

Last Week's Statistics

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| AM Bible Study | 73 |
| AM Worship | 103 |
| PM Worship | 47 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 76 |
| Contribution | \$3,505.00 |
| 2017 Budget | \$3,700.00 |
| 2017 Average | \$3,613.58 |
| Building Fund | \$352,454.76 |

Today's Sermons

AM: Standing Tall
(Daniel 3:4-7)

PM: The Pride & the Fall
(Daniel 4:1-3)

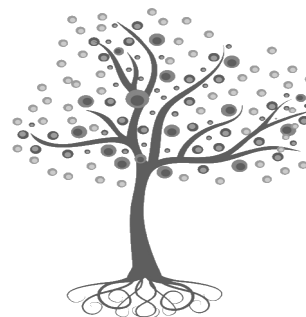
Vision 20:20 for 2017



Order of Worship and Those Serving

If you are unable to serve, please contact Jim Ross.

| AM WORSHIP | May 14 | May 21 |
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| WELCOME | Blaine Kelly | Blaine Kelly |
| SONG LEADER | David Willbanks | David willbanks |
| FIRST PRAYER | Tom Montgomery | Jim Dempster |
| LORD'S SUPPER | Kenneth Ross | Kenneth Ross |
| | Steve Hernandez | Steve Hernandez |
| PRESIDING | John Dean | John Dean |
| PRESIDING | Russ Mitchell | Russ Mitchell |
| | Jeff Whitaker | Jeff Whitaker |
| | Jim Ross | Jim Ross |
| BIBLE READING | Terry Browning | Doug Hobbs |
| SERMON | Blaine Kelly | Blaine Kelly |
| CLOSING PRAYER | Mark Coe | Wayne Lilly |
| NURSERY | Rhoda Cooper | Cherie Dempster |
| NURSERY | LaDonna May | Martha Ross |
| USHERS | Jeff Maxwell | Jeff Maxwell |
| | Harold Royston | Harold Royston |
| SECURITY | Richard Hawkins | Van Frasher |
| INVITATION ELDER | Jim Dempster | Tom Montgomery |
| PM WORSHIP | May 14 | May 21 |
| SONG LEADER | Russ Mitchell | Kenneth Ross |
| FIRST PRAYER | David Willbanks | John Dean |
| BIBLE READING | Mike Sobiech | Jeff Maxwell |
| SERMON | Blaine Kelly | Tom Montgomery |
| CLOSING PRAYER | Ben Shafer | Mike Sobiech |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Wayne Lilly | Wayne Lilly |
| LORD'S SUPPER | Richard Hawkins | Richard Hawkins |
| USHER | Jim Dempster | Jim Dempster |
| NURSERY | Becky Hawkins | LaDonna May |
| INVITATION ELDER | John Dean | David Willbanks |
| WEDNESDAY | May 17 | May 24 |
| SONG LEADER | Curtis Hawkins | Steve Hernandez |
| CLOSING PRAYER | Richard Hawkins | Bob Bobo |



MORRISTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Weekly Newsletter - May 14, 2017

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

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

Our Minister

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| Blaine Kelly | 736.1505 |
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Family Matters

The Montgomerys' granddaughter **Rowen Glenn** remains in NICU in Nashville. She has been diagnosed with a couple of heart issues that will require surgery later this year. Please keep her and all of the family in your prayers.

Allen Swarengin's radiation treatments have been postponed until he can first have a CT Scan.

Judy Royston is doing better after being sick last week.

David & LaDonna's granddaughter **Mikayla May** will undergo surgery on her back this week in Georgia.

Cindy Bullock's nephew **Mitch Plumb** will undergo surgery next month for three more tumors that doctors recently found.

Prayers have been requested for Gina & Terry Harris's friend **Bill Baker** who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

We're happy to report that **Aubrey Cose** (Janet's granddaughter) is doing better with her anemia.

Past Requests: Barry Lawson, Kathryn Willbanks, Margie Ladehoff, Leslie Williams, Eleanor Creech, Justine Hickman, Ann Dunlap, Craig Thornburg, Ovell Alexander, Dolores Lupo

Battling Cancer: Mistie Hale, Sonny Maggard, Ken Polston, Regina Gauntt, Julie Browning, Alida Priestner, Mitch Plumb, Donna Lane, Lisa Vicks, Danny Herren, Joe Clusky, Angie Dean Cureton, Virginia Hopkins, Susan Howlett, Mary Springer, Joe Loveless, Ann Long, Vanessa McMillan, Mary Nolen Bond, Greg Dexter, Mike Joyner, Brenda Dillman, Tonya Bennett, Mary Ramsey, Jamin Hymel, Charlotte Sierocinski, Nancy Gallagher, Herbert Browning, Casey Beck, William Austin, Kallie Reece, Courtney Kramer

