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| AM Bible Study   | 71           |
| AM Worship       | 136          |
| PM Worship       | 32           |
| Wed. Bible Study | 55           |
| Contribution     | \$8,610.89   |
| 2019 Budget      | \$3,900.00   |
| 2019 Average     | \$4,023.07   |
| Building Fund    | \$340,286.00 |

## AM: The Next Step of Connection (Acts 9:26-27)

***Vision 20:20 for 2019:  
Come, Follow Me***



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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| AM WORSHIP       | October 13      | October 20      |
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| WELCOME          | John Dean       | Jim Dempster    |
| SONG LEADER      | Jordan Holt     | David Willbanks |
| FIRST PRAYER     | Mike Sobiech    | Tom Montgomery  |
| LORD'S SUPPER    | Jim Ross        | Jim Ross        |
|                  | Harold Royston  | Harold Royston  |
| PRESIDING        | Jim Dempster    | Jim Dempster    |
| PRESIDING        | Spencer Morris  | Spencer Morris  |
|                  | Curtis Hawkins  | Curtis Hawkins  |
|                  | Ken Ross        | Ken Ross        |
| BIBLE READING    | Terry Browning  | Doug Hobbs      |
| SERMON           | Blaine Kelly    | Blaine Kelly    |
| CLOSING PRAYER   | Wayne Lilly     | Rich Hawkins    |
| NURSERY          | Cherie Dempster | Becky Hawkins   |
| NURSERY          | Rhoda Cooper    | Martha Ross     |
| USHERS           | Jeff Whitaker   | Jeff Whitaker   |
|                  | Larry Coe       | Larry Coe       |
| SECURITY         | Wayne Lilly     | Russ Mitchell   |
| INVITATION ELDER | Tom Montgomery  | John Dean       |
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| PM WORSHIP       | October 13      | October 20      |
| SONG LEADER      | Jerry Barrett   | Spencer Morris  |
| FIRST PRAYER     | David Willbanks | Jim Dempster    |
| BIBLE READING    | Bob Bobo        | Jeff Whitaker   |
| SERMON           | Blaine Kelly    | Blaine Kelly    |
| CLOSING PRAYER   | Jordan Holt     | Russ Mitchell   |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS    | Rich Hawkins    | Rich Hawkins    |
| LORD'S SUPPER    | John Dean       | John Dean       |
| USHER            | Jeff Maxwell    | Jeff Maxwell    |
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| WEDNESDAY        | October 16      | October 23      |
| SONG LEADER      | Tim Thompson    | Jerry Barrett   |
| CLOSING PRAYER   | Larry Coe       | John Dean       |



Weekly Newsletter - October 13, 2019

We rejoice to announce that two baptisms took place yesterday through our Jail Ministry! Our new sister in Christ is **Brandi**, and our new brother is **Joe**. Please pray for them as they begin their new lives in Christ and that we will continue to have opportunities to minister to them.

We're also thankful that **Faye Pistole** is doing better from her injuries.

Diane Hawkins requests prayers for **Tiffani Babb** who is recovering from surgery and awaiting test results.

Russ Mitchell asks prayers for his WEI student **Frank Uber**.

The DeCesares ask prayers for the family of Melissa Mingle who was tragically killed last week and for **Galen Godbey** who is recovering from several broken bones after an accident.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be included on your Connection Card. Thank you!

**Past Requests:** Mike Manning, Lori Porter, Curtis Hawkins, Buck Roberts, Jean & Allen Swearingin, Barry Lawson, Oscar Farley, David Downey, Greg Blevins, Lynn Ross, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo

**Battling Cancer:** Nina Barrett, 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, Jerry Ladd, Greg Dexter, Mary Nolen Bond, Jamin Hymel, Phil Mitchell, Krista Lovejoy, Ed Goins, Susan Jones, Wyatt Crippin, Jerry Hickman, Heather Coffey Andrews, Rick Stoffer, Jean Waddell, Russ Holden, Todd Turpen, Amy Hoyle, Barb Halcomb, Emily Marshall, Jim Toombs, Pete Misuraca, Mitch Plumb, Dennis Cornett, Nic Ravnborg, Brianne Langley, Jude Vance, John Thomas, Lori Spaulding, Karen Hamrick, Tim Smith, Larry Smith, Carole Roloff, Jack Price, Sam Hammer, Jimmy Mooney, Brett Hermann

**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

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.

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!

