

Last Week’s Statistics

AM Bible Study	73
AM Worship	123
PM Worship	41
Wed. Bible Study	56
Contribution	\$3,443.96
2019 Budget	\$3,900.00
2019 Average	\$4,034.73
Building Fund	\$357,034.98

Today’s Sermons

AM: Real Discipleship
(John 8:31-32)

PM: The Faith of Gideon
(Judges 6:17-18)

Vision 20:20 for 2019:
Come, Follow Me



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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Order of Worship and Those Serving		
<i>If you are unable to serve, please contact Jim Ross.</i>		
AM WORSHIP	April 14	April 21
WELCOME	John Dean	Jim Dempster
SONG LEADER	Russ Mitchell	David Willbanks
FIRST PRAYER	Larry Coe	Wayne Lilly
LORD’S SUPPER	Ken Ross	Ken Ross
	Mike Sobiech	Mike Sobiech
PRESIDING	Jordan Holt	Jordan Holt
PRESIDING	John Dean	John Dean
	Jeff Maxwell	Jeff Maxwell
	John Surber	John Surber
BIBLE READING	Bill Rouse	Terry Browning
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Bob Bobo	Jim Dempster
NURSERY	Jennifer Maxwell	Sherrie Montgomery
NURSERY	Cindy Bullock	Melissa Thompson
USHERS	Jim Glenn	Jim Ross
	Jim Ross	Jim Glenn
SECURITY	Russ Mitchell	Jim Ross
INVITATION ELDER	Jim Dempster	Tom Montgomery
PM WORSHIP	April 14	April 21
SONG LEADER	Spencer Morris	Jerry Barrett
FIRST PRAYER	Mike Sobiech	Spencer Morris
BIBLE READING	Jeff Maxwell	Jeff Whitaker
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Wayne Lilly	Tim Thompson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
LORD’S SUPPER	David Willbanks	David Willbanks
USHER	Harold Royston	Harold Royston
WEDNESDAY	April 17	April 24
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	Tim Thompson
CLOSING PRAYER	Tom Montgomery	Bob Bobo



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Weekly Newsletter - April 14, 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

Jerry & Nina’s son **Allen Barrett** received a better report this past week.

It was great to see **Jane Dean** back with us last Sunday!

After being born at 24 weeks, we’re happy to report that **Daniel Purkey** (grandson of Steve & Karen Hernandez) is now home. Praise God!

Sam Akers will soon be leaving on a mission trip overseas.

Rowen Glenn’s ear tube procedure went well Tuesday.

Rhoda Cooper requests prayers for her cousin **Valley Knight** who is not doing well.

Mike Sobiech’s uncle **Bob Phelps** has been placed in Hospice care.

Anibal Ramirez of Guatemala is battling serious health issues.

David Willbanks requests prayers for his coworker **Dale Sigler** who has been diagnosed with cancer.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have prayer requests or updates for our Family Matters list, please provide those on your Connection Card this morning.

Past Requests: Melissa Wilson, Pat Kinder, Jean Anderson, Jamie Capshaw, Jean & Allen Swearengin, 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, Carolynn 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 Keho, 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

Holiday Opportunities

The book of Acts twice mentions the Jewish celebration of Pentecost. The first in Acts 2 is certainly the more famous of the two because it is the day that Peter and his fellow Apostles first proclaim the Gospel. Tens of thousands of Jews have gathered on the Temple grounds in Jerusalem. Assuming they will celebrate the feast day like they always had, they would experience a Pentecost unlike any other. For it was on that day that they receive the charge of crucifying the Christ but also receive the hope of forgiveness by being baptized in His name. To the glory of God, three thousand of them do just that.

We often recognize the providential opportunity that Pentecost provided the Apostles in maximizing their reach by first proclaiming the Gospel in Jerusalem on Pentecost. This was certainly no accident.

The second, less memorable mention of Pentecost in Acts occurs in 20:16. Here is how it reads in the ESV: “For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.”

Paul had long been traveling the Mediterranean world, spreading the message of Jesus Christ wherever he could and strengthening those who had already become Christians. His desire to get back to Jerusalem in time for Pentecost was so great that he bypassed Ephesus, the church with which he had worked most extensively.

It is commonly believed that Paul made it to Jerusalem in time for Pentecost in Acts 21:17. Scholars date this Pentecost at AD 57, more than two decades after Acts 2. Paul’s reception in Jerusalem was quite different than Peter’s, however. Instead of baptizing thousands on the Temple grounds, Paul left the Temple under arrest. Nonetheless Paul made the most of the moment by proclaiming the Gospel to everyone gathered around the Temple in Acts 22.

While different in many ways, these two Pentecosts provided the Apostles with optimal opportunities to reach Jews who had gathered for their holiday.

Similarly next weekend provides us an excellent opportunity to share with others the Gospel message. Whether they do so for religious or cultural purposes, Easter is a time when many think about Jesus in ways they normally would not. Do we ignore such people, criticize them, or attempt to make the most of the moment?

Christians often despair that fewer people today give attention to Christ in our culture than they once did. If so, shouldn’t we make the most of a holiday when they actually do? Paul said he used “all means” to “save some” (1 Corinthians 9:22). Let’s use the means of Easter weekend as an opportunity to share Christ with others and even invite them to worship with us next Sunday. As disciples seeking to make more disciples, let’s us every opportunity to share Christ.

— Blaine

Family News & Notes



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! As we progress into the year, here are some important dates to keep in mind for various church events:

- **High Rock Bible Camp:** June 16-21
- **Vacation Bible School:** July 14-17
- **Church Retreat:** September 27-29

If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Blaine Kelly.

Happy Anniversary!!

4/17 Doug & Elizabeth Hobbs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/15 Susan Downey
4/17 Frank Kincaid
4/20 Ashley Nicholson



LADIES NIGHT OUT will be at the Chop House this Thursday, April 18, at 6:30pm. If you plan to attend, please sign-up in the hallway.

SPRING BREAKFAST: for all ages will take place this Saturday, April 20, at 9am. Please make plans to attend and bring a friend. An Egg Hunt for the children will follow breakfast. A sign-up sheet for food and attendance is in the hallway. If you have any questions, please see Caroline Kelly.

AREA CHURCH EVENTS: This is the time of year when many churches in this region hold Gospel Meetings and other special events. To stay informed of what is taking place, please see the hallway bulletin board where area church events are posted.

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?

This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM	Ladies Night Out Chop House 6:30pm		Spring Breakfast 9:00am
5:00pm Worship		31 cards sent last week				