

AM Bible Study	71
AM Worship	124
PM Worship	42
Wed. Bible Study	66
Contribution	\$4,290.00
2019 Budget	\$3,900.00
2019 Average	\$4,083.96
Building Fund	\$356,974.35

## AM: Looking for Something Real (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

***Vision 20:20 for 2019:  
Come, Follow Me***



AM WORSHIP	March 31	April 7
WELCOME	David Willbanks	Blaine Kelly
SONG LEADER	Spencer Morris	David Willbanks
FIRST PRAYER	Tom Montgomery	Russ Mitchell
LORD'S SUPPER	Brandon Martin	Ken Ross
	Doug Hobbs	Mike Sobiech
PRESIDING	Bob Bobo	Jordan Holt
PRESIDING	Russ Mitchell	John Dean
	Rich Hawkins	Jeff Maxwell
	Jim Ross	John Surber
BIBLE READING	Jeff Maxwell	Larry Coe
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Wayne Lilly	Ben Shafer
NURSERY	Alisha Holt	Martha Ross
NURSERY	LaDonna May	Cherie Dempster
USHERS	Larry Coe	Jim Glenn
	Bill Rouse	Jim Ross
SECURITY	Rich Hawkins	Wayne Lilly
INVITATION ELDER	Jim Dempster	Tom Montgomery
PM WORSHIP	March 31	April 7
SONG LEADER	Ken Ross	Jordan Holt
FIRST PRAYER	Jim Dempster	John Dean
BIBLE READING	Jeff Whitaker	Jim Ross
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Bob Bobo	Tom Montgomery
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Wayne Lilly	Rich Hawkins
LORD'S SUPPER	Tom Montgomery	David Willbanks
USHER	Josh Frey	Harold Royston
WEDNESDAY	April 3	April 10
SONG LEADER	Tim Thompson	Jerry Barrett
CLOSING PRAYER	Jerry Barrett	Rich Hawkins

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## Weekly Newsletter - March 31, 2019

**Jane Dean** is recovering after undergoing surgery Thursday for a pinched nerve in her back.

**Wells Sommer** is now at Ridgeview Terrace in Rutledge and is expected to remain there for the next several weeks.

**Melissa Wilson** is on bedrest at home as she battles a virus.

**Jerry Johnson** is dealing with a pinched nerved in his shoulder.

**Rhoda Cooper** is recovering after suffering a nasty cat bite last weekend.

**Buck Roberts's** eye surgery is scheduled for mid-April.

Kathryn Willbanks asks for continued prayers for her brother **John Harrington** as he deals with several health issues.

**Vickie Cruse** (Jean Swearingin's daughter) is recovering after undergoing cancer surgery this past week.

Donna Farley requests our prayers for her niece **Briann Langley** who did not receive a good report last week regarding her cancer.

**Past Requests:** Pat Kinder, Jean Anderson, Jamie Capshaw, Jean & Allen Swaengien, Barry Lawson, Oscar Farley, Allen Barrett, David Downey, Barry Snapp, Daniel Purkey, Greg Blevins, Lynn Ross, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo, Cole Kelley, Kailyn Lowe

**Battling Cancer:** Mike McGuire, Helen Roberts, Wells Sommer, Mistie Hale, John Corn, Sara Hosman, Carolyn Hyde, Melody & Brian Forman, 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, Caleb Hickman, Wyatt Crippin, Rick Stoffer, Heather Coffey Andrews, Jerry Hickman, Jean Waddell, Russ Holden, Todd Turpen, Barb Halcomb, Emily Marshall, Jim Toombs, Amy Hoyle, Jimmy Biesiada, Tammy Kehoe, Pete Misuraca, Jude Vance, Doug Miles, 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

## 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!

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

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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# Looking for Something Real

Today we begin a new sermon series titled “Looking for Something Real.” The quality of today’s technology today often makes it difficult to determine if something you see on your TV or computer screen is real or fake. I admit that I have sometimes Googled whether or not something was real.

Because so much that we see and hear today is not real, it is tempting to quickly dismiss something as fake without first investigating it. This is especially true in the spiritual realm. Many people today trust nothing connected to religion because they see hypocrisy, deception, and corruption in many religious circles. Religious leaders who use their position to prey on others or get wealthy put all religion under a cloud of suspicion. Religious leaders who entangle themselves with earthly politics misrepresent the true Kingdom of God. Religious organizations that cover-up unethical (and sometimes criminal) activity for the sake of maintaining power betray the purity and humility of the Gospel. It’s hard not to blame people today for being skeptical or cynical about Christianity.

How can Christians respond to the world’s distrust of religion? As in all areas of life, we would do well to first consider Jesus’ example. As a Jew living in the first century, he was not naïve to how fake religion had become among his people. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) is a point-by-point exposure of the hypocrisy found in religion in Jesus’ day, and it is just as relevant to Christians in today’s world.

The Sermon on the Mount, though, is more than a takedown of fake religion. It is also a call to live with authentic and sincere faith — a faith that doesn’t play games with God and doesn’t view people as pawns. It is a faith that sincerely loves our neighbor as ourselves and not for what they can do for us.

It is easy to criticize organized religion today. The criticism is often deserved. It is also easy to run away from all appearances of religion because of the poor examples of it. As followers of Jesus Christ, however, it is on us to show the world what “pure and undefiled religion” looks like (James 1:27). Christianity is not for people who need to look perfect, but it is for those willing to be real with God. When we are real with Him, we will also be real with one another.

Jesus’ answer to bad and fake religion is genuine faith, hope, and love. May we follow in his steps and show that same faith, hope, and love to a world that still longs for something real. — Blaine

## Follow This This Week

Who do you know who needs the realness of Jesus Christ in their lives today? How can you help direct them to Him?

# Family News & Notes



**THANK YOU** to Tim & Mellissa Thompson and Tim’s father Edwin for striping the parking lot!

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

**HEALTHY KIDS RUNNING SERIES** is an area program started by our **Leah DeCesare!** Info cards about it can be found in the hallway.

**UT VET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will be held on Saturday, April 6, and is open to the public. **Wayne Lilly** serves as an instructor there, and **Jacob Harris** is currently enrolled as a student. For more information, please take an info card in the hallway.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Cheri Miles

4/2

London Barnes

4/6

Mike Sobiech



**FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION:** All funds given to today’s collection will go towards needed building projects for 2019. For more details, please see last week’s newsletter.

**FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK:** Following tonight’s worship, we will enjoy a potluck meal. Please plan to join us and bring a dish or two!

**SINGING NIGHT:** Tonight’s worship service at 5pm will especially focus our time on praising God through song.

**SPRING BREAKFAST:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 20, for our annual Spring Breakfast. Look for more details in next week’s newsletter.

**APRIL CALENDARS** are now available on the hallway tables.

# Happy Anniversary!!

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Kenneth & Sara Ross

## This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM			
5:00pm Worship 6:00pm Potluck		33 cards sent last week				