

Last Week’s Statistics

AM Bible Study	70
AM Worship	130
PM Worship	44
Wed. Bible Study	57
Contribution	\$4,930.44
2019 Budget	\$3,900.00
2019 Average	\$4,021.08
Building Fund	\$317,194.83

Today’s Sermons

AM: A Sending Church
(Acts 13:2-3)

PM: The Praise of His Glory
(Ephesians 1:5-6)

Vision 20:20 for 2019:
Come, Follow Me



Order of Worship and Those Serving		
<i>If you are unable to serve, please contact Jim Ross.</i>		
AM WORSHIP	August 11	August 18
WELCOME	Jim Dempster	Tom Montgomery
SONG LEADER	Russ Mitchell	Spencer Morris
FIRST PRAYER	Jordan Holt	Wayne Lilly
LORD’S SUPPER	Kyle Barnes	Kyle Barnes
	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
PRESIDING	Jim Glenn	Jim Glenn
PRESIDING	Jerry Barrett	Jerry Barrett
	Jeff Maxwell	Jeff Maxwell
	Curtis Hawkins	Curtis Hawkins
BIBLE READING	Doug Hobbs	Larry Coe
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Mike Sobiech	Bill Rouse
NURSERY	Sherrie Montgomery	Melissa Thompson
NURSERY	Martha Ross	Alisha Holt
USHERS	Tim Thompson	Tim Thompson
	Jim Ross	Jim Ross
SECURITY	Jim Ross	Jeff Whitaker
INVITATION ELDER	Tom Montgomery	Jim Dempster
PM WORSHIP	August 11	August 18
SONG LEADER	Ken Ross	Russ Mitchell
FIRST PRAYER	David Willbanks	Jerry Barrett
BIBLE READING	Ben Shafer	Bob Bobo
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	John Dean	Ben Shafter
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
LORD’S SUPPER	Jim Dempster	Jim Dempster
USHER	Tom Montgomery	Tom Montgomery
WEDNESDAY	August 14	August 21
SONG LEADER	Jerry Barrett	Jordan Holt
CLOSING PRAYER	Jim Dempster	John Dean



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Weekly Newsletter - August 11, 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

PRAISE GOD! **Travis Williford** was baptized into Christ Monday. Travis is the grandson of Helen & Buck Roberts. Welcome him into our family!

Larry Coe had a TIA last week in Florida but is home and doing better. **Lynnda Coe** has a blood clot in her leg and has been resting at home.

Jamie Capshaw remains at UT Medical Center.

Dave Bullock (Cindy’s husband) is now recovering at home. Cindy’s nephew **Jimmy Biesiada** has been declared cancer-free! Cindy also reports that her former minister **Russ Holden** had a successful surgery.

We’re sad to report that **Dean Palmo**, a teenager from Florida and friend of Marsha Grigsby’s family, passed away from cancer last weekend.

Janet Cose asks prayers for **Tim Smith** who is battling cancer.

Russ Mitchell asks prayers for **Hafeez**, a Christian from Pakistan who is currently studying with Russ online.

Today is the last Sunday that **Ben, Kellie, Bo & Jack Shafer** will be with us. Ben begins serving as minister of LaFollette Church of Christ next Sunday. Please join us for a potluck tonight as we celebrate the Shafers!

Past Requests: Faye Pistole, Lori Porter, Curtis Hawkins, Jamie Capshaw, Buck Roberts, Billy Damron, Jean & Allen Swearingin, Barry Lawson, Oscar Farley, David Downey, Greg Blevins, Lynn Ross, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo

