

### Last Week's Statistics

AM Bible Study	51
AM Worship	102
PM Worship	42
Wed. Bible Study	49
Contribution	\$3,465.15
2018 Budget	\$3,700.00
2018 Average	\$3,577.10
Building Fund	\$374,363.65

### Today's Sermons

AM: We Are All Deacons  
(Mark 9:33-35)

PM: Deacon Anonymous  
(Acts 6:3-5)

### Vision 20:20 for 2018



### Order of Worship and Those Serving

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

AM WORSHIP	February