

Last Week’s Statistics

AM Bible Study	N/A
AM Worship	89
PM Worship	38
Wed. Bible Study	53
Contribution	\$2,658.53
2019 Budget	\$3,900.00
2019 Average	\$4,023.07
Building Fund	\$331,675.11

Today’s Sermons

AM: Next Steps
(Acts 22:6-11)

PM: Reports from Mission Works
(Acts 14:26-27)

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	October 6	October 13
WELCOME	Blaine Kelly	John Dean
SONG LEADER	David Willbanks	Russ Mitchell
FIRST PRAYER	Jim Glenn	Mike Sobiech
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	Bill Rouse	Terry Browning
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Bob Bobo	Wayne Lilly
NURSERY	Alisha Holt	Cherie Dempster
NURSERY	Janet Cose	Rhoda Cooper
USHERS	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
	Larry Coe	Larry Coe
SECURITY	Rich Hawkins	Wayne Lilly
INVITATION ELDER	John Dean	Tom Montgomery
PM WORSHIP	October 6	October 13
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	Jerry Barrett
FIRST PRAYER	Larry Coe	David Willbanks
BIBLE READING	Jim Ross	Bob Bobo
SERMON	Russ Mitchell	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Jim Dempster	Jordan Holt
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
LORD’S SUPPER	John Dean	John Dean
USHER	Jeff Maxwell	Jeff Maxwell
WEDNESDAY	October 9	October 16
SONG LEADER	Ken Ross	Tim Thompson
CLOSING PRAYER	Tim Thompson	Larry Coe



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Weekly Newsletter - October 6, 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

Stephen & Casey Hux were baptized into Christ last Sunday evening! We praise God for his grace and celebrate with the Huxes’ new life in Christ!

Nelsie Hux underwent palette surgery Wednesday but had to return to Children’s Thursday due to a virus and pneumonia.

Nina Barrett begins several weeks of chemotherapy this week. She will then continue treatments every two months for the next two years.

Mike Manning is recovering well from his surgery on Monday.

Josh Frey asks prayers for his cousin **Brett Hermann** who has been diagnosed with stage IV cancer.

Prayers are requested for Karen Hernandez’s great-nephew **Jayden Eutah** who is recovering from double hip surgery.

Congratulations to **Brenda Dean** on being inducted to the West High School Hall of Fame!

PRAYER REQUESTS can be included on your Connection Card. Thank you! TODAY’S COLLECTION will be dedicated entirely to necessary building projects that have taken place over the past year.

Past Requests: Faye Pistole, Lori Porter, Curtis Hawkins, Buck Roberts, 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, 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

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

Contact Us!

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What If . . .

A highlight of this church’s year continues to be our annual Church Retreat. Last weekend thirty-eight of us came together in Baileyton and were both challenged and encouraged to go “Higher and Deeper” in our relationship with the Lord. I’m confident that if you asked any attendee if they are better for having gone to the retreat, all would respond with a resounding “Yes!”

The highlight of the weekend came when we returned Sunday evening with the baptisms of Stephen & Casey Hux. In addition to their demonstration of faith, I personally know of others who came away from the retreat with a higher and deeper commitment to the Lord. Seeing this encourages and inspires me in my own walk. I want to thank everyone for making the weekend so memorable and uplifting.

One idea we explored at the retreat was the concept of “What if?” Christians and churches are often guilty of constructing what-if questions that keep us from reaching new spiritual heights. “What if this fails?” “What if something unexpected happens?” “What if others reject me/us?” “What if people misunderstand me and assign false motives to me?” “What if we are viewed as being different?”

Do you see the problem with all of these questions? They are all based in fear and negative expectations. As a result, we often remain trapped in spiritual paralysis and wonder why we rarely experience the spiritual heights exhibited in Scripture. Think about the examples of Hebrews 11. What made them different? As you read the chapter, it’s obvious that their faith in God conquered whatever fears and excuses their minds could imagine. The same can happen for us.

Rather than asking what-if questions based in fear and failure, imagine what life would look like if we asked what-if questions based in faith! For example:

- What if God has far better things in store for me spiritually than I ever would have imagined? 2 Timothy 1:7
- What if this church has just begun to scratch the surface of what God can do for us and through us? Ephesians 3:20-21
- What if a sense of the most real life still awaits me? 1 Timothy 6:18-19
- What if there are souls in need of Christ who are waiting on me to share the Lord with them? John 4:34-36

Thank God that Jesus’ life on earth was not founded on the what-ifs of fear and failure. He didn’t just ask, “What if God can raise the dead,” he lived by faith that his Father does raise the dead. That same Father can also raise a dead and dying faith back to life if we just trust in the “what-ifs” of his power.

— Blaine

Family News & Notes



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!

OCTOBER CALENDARS are now available on the hallway tables.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS: Newport Church of Christ hosts their meeting starting today and going through Wednesday (7pm week nights). Jefferson City will host their meeting starting Friday, October 18 and going through Sunday, October 20 (7pm Friday & Saturday).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/7

Declan Miles

10/9

Harold Royston

10/10

David May



MEN’S NIGHT OUT is this Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Hoagie Shop (Jefferson City) at 6:30pm. Sign-up in the hallway if you plan to attend.

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 and fellowship beginning at 5:30 PM. Check back soon for more details. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes!

LADIES DAY will be Saturday, November 2. Our speaker is Lori Walker, a former member, who now attends Elizabethton Church of Christ. 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
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM	Men’s Night Out @ Hoagie Shop 6:30 PM		
5:00pm Worship		27 cards sent last week				