Shut-In: Mignon Adkins, Rick Blair, Pam Capshaw, Doyle Helton, Allene Powell, Melody Roberts, Bill Ross, Keith Sparkman

Military: Cameron Dean, Austin Whitelaw, Tristan Capshaw, Jacob Helton, Cody Miller, Benjamin Wingfield

Service Times

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| Sunday Bible Classes: | 9:30 am |
| Sunday AM Worship: | 10:30 am |
| Sunday PM Worship: | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday Bible Classes: | 7:00 pm |

Contact Us!

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Daniel Prays

Opening Conversation: If someone told you that you were never allowed to pray again, what would you do? What if praying to God was against the law?

Introduction: Daniel was a prophet of God who lived about 500 to 600 years before Jesus. When he was quite young, he and his friends were captured by the Babylonians and taken away from their homes in order to work for the king of Babylon. Living in a new place with a different language, their names were even changed. In Babylon, Daniel’s name was changed to Belteshazzar; Hananiah became Shadrach; Mishael became Meshach; and Azariah became Abednego. While going through all of these changes would have been difficult, Daniel and his friends continued living for and obeying God in the foreign land of Babylon.

Read Daniel 1:8-17

Devotional: Daniel was young when he was taken from home, and he would grow old in this foreign land. In Daniel’s lifetime, the kingdom of Babylon was replaced by the kingdom of Persia and its leader, Darius. Daniel continued serving Darius just as he had served the kings of Babylon. In Daniel chapter 6, however, we find that Darius made an usual law. At the request of other leaders in his kingdom, he made it illegal for anyone to pray to God. If anyone was caught praying, that person would then be thrown into a den of lions! Knowing this new law was now in place, the old man Daniel had a decision to make for himself — “Do I keep praying or do I stop?”

Read Daniel 6:10

DISCUSSION: What would you have done if you were Daniel?

As you see, the new law did not stop Daniel from praying. While living in a foreign land would have been difficult in some ways for Daniel, he was always someone who gave thanks to God. But just as Darius’s new law said, Daniel was going to be thrown into a den of lions because he kept praying. Darius knew he had made a foolish law and didn’t want to throw Daniel into the lions’ den, but he was not allowed to change the law. On the night when Daniel was thrown into the lions’ den, Darius could not sleep. When the next morning came, he rushed to check on Daniel.

Read Daniel 6:19-23

God’s angel kept the lions from harming Daniel! Both in his youth and his old age, Daniel always trusted God and never stopped praying to Him. May we do the same!

Prayer: Thank God for allowing us to always pray to Him, no matter what others might think. Ask God for a heart like Daniel’s to always be thankful.

Family News & Notes



SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS: Beginning on Sunday, May 21 and going through July, we will meet on Sunday evenings at 5pm. Following worship each evening, we will share in times of food & fellowship. On Sunday, May 21, we will enjoy a potluck meal together. Please plan to join us and bring a dish or two!

A BIG “THANK YOU” goes out to Wayne Lilly and his family of helpers for putting together another wonderful breakfast for the Senior Members last Saturday. We appreciate you all and greatly enjoy the goody bags!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5/14 Kaleb DeCesare
- 5/15 Shanna Dotson
- 5/15 Lucas Whitaker
- 5/20 Judd Blackmon
- 5/20 Karen Crumbley



ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING will take place next Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 PM.

GOSPEL GUYS & GIRLS will both meet on Sunday, May 28 after morning worship. After sharing lunch, they will each have their monthly activities.

LOOKING AHEAD! Here are important events & dates to mark on your calendar for the rest of the year:

- High Rock Teen Camp (June 11-16)
- High Rock PreTeen Camp (June 18-23)
- Clothing Giveaway (July 8)
- Vacation Bible School (July 9-12)
- Church Fall Retreat (September 8-10)
- Ladies Day (October 7)

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP for teens at Karns Church of Christ is June 4-11. The camp is free. If you would like more info, please pick a brochure in the hallway.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

5/17 Brad & Laura Campbell

This Week at a Glance

| Today | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 14 <i>The Story</i> 9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship | 15 | 16 Prayer Group 10 AM | 17 “The Story” Bible Classes 7 PM | 18 | 19 | 20 Be Ready for Chapter 19 of The Story!! |
| Happy Mothers Day!! 6pm Worship | | 38 cards sent last week. | | | | |