doesn’t need us validating what He has already accomplished (Acts 2:47; 2 Timothy 2:19). However, there are some practical reasons for being identified with a specific congregation. Here are a couple:

- The shepherds/elders of the local church need to know for what sheep they are responsible. Some sheep may want to be spiritual free agents, but that’s not how God intended for the church to function. He has called shepherds to oversee, lead and protect the flock. If you trust the leadership of the local church, then you need to become a part of that flock. If you don’t trust the leadership of the local church, then you need to find one that you do.
- Returning to the idea of membership from Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12, God has called you to get connected to other Christians in order that all can serve and grow together. We each have unique talents and abilities to contribute to the greater body. Those in positions of leadership are commanded to train and mentor members for service (Ephesians 4:11-16). These purposes can only be accomplished through a commitment to one another. In other words, we need all hands on deck!

Church membership is not about gaining “preferred” status within the local congregation. It is about confidently following the leadership; contributing talents and resources to the service of others; and serving as an ambassador for Christ by bringing more souls to Him (2 Corinthians 5:18-20). If you have any questions about us or would like to meet with our elders about placing membership, they are happy to speak with you at any time. — Blaine



**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!

**FAMILY SEMINAR:** Elizabethton Church of Christ will host a Family Growth Seminar on March 6 & 7. RSVP details and a full schedule are posted in the hallway.

**CHURCH RIDE SHARE:** Rich Hawkins is looking for volunteers to help provide rides to church services for members. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up in the hallway. Rich will have a brief meeting about the ministry after next Sunday morning’s worship. Please see him for any questions or info.

**GOSPEL GIRLS** meet today at 3 PM. Please see Becky Hawkins for details.

**ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING** takes place this afternoon at 3:30 PM.

**CYC MEETING:** There will be a brief meeting for CYC after next Sunday morning’s worship.

**MEN’S NIGHT OUT** takes place on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 PM at Texas Roadhouse. Please sign-up in the hallway if you plan to go.

**GLOW THE DISTANCE 5K:** Runners & walkers, go to [www.matstn.com/glow-the-distance-5k](http://www.matstn.com/glow-the-distance-5k) and select “Morristown Church of Christ” to register for the race. Everyone needs to register by Wednesday, February 26. For any questions, please see Erin Dean.

**HEALTHY KIDS RUNNING SERIES:** The church’s property serves as this year’s site for the series. Races are 3/29, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26 & 5/3. Parents, please see Leah DeCesare before registering your children for the races.

2/16 Nancy Clift  
 2/16 Linda Sommer  
 2/17 Kathy Johnson  
 2/17 Dana Talley  
 2/19 Pam Thompson  
 2/22 Jennifer Gilbert

2/20 Brian & Kellie Dean  
 2/21 David & Cindy Bullock

## This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM			
3:00pm Gospel Girls 3:30pm Elders and Deacons Meeting 5:00pm Worship		30 cards sent last week.				