

Last Week’s Statistics

AM Bible Study	76
AM Worship	148
PM Worship	71
Wed. Bible Study	69
Contribution	\$4,094.27
2019 Budget	\$3,900.00
2019 Average	\$4,023.52
Building Fund	\$331,518.80

Today’s Sermons

AM: Glory in Suffering  
(John 21:17-19)

PM: The Glory of Heaven  
(2 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

Vision 20:20 for 2019:  
Come, Follow Me



Order of Worship and Those Serving		
If you are unable to serve, please contact Jim Ross.		
AM WORSHIP	August 18	August 25
WELCOME	Tom Montgomery	David Willbanks
SONG LEADER	Spencer Morris	Jordan Holt
FIRST PRAYER	Wayne Lilly	Bob Bobo
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	Larry Coe	Terry Browning
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Bill Rouse	Jim Dempster
NURSERY	Melissa Thompson	Cindy Bullock
NURSERY	Alisha Holt	Jennifer Maxwell
USHERS	Tim Thompson	Jim Ross
	Jim Ross	Tim Thompson
SECURITY	Jeff Whitaker	Bob Bobo
INVITATION ELDER	Jim Dempster	Tom Montgomery
PM WORSHIP	August 18	August 25
SONG LEADER	Russ Mitchell	Jerry Barrett
FIRST PRAYER	Jerry Barrett	Spencer Morris
BIBLE READING	Bob Bobo	Mike Sobiech
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Ben Shafer	Larry Coe
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
LORD’S SUPPER	Jim Dempster	Jim Dempster
USHER	Tom Montgomery	Tom Montgomery
WEDNESDAY	August 21	August 28
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	Tim Thompson
CLOSING PRAYER	John Dean	Wayne Lilly



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Weekly Newsletter - August 18, 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’re happy to report that **Jamie Capshaw** is now back home. Please continue to remember her and Larry in your prayers.

It was great to see **Larry & Lynnda Coe** both back with us last Sunday!

Today is **Emma Mitchell’s** last Sunday with us before leaving for college.

Becky Hawkins asks prayers for her aunt **Marylou Gillion** who is now in Hospice and for her nephew **Heath Crossen** who was in a car accident.

Jackie Frasher reports that **Larry Smith** is doing well from his surgery.

Karen Lilly requests prayers for the family of **Tim Wallace**. He was a co-worker of Karen’s and died suddenly this past week.

NEW ADDRESSES: Please see the printed newsletter for this information.

GUEST SPEAKER: We’re blessed this morning to have **Byron Benitez** with us from Latin American Theological Institute. He will speak to the adults and teens in this morning’s auditorium Bible class.

**Past Requests:** Dave Bullock, Faye Pistole, Lori Porter, Curtis Hawkins, Jamie Capshaw, Buck Roberts, Billy Damron, Jean & Allen Swearengin, 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, Tim Smith

**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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# Myths of the “Afterlife”

You don’t have to look far to find false teachings and misguided beliefs regarding death, judgment, and the return of Christ. I am of the view that people of faith often overcomplicate such topics. My personal approach to such matters comes down to this: (1) Hell is far worse than any human can imagine. (2) Heaven is far more glorious than any of us could ever dream. (3) We should all live for heaven and want to take as many others with us as possible.

Maybe I’m just a simpleton, but if we all could agree on those three ideas, it seems that we would have less time to think and debate about the trivial matters of what Christ’s return and the life to come will be like. Besides, what is more important — Grasping the details of what Christ’s return will be like OR living in anticipation of that day and helping others to do the same? In Jesus’ day, many scribes and Pharisees could be found debating various topics. Few could be found seeking and saving the lost. Jesus clearly came with a different agenda (Luke 19:10).

Nonetheless, there is a dangerous idea that threatens the way many Christians think about heaven and hell. The idea actually is as simple as one word. That word is “afterlife.” Have you used it before? I know I have. It easily rolls off the tongue, and it seems to perfectly describe everything beyond the grave, doesn’t it?

That’s the problem. Maybe it does describe the way we view what happens beyond the grave. You see, in using the term “afterlife,” we imply that we are experiencing the real life right now. Don’t get me wrong — this life is real. However, Paul speaks of “that which is truly life” as the next life, not this one (1 Timothy 6:19).

If we want to think of heaven as after anything, we should actually refer to it as after death. That’s exactly what Revelation 20:14 depicts — the end of death. And what comes after death? The life of new heaven and new earth in Revelation 21.

What do we treasure more — this temporary life or eternal life? If we overvalue this life, we will undervalue eternal life. Eternal life is not just about experiencing life beyond time; it also about experiencing life beyond measure. The more we grasp the quality of eternal life, the more we will realize that eternal life is not the afterlife; it is the best of all life. As the best, eternal life should be the life we desire above all else and the life we desire for all others. Maybe in changing this one thought, we will adopt a new sense of purpose in taking the gospel to more souls. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

So let’s check ourselves if and when we use the word “afterlife.” For those in Christ, there is no afterlife. Praise God, though, that there is life after this one! It is the best life of all. — Blaine

# Family News & Notes



**FALL BIBLE CLASS MATERIALS** for children’s classes are now available in the office. If you have any questions, please see Caroline Kelly.

**ATTENTION LADIES:** Some have expressed interest in creating a church cookbook. If you have a favorite or secret family recipe to share, please give it to LaDonna May or leave it on her office desk. Thank you!

**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, Soup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Oatmeal. Our pantry is used regularly and is running low. Please check expiration dates. Thank you for your help!



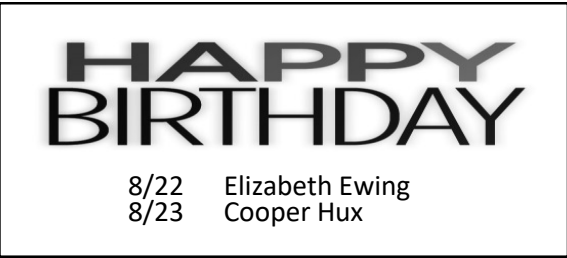
**ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING** for August will take place today at 3:30pm.

**MEN’S NIGHT OUT** will meet at Good Ole Days this Thursday, August 22, at 6:30pm. If you plan to attend, please sign-up in the hall.

**GOSPEL GIRLS** meet next Sunday, August 25.

**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT** takes place September 27-29 in Baileyton. Brochures are now available on the hallway tables.

**YOUTH DAY:** Central Church of Christ hosts a Youth Day on Saturday, September 7. If you are interested in attending, please see Blaine.



## This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM	Men’s Night Out 6:30 PM		
3:30pm Elders/ Deacons Meeting		25 cards sent last week				
5:00pm Worship						