

Last Week's Statistics

AM Bible Study	47
AM Worship	89
PM Worship	40
Wed. Bible Study	60
Contribution	\$2,888.00
2017 Budget	\$3,700.00
2017 Average	\$3,504.32
Building Fund	\$370,313.65

Today's Sermons

AM: It's All His
(Ephesians 1:11-12)

PM: That'll Never Happen
(Mark 10:27)

Vision 20:20 for 2017



Order of Worship and Those Serving

If you are unable to serve, please contact Jim Ross.

AM WORSHIP	November 12	November 19
WELCOME	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
SONG LEADER	David Willbanks	David Willbanks
FIRST PRAYER	Mike Sobiech	Ben Shefer
LORD'S SUPPER	Jim Ross	Jim Ross
	Harold Royston	Harold Royston
PRESIDING	Russ Mitchell	Russ Mitchell
PRESIDING	Jim Dempster	Jim Dempster
	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
	Steve Hernandez	Steve Hernandez
BIBLE READING	Rich Hawkins	Doug Hobbs
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	John Dean	Bill Rouse
NURSERY	Sherrie Montgomery	Becky Hawkins
NURSERY	Cindy Bullock	Rhoda Cooper
USHERS	Curtis Hawkins	Curtis Hawkins
	Van Frasher	Van Frasher
SECURITY	Bob Bobo	Rich Hawkins
INVITATION ELDER	Tom Montgomery	John Dean
PM WORSHIP	November 12	November 19
SONG LEADER	Jerry Barrett	Javier Zalpa
FIRST PRAYER	Russ Mitchell	Van Frasher
BIBLE READING	Jeff Whitaker	Tim Thompson
SERMON	Ben Shafer	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Tim Thompson	Tom Montgomery
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Wayne Lilly	Wayne Lilly
LORD'S SUPPER	David Willbanks	David Willbanks
USHER	Mark Coe	Mark Coe
NURSERY	Melissa Thompson	Jennifer Maxwell
INVITATION ELDER	David Willbanks	Jim Dempster
WEDNESDAY	November 15	November 22
SONG LEADER	Steve Hernandez	Curtis Hawkins
CLOSING PRAYER	Wane Lilly	Bob Bobo



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Weekly Newsletter - November 12, 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!

Family Matters

Jerry Barrett spent a couple of days in the hospital this past week due to high blood pressure. **Nina Barrett** is recovering from hernia surgery.

Allen Swearingin underwent an additional procedure this past week due to more infection in his back. He is currently at UT.

Sara Hosman underwent cancer surgery Thursday in Nashville. We're happy to report that her lymph nodes tested negative for cancer.

Bill Ross is now back at The Heritage Center.

Mike McGuire is recovering from a recent heart procedure.

We're happy to report that **Rowen Glenn** is now in a regular room at Vanderbilt hospital.

Our sympathy goes out to the Farley family in the passing of the kids' grandmother **Janice Grubbs**.

Betty Thompson (Tim's mother) suffered a stroke recently and is currently receiving therapy at Lakeway Hospital. Kellie Coe's mother **Peggy Stonerock** underwent a heart catheterization. Prayers are asked for Wanda Dickson's brother **Gary Pelfrey** (stem cell transplant). **Mikayla May** (David & LaDonna's granddaughter) will have back surgery Friday. Elizabeth Hobbs's mother broke her kneecap in a fall last week.

Past Requests: Larry & Jamie Capshaw, Gene Kinder, Greg Blevins, Barry Lawson, Lynn Ross, Kathryn Willbanks, Randy Barrett, Dolores Lupo, Frankie Sisk, Elizabeth Barns

Battling Cancer: Wells Sommer, Melody Forman, Ken Polston, Mistie Hale, Julie Browning, Alyssa Gale-Mitchell, 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, Trish Byerly, Angie Corder, Marqueta Cook, Bill Joseph, Phil Mitchell, Dina Faust

Shut-In: Mignon Adkins, Rick Blair, Pam Capshaw, Eleanor Creech. Doyle Helton, Melody Roberts, Bill Ross, Keith Sparkman

Military: Cameron Dean, Austin Whitelaw, Tristan Capshaw, Cody Miller, Jacob Helton, 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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What about Cremation?

