

Last Week’s Statistics

AM Bible Study	73
AM Worship	127
PM Worship	52
Wed. Bible Study	54
Contribution	\$3,997.10
2019 Budget	\$3,900.00
2019 Average	\$4,096.38
Building Fund	\$356,919.59

Today’s Sermons

AM: A Blessing That We Might
See Our Blessings
(Ephesians 1:15-23)

PM: Do Not Marvel (John 3:1-3)

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	February 24	March 3
WELCOME	Tom Montgomery	Blaine Kelly
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	David Willbanks
FIRST PRAYER	Mike Sobiech	Tim Thompson
LORD’S SUPPER	Kyle Barnes	Brandon Martin
	Curtis Hawkins	Doug Hobbs
PRESIDING	Jerry Barrett	Bob Bobo
PRESIDING	Jim Glenn	Russ Mitchell
	Harold Royston	Rich Hawkins
	Kenneth Ross	Jim Ross
BIBLE READING	Jim Dempster	Curtis Hawkins
SERMON	Mike Sobiech	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Bill Rouse	John Dean
NURSERY	Becky Hawkins	Cindy Bullock
NURSERY	Rhoda Cooper	Cherie Dempster
USHERS	Tim Thompson	Larry Coe
	Jim Ross	Bill Rouse
SECURITY	Wayne Lilly	Russ Mitchell
INVITATION ELDER	Tom Montgomery	Jim Dempster
PM WORSHIP	February 24	March 3
SONG LEADER	Russ Mitchell	Spencer Morris
FIRST PRAYER	Jerry Barrett	Rich Hawkins
BIBLE READING	Jeff Whitaker	Mike Sobiech
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Ben Shafer	Larry Coe
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rich Hawkins	Wayne Lilly
LORD’S SUPPER	Larry Coe	Tom Montgomery
USHER	Bob Bobo	Josh Frey
WEDNESDAY	February 27	March 6
SONG LEADER	Tim Thompson	Jerry Barrett
CLOSING PRAYER	Bob Bobo	Ben Shafer



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Weekly Newsletter - February 24, 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 rejoice to report that **Nina Barrett** has been declared cancer-free!

Nancy Capshaw had to return to the hospital last week in Kentucky.

Mike McGuire begins cancer treatments this week.

Jean Anderson will remain in a wheelchair at home for the next several weeks as she recovers from her foot surgery.

Kathryn Willbanks has not been feeling well recently.

Jane Dean has recently been dealing with back issues.

Lynnda Coe’s sister **Carolynn Hyde** begins chemotherapy this week.

John Surber’s mother **Barbara Lephew** is now out of the hospital, but please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to the family, friends, and students of Freed-Hardeman professor **Stan Mitchell** who passed away last week.

Several youth and adults are attending Challenge Youth Conference this morning. Thank you to Mike Sobiech for speaking in Blaine’s absence.

Past Requests: Nelsie Hux, Jean Anderson, Jamie Capshaw, Donna Surber, Jean & Allen Swearengin, Barry Lawson, Oscar Farley, Barry Snapp, Eddie Gilbert, Daniel Purkey, Greg Blevins, Lynn Ross, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo, Cole Kelley

Battling Cancer: 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, Jeremy Warren, Mitch Plumb, Dennis Cornett, Jesse Smith, Nic Ravnborg, Brianne Langley

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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A Hindrance to Others

In one of our recent Wednesday night “In His Steps” classes with Jim Dempster, we discussed the following passage from Matthew 16:

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

The part of this passage that usually gets the most attention is Jesus shockingly referring to one of his closest friends and followers as “Satan.” After all, the man we know as the Apostle Peter had just declared that Jesus is the Christ a few verses earlier in Matthew 16:16. How could someone with such faith and spiritual insight so suddenly be associated with Satan? The answer to that question is best understood by Jesus’ words “You are a hindrance to me.”

Peter was a hindrance to Jesus in this moment because he was telling the Christ that his pending death was unnecessary. Certainly at this point in Jesus’ ministry, Peter did not understand all that the Savior’s sacrificial death and resurrection would accomplish. Even with his lack of understanding, Peter’s insistence that Jesus did not need to die served as a potential hindrance to the Lord. The Greek word for “hindrance” here literally means “stumbling block.” Think about that for a moment. Hearing his friend say that he did not need to die made Jesus’ willingness to go to the cross a more challenging prospect. Thankfully, it did not keep him from facing his life’s greatest challenge and dying for you and me.

I highlight this small phrase to make this point: Are there similar ways in which we can be stumbling blocks to our Christian brothers and sisters? It is easy to only think of stumbling blocks as tempting others to commit sin. Peter’s stumbling block to Jesus here is trying to convince him NOT to do something that needed to be done. It required incredible humility and faith on Jesus’ part, and it could have been aided with Peter’s support and encouragement.

As fellow followers of Jesus and Christian family, we sometimes need each other to push each other. Following Christ sometimes comes with great tests of faith and challenges that stretch us to new spiritual heights. Instead of hindering others from facing faith’s challenges, we would do better to tell each other “You can do it, I am with you, and I will help you face it.” — Blaine

Family News & Notes



DIRECTORY INSERTS for Melissa and Mandi Taylor are now on the hallway wall. Other recent updates can be found there as well.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit & Vegetables, Pasta, Box Meals, Soup, Jelly, Macaroni and Cheese. Check expiration dates please. Thank you for your help!

FACEBOOK LIVE BIBLE STUDY with Ben Shafer is held on Monday nights at 8pm.

BIBLE CLASS MATERIALS for the upcoming spring quarter are available in the office.

SPRING BIBLE CLASSES for teens and adults will begin the week of March 10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/24	Rich Hawkins
2/14	Emmett Hobbs
2/27	Jean Swearingin
3/1	John Dean



ELDERS & DEACONS meet today at 3:30pm.

ANNUAL LADIES RETREAT will take place on March 8-10. Brochures can now be found on the hallway tables. Please return registration forms to Mary Mitchell.

GREENEVILLE SINGING: Greeneville Church of Christ will host a singing night on Saturday, March 23 from 6 to 8pm. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please call (423) 639-8215.

KARNS SENIORS DAY: Instead of a youth rally, Karns Church of Christ will host an area-wide Senior Rally on Saturday, March 30. The day goes from 9:30am to 3pm. If you would like to attend, please sign-up in the hallway. For any questions, please see Ben Shafer.

AREA-WIDE SINGING takes place at 2:30pm today at Rogersville Church of Christ.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

3/1	David & Susan Downey
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This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM			
3:30pm Elders/ Deacons Meeting		37 cards sent last week				
5:00pm Worship						