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

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| Blaine Kelly | 736.1505 |
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# A Better Way

We human beings are a stubborn lot. We’re always looking to improve, to upgrade, to be better.

Our pursuit of better is why we don’t live in caves today. It’s also why Apple’s latest iPhone comes with thirty-six cameras. So maybe it doesn’t have thirty-six right now, but in pursuit of “better,” we all know it will soon enough!

The perpetual path of improvement should always come with the following warning: Make sure that what you are pursuing is actually better than where you already are or what you already have.

For example, many families make the mistake of thinking that their home life could be better if they only had more money. As a result, life decisions are based only on numbers. Such decisions may sacrifice the more meaningful things that make a family truly family. Sadly some homes end up worse off because they had the wrong definition of “better.”

Churches can make a similar mistake by believing that improving the local church happens when a congregation gets more members (or members with certain talents), increases giving, improves facilities, provides more experiences, or adds new programs. None of these desires are inherently wrong but neither do they intrinsically make a church better.

The Apostle Paul said so himself. As he writes 1 Corinthians 12, he lists a variety of talents and spiritual gifts already present among the church in Corinth. The list is rather impressive – gifts of healing, speaking in tongues, teaching with prophetic power, and leading with apostolic authority. In reading 1 Corinthians chapters one through eleven, it is obvious that access to these talents and gifts had not solved the church’s lengthy list of problems.

As a result, Paul writes this sentence at the end of 1 Corinthians 12 – “And I will show you a still more excellent way.” Some translations say “better way.”

That sentence introduces “The Love Chapter” of 1 Corinthians 13. Paul’s primary purpose in writing that section was to teach Corinth how to properly define “better” for their church. Corinth did not need more teachers, talents, gifts, or giving. None of those things alone nor all of them combined would make Corinth better. But one thing would. That one thing – the more excellent way – is love.

Corinth went through tough times, and what they ultimately needed was love. Morristown is being blessed with spiritual growth and renewal currently, but like Corinth, we continue to need love more than anything else. That’s because love is the supreme virtue, the ultimate solution, and the essence of God. As we continue to grow in love, we will know and show God’s better way. — Blaine

# Family News & Notes

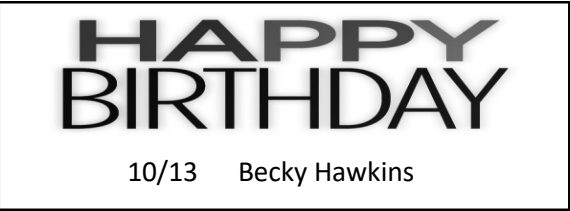


**THE BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTION** from last Sunday came to \$8,610.89. Thank you to all for your generous giving!

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti, Soup, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal. Our pantry is used often and is very low. Please check expiration dates. Thanks!

**GOSPEL MEETING:** Jefferson City Church of Christ’s gospel meeting is Friday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20.

**MOVING PARTY!** The Freys are moving and could use some help Thursday, October 24. If you are available anytime that day, please let Josh or Jennifer know. Thank you!



**LADIES NIGHT OUT** will meet at No Way Jose’s this Thursday, October 17 at 6:30pm. Sign-up in the hallway if you plan to attend.

**ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING** for October will be next Sunday at 3:30 PM.

**LAFOLLETTE GOSPEL MEETING:** LaFollette Church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting October 20-22. We plan to take a group either Monday or Tuesday night. If you would like to join us, please sign-up in the hallway.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** The Shafers invite you to their house on Friday, October 25, for a night of fun starting at 5:30 PM. A sign-up sheet for chili, sides & dessert is now posted. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes!

**LADIES DAY** will be Saturday, November 2. Gift bags will be made for attendees. Items may include gum, mints, pens, nail files, small toiletries, makeup samples, purse size Kleenex, candy, note pads, etc. You may give these items to Cherie Dempster.

## This Week at a Glance

| Today                                 | Monday | Tuesday                 | Wednesday           | Thursday                                       | Friday | Saturday |
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| 13                                    | 14     | 15                      | 16                  | 17   | 18     | 19       |
| 9:30am Bible Class<br>10:30am Worship |        | Prayer Group<br>10 AM   | Bible Study<br>7 PM | Ladies Night Out @<br>No Way Jose’s<br>6:30 PM |        |          |
| 5:00pm Worship                        |        | 29 cards sent last week |                     |  |        |          |