Battling Cancer: Helen Roberts, Wells Sommer, Mistie Hale, John Corn, Sara Hosman, Vickie Cruse, Nancy Booth, Julie Browning, Dina Faust, Danny Herren, Angie Dean Cureton, Vanessa McMillan, Greg Dexter, Mary Nolen Bond, Jamin Hymel, Jerry Ladd, Phil Mitchell, Krista Lovejoy, Ed Goins, Susan Jones, Wyatt Crippin, Jerry Hickman, Heather Coffey Andrews, Rick Stoffer, Jean Waddell, Russ Holden, Todd Turpen, Barb Halcomb, Emily Marshall, Jim Toombs, Amy Hoyle, Pete Misuraca, Mitch Plumb, Dennis Cornett, Nic Ravnborg, Brianne Langley, Jude Vance, John Thomas, Lori Spaulding, Karen Hamrick

Shut-In: Gracie Arnott, Rick Blair, Jean Brown, 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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Confession Is Good for America’s Soul

We all share concern over the tragic events we see taking place in our nation on a far-too-regular basis. When I was a child, mass shootings were unheard of. Now they are commonplace. When they began to occur more frequently, some warned that we would eventually become numb to them. They were right.

We have also reached a place where theories explaining the causes are many and widely debated. These debates result in placing the blame for social ills at the feet of someone other than self. If you are on the political left, you blame the right. If you are on the political right, you blame the left. Everyone knows this approach isn’t helping anyone, and yet it continues.

It is easy to blame the other, the person or people who are different than you. Some of the Bible’s most impressive figures, however, accepted personal responsibility for the ills of their day. Consider Daniel, one of the most righteous people in Scripture, and his humble prayer of confession in Daniel 9. He doesn’t blame others for Judah’s woes. He consistently uses the pronouns of “we,” “us,” and “our.” Daniel 9:8 says, “To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.” Did such a statement make Daniel a traitor against his family or unpatriotic? Not at all. It made him honest and humble before his God. I encourage to read the entire prayer.

Similarly, the great leader Nehemiah petitions to God, “Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father’s house have sinned” (Nehemiah 1:6).

Where would we be today if such humility was common among us and our leaders? Followers of Jesus do not excuse, justify, or condone their own sins or those of anyone else. We confess. Why do we confess? Because we sin, we are weak, and we are not God (see 1 John 1:5-10). We all need to more frequently say and hear these words: “I shouldn’t have said/done/posted that,” “I’m sorry,” and “Would you forgive me?” As Daniel and Nehemiah teach us, we also have collective sins that need confessing. None of us are righteous; no, not one (Romans 3:10ff).

James 5:16 says healing follows confession. It certainly would be refreshing for a national figure to just once say, “I shouldn’t have said that” or for those who support him/her to stop justifying unjustifiable behavior. Floodgates of healing may then open. Such figures, however, do not determine my standard of righteousness. God does. More than hearing others’ confession, what I need most is to confess my own sins. Because they are many, and they are part of the problem. — Blaine

Family News & Notes



CONGRATULATIONS, FLORENCE! Our own Florence Stubblefield celebrates her 90th birthday this Tuesday. She was recognized last week for her 26 years volunteering at Morristown-Hamblen and was named their August volunteer of the month. Thank you, Florence, for your service. We love you!

AUGUST CALENDARS are now in the hallway.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY regularly checks on members who need help with tasks around their home or have other physical needs that the church could meet. If you or someone you has a need, please contact Jerry Barrett, Tim Thompson or the church office.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Box Meals, Soup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Oatmeal, Bottle Water. Our pantry is used on a regular basis and is running low. Please check expiration dates. Thank you for your help!



CELEBRATING THE SHAFERS! Join us tonight after worship for a potluck meal as we send off the Shafers. Please bring a dish or two. Cake and ice cream will be provided.

LADIES NIGHT OUT is Thursday, August 15 at Chili’s at 6:30pm. Please sign-up in the hall if you plan to attend.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING for August will take place next Sunday at 3:30pm.

GOSPEL GIRLS meet next Sunday at 3pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 8/12 Josh Frey
- 8/13 Florence Stubblefield
- 8/14 Pat Kinder
- 8/17 Rick Blair
- 8/17 Tammy Sparkman

This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM	Ladies Night Out		
5:00pm Worship 6:00pm Celebrate the Shafers Potluck		32 cards sent last week		Chili’s 6:30 PM		