

Last Week’s Statistics

AM Bible Study	69
AM Worship	126
PM Worship	47
Wed. Bible Study	45
Contribution	\$3,788.80
2019 Budget	\$3,900.00
2019 Average	\$4,018.99
Building Fund	\$340,286.00

Today’s Sermons

AM: Historical Footnotes  
(Daniel 7:1-3)

PM: Parables from the Vineyard  
(Matthew 21:28-31)

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	November 3	November 10
WELCOME	David Willbanks	Blaine Kelly
SONG LEADER	Jordan Holt	Russ Mitchell
FIRST PRAYER	Bob Bobo	Spencer Morris
LORD’S SUPPER	Kyle Barnes	Kyle Barnes
	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
PRESIDING	Russ Mitchell	Russ Mitchell
PRESIDING	Larry Coe	Larry Coe
	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
	Mike Sobiech	Mike Sobiech
BIBLE READING	Bill Rouse	Terry Browning
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Jerry Barrett	Tom Montgomery
NURSERY	Janet Cose	Karen Lilly
NURSERY	LaDonna May	Sherrie Montgomery
USHERS	Harold Royston	Harold Royston
	Jim Ross	Jim Ross
SECURITY	Jeff Whitaker	Bob Bobo
INVITATION ELDER	John Dean	Jim Dempster
PM WORSHIP	November 3	November 10
SONG LEADER	Spencer Morris	Ken Ross
FIRST PRAYER	John Dean	Rich Hawkins
BIBLE READING	Jim Ross	Jeff Whitaker
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Larry Coe	Mike Sobiech
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Wayne Lilly	Wayne Lilly
LORD’S SUPPER	Jerry Barrett	Jerry Barrett
USHER	Jim Dempster	Jim Dempster
WEDNESDAY	November 6	November 13
SONG LEADER	Tim Thompson	Jerry Barrett
CLOSING PRAYER	John Dean	John Dean



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Weekly Newsletter - November 3, 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

Nelsie Hux had to return to Children’s Hospital Wednesday night due to breathing difficulties.

Jenny Martin’s father Ken Polston is currently rehabbing as he recovers from last week’s hip replacement surgery.

Janice Mitchell’s sister Margie Ladehoff is recovering after breaking some ribs in a fall.

Prayers are requested for 7-month-old Pierce Gilbert who is battling bacterial meningitis.

Kristie Cox asks prayers for Chasity Epperson who underwent surgery for a brain tumor and for Becky Burch who will soon begin treatments for breast cancer.

Doug Hobbs asks prayers for Dwayne Cole who is battling cancer.

Blake from our Jail Ministry asks prayers for his family and for himself.

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

**Past Requests:** Curtis Hawkins, Buck Roberts, Jean & Allen Swearengin, Barry Lawson, Oscar Farley, David Downey, Greg Blevins, Lynn Ross, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo, Earl Yount

**Battling Cancer:** Nina Barrett, Phyllis Martin, Ken Polston, Helen Roberts, Mistie Hale, Wells Sommer, John Corn, Sara Hosman, Vickie Cruse, Nancy Booth, Julie Browning, Dina Faust, Danny Herren, Angie Dean Cureton, Jerry Ladd, Vanessa McMillan, 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, John Thomas, Brianne Langley, Jude Vance, Lori Spaulding, Karen Hamrick, Tim Smith, Larry Smith, Carole Roloff, Jack Price, 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

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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# A First Century Hot Take

It’s nearly impossible to find a good deed today that doesn’t come with its share of “hot takes.” The late journalist Simon Maloy defined a hot take as a “piece of deliberately provocative commentary that is based almost entirely on shallow moralizing.” While the term “hot take” might be new, the concept is not.

In John 12, Mary lavishly anoints Jesus’ feet with a bottle of expensive ointment. One observer volunteered his hot take on the moment: “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”

That’s exactly how hot takes work. They seek to tear down something that is genuinely good. Social media is often flooded with hot takes on the given day’s political or cultural issues. If someone on one side does something genuinely good, the opposition has to find a way to tear it down.

This is a special kind of evil pervasive in the modern world. It looks upon every good act with cynicism, and it can never enjoy goodness for goodness’s sake. It robs us of innocence, purity, kindness and grace. It is a form of calling good evil (Isaiah 5:20) and flies in the face of Philippians 4:8’s admonition “if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

We have to acknowledge this reality: The man who spoke in John 12:5 was right. Mary could have used the ointment’s proceeds to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. But what did Jesus say? “Leave her alone” (John 12:7).

And who was that man who offered his hot take in John 12:5? None other than Judas. Unlike Mary whom he criticized, Judas’s intentions were far from pure. He didn’t really care about the poor; he just cared about himself.

When someone - no matter who it is - does something genuinely good in today’s world, we should follow Jesus’ example and praise them. He brought attention to those who did good, not to himself and self-serving hot takes.

— Blaine

# Correspondence Ministry

In addition to our Jail Ministry, our long-standing Correspondence Ministry continues to conduct Bible studies via the mail with others. We are currently in need of workers for this ministry as well. If you are interested in being involved, please see one of the elders. Thank you!

# 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!

**NOVEMBER CALENDARS** are now available on the hallway tables.

**NEW DIRECTORY PAGES** for Jack & Wanda Dickson are available on the hallway wall.

**NEW ADDRESS:** The Freys’ new address is in the printed newsletter.



**SENIOR MEMBERS BREAKFAST** takes place on Saturday, November 16, at 9 AM at Shoney’s. This special morning and meal is provided by the church in honor of our senior members. Please sign-up in the hallway if you plan to attend. If you have any questions or need more information, please see Wayne Lilly.

**AREA CHURCH EVENTS:** Greeneville Church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on November 9 at 9 AM. They will also hold a Gospel Meeting November 10-13. Please see hallway bulletin board for full details.

**AREA SINGING:** Lenoir City Church of Christ’s East TN Singing is at The Venue in Lenoir City on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1 PM until 4:30 PM. More details at lenoircitycoc.org .

**GRIEF WORKSHOP:** Seymour Church of Christ hosts a grief workshop on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 AM to 2 PM at their building.

## Happy Anniversary!!

11/9 Barry & Phyllis Lawson

## This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship		Prayer Group 10 AM	Bible Study 7 PM			
5:00pm Worship		30 cards sent last week				