

Last Week's Statistics

AM Bible Study	72
AM Worship	106
PM Worship	56
Wed. Bible Study	90
Contribution	\$3,695.25
2017 Budget	\$3,700.00
2017 Average	\$3,567.75
Building Fund	\$353,775.63

Today's Sermons

AM: Change Is Good
(Luke 3:7-9)

PM: The Good News and Our Disputes
(Philippians 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	September 24	October 1
WELCOME	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
SONG LEADER	David Willbanks	David Willbanks
FIRST PRAYER	Mike Sobiech	Jim Dempster
LORD'S SUPPER	Jim Ross	Jeff Maxwell
	Curtis Hawkins	Luke Whitelaw
PRESIDING	John Dean	Wayne Lilly
PRESIDING	Van Frasher	Jerry Barrett
	Bill Rouse	Dustin Blackmon
	Doug Hobbs	Kenneth Ross
BIBLE READING	Wayne Lilly	Tom Montgomery
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Ben Shafer	Bill Rouse
NURSERY	Janet Cose	Jennifer Maxwell
NURSERY	Rhoda Cooper	Cindy Bullock
USHERS	Harold Royston	Jeff Whitaker
	Jeff Maxwell	Jim Ross
SECURITY	Mark Coe	Van Frasher
INVITATION ELDER	Tom Montgomery	Tom Montgomery
PM WORSHIP	September 24	October 1
SONG LEADER	Kenneth Ross	Kenneth Ross
FIRST PRAYER	David Willbanks	Russ Mitchell
BIBLE READING	Steve Hernandez	Jim Ross
SERMON	Russ Mitchell	Jim Dempster
CLOSING PRAYER	Mark Coe	Wayne Lilly
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Wayne Lilly	Rich Hawkins
LORD'S SUPPER	Rich Hawkins	Bob Bobo
USHER	Josh Frey	Tim Thompson
NURSERY	Jennifer Maxwell	Rhoda Cooper
INVITATION ELDER	John Dean	David Willbanks
WEDNESDAY	September 24	October 4
SONG LEADER	Curtis Hawkins	Jerry Barrett
CLOSING PRAYER	Jerry Barrett	John Dean



MORRISTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Weekly Newsletter - September 24, 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

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

As of this printing, our sister **Allene Powell** (Jean Swearingin's mother) is not expected to live much longer.

Van Frasher is better after receiving a blood transfusion last week.

We're happy to report that **Courtney Kramer** (sister-in-law of Tammy Dean) does not need additional surgery or radiation.

The Farleys ask prayers for their son **Timothy Farley** as he awaits test results for muscular dystrophy. Melissa Thompson requests prayers for **Dina Faust** who has started chemo treatments for aggressive lymphoma. Pam Thompson asks prayers for her grandson **Taylor Thompson** who tore his ACL. Casey Hux requests prayers for **Michelle Layman** of the Newport congregation. The Blackmons ask prayers for the Smith family of Arab, AL whose 16-year-old died unexpectedly. Our sympathy goes out to Cindy Bullock in the recent passing of her uncle **Ovell Alexander**.

Past Requests: Greg Blevins, Jim Glenn, Jerry Johnson, Elizabeth Ewing, Lynn Ross, Barry Lawson, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Randy Barrett, Wakely Boren, Eleanor Creech, Dolores Lupo

Battling Cancer: Wells Sommer, Allen Swearingin, Mistie Hale, Ken Polston, Julie Browning, Alyssa Gale-Mitchell, Charlotte Sierocinski, Regina Gauntt, Alida Priestner, Bill Baker, Mitch Plumb, Ann Long, Dean Palmo, Lisa Vicks, Danny Herren, Joe Clusky, Mary Springer, Angie Dean Cureton, Virginia Hopkins, Susan Howlett, Joe Loveless, Vanessa McMillan, Mary Nolen Bond, Greg Dexter, Mary Ramsey, Brenda Dillman, Tonya Bennett, Jamin Hymel, Nancy Gallagher, William Austin, Kallie Reece, Angie Corder, Trish Byerly, Marqueta Cook, Bill Joseph, Phil Mitchell

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

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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More or Less

"Like sands through the hourglass, so are the Days of Our Lives." If you are of a certain age, you have a certain voice and image in your head right now. I never watched "Days of Our Lives," but those first few seconds are impossible to forget.

There is an element of truth to that statement. Even James 4:14 says that life is like a vapor. Our lives inevitably pass through the seconds, minutes, days, and years. We can neither speed life up nor slow it down. We have no control over time.

But we can control how we view time. Basically there are two options. We either live with a view of less time or more time. Allow me to explain.

The life of less time perceives time as always running out. It sees each moment of life as slipping through one's hands. Even when those moments are relatively good, they are fleeting. A life of less time focuses on the next thing rather than the present. It also spends a lot of itself fretting because the future is unknown and uncontrollable. At its most basic level, a life of less time is a countdown. Before you know it, the time is gone. There was never enough.

On the flipside, there is the life of more time. It perceives life as always adding up — each day builds upon the previous. It sees each moment of life as an opportunity placed within our hands. It basks in the good moments of the present, and when the present is difficult or ugly, it takes each moment as it comes. Rather than living in anticipation of the unknown, it makes the most of what is right now. A life of more time lives with a greater sense of peace. At its most basic level, a life of more time is a gift that keeps growing. It gives one a sense of fullness and gratitude.

Do you view life in terms of more or less? Do you feel like time is running out or adding up? While acknowledging that life is temporary, the Bible promotes the "more" perspective of time. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it," says Psalm 118:24. Jesus instructs us in Matthew 6:34 to not worry about the unknown of tomorrow and live instead in the reality of today. Similarly, Ephesians 5:15-16 teaches us to "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."

I've thought a lot recently about my view of time with my family. When I am home, am I present in the moment or is my focus elsewhere? With my children, do I get depressed at how quickly they grow up or do I appreciate each day I get with them? The same thinking applies to our work, leisure, and even times of worship. Are they just items to get through or do we make the most of life in the moment?

Our lives will certainly pass like a vapor. In the meantime, we get to choose whether our lives will be more or less. — Blaine

Family News & Notes



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: The next collection dedicated to our Building Fund will take place next Sunday, October 1. As of today, the fund is at \$353,775.63.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Box Meals, Soup, Jelly, Peanut Butter

AREA CHURCH EVENTS for the fall can be found on the hallway bulletin board.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

9/24 Josh & Jennifer Frey
9/28 Mark & Kellie Coe
9/30 Ed & Brenda Mahon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/24 Mason Maxwell
9/24 Ann Breeding
9/26 Terry Browning



GOSPEL GUYS will meet after morning worship today. Lunch will be provided.

TEACHERS MEETING: A meeting about curriculum for elementary-age classes and younger will be held after AM worship next Sunday, October 1. Lunch will be provided, but please RSVP via email or in the hallway. If you have any questions, please see Blaine Kelly or Tom Montgomery.

A BABY "SPRINKLE" of diapers and other essentials for Marissa Zalpa will take place next Sunday, October 1 at 3:30 PM. Marissa & Javier are having a boy. See Brenda Dean or Cherie Dempster for details.

Ladies Day 2017

When: Saturday, October 7 (9am to Noon)
RSVP via the church's website or by calling the office at 423.586.8343

Speaker: Jane Washington of Sevierville Church of Christ

Lunch will be provided

This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Gospel Guys		Prayer Group 10 AM 34 cards sent last week.	"Good News" Bible Classes 7 PM			
5pm Worship						