Both within and outside of our church family, more and more people ask me what the Bible says about cremation. The increased curiosity on the topic reflects our culture's increase of its practice. Cremation was not legal in the United States until 1876. By 1972, the cremation rate in the U.S. was only 5% (Cremation Association of North America). Today more than half of all Americans are cremated upon their death, making cremation a more popular option than traditional burial. Its popularity largely results from the fact that cremation costs around half as much as traditional burial and that fewer people are tied to a particular community throughout their lives (National Funeral Directors Association).

But what does the Bible say? While the Bible certainly gives examples of disposing of the dead — with Jesus' "burial" in a tomb being the most famous — it gives no particular teaching or command on the topic. Scripture clearly teaches us, however, what our physical bodies were designed to do. God himself said to Adam in Genesis 3:19, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This idea is also expressed in Psalm 90:4, Psalm 104:29, and Ecclesiastes 12:7.

Some religious folk oppose cremation because they believe it interferes with what is to take place at the final resurrection. In 1 Corinthians 15:35-52, however, Paul makes it clear that our resurrection bodies will be different and superior to our earthly ones. However we died and however our bodies were disposed pose no threat to a God who created those bodies and who resurrects the dead.

While it is not a pleasant thought, there are countless unrecovered bodies that have been consumed by fire, water, exposure, or other means. Like cremation, their "burials" are not inferior to what we may deem as a traditional one. Whether through means that speed up or slow down the process, all bodies return to dust.

We are all free to our own opinions regarding the disposing of our bodies or those of our loved ones. Like other matters of opinion, we not free to look down upon or condemn those who choose differently than us (Romans 14:1-10).

That's because what happens to our physical bodies is not nearly as important as what happens to our souls. Our bodies are made to die on earth; our souls are made to dwell in eternity. When Jesus died, he did not say, "Father, into your hands I commit my body." He said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46). Praise God that our spirits belong to Him and that He will give the redeemed a spiritual body that will never perish! Regardless of what may happen to our physical bodies, may we live with confidence in the spiritual body that awaits us. — Blaine

Family News & Notes



VISITING SPEAKER: Tom Langley from World English Institute will speak during this morning's Bible class about possible evangelistic opportunities for our church.

EDUCATION SUPPLIES for next quarter's Children's Bible Classes are now available. Teachers, please see Blaine to get yours.

NEW SECURITY POLICY: Starting today, the east & west doors will be locked five minutes after worship begins. Please use the rear entrance if you arrive after that.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11/15 Devon Farley
- 11/15 Lori Porter
- 11/18 Leah Decesare

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 11/15 Terry & Gina Harris



THANKSGIVING FIESTA: Please join us Sunday, November 19, following evening worship for food and fellowship. Food will be provided by the Montgomerys.

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY will be at Ingles in West Morristown in the dining area tomorrow at 6:30 AM.

DANDRIDGE BIBLE STUDY at the Field of Dreams Center is tomorrow at 7 PM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues at the building this Thursday at 10am. For any questions, please see Caroline Kelly.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Saturday, December 9. Details soon to come.

SAVE THE DATE: The Ladies Retreat will take place March 9-11, 2018.

LNO/WOW STUDY: All ladies of the congregation are invited to the Kelly Home on Tuesday the 14th at 7pm for an evening of dessert, fellowship and a short Bible study based on our Women of the Word study.

This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship	Breakfast Study 6:30 AM	Prayer Group 10 AM 22 cards sent last week.	"Good News" Bible Classes 7 PM	Women's Study 10 AM		
5pm Worship	Dandridge Study: 7 PM	Ladies Night Out 7:00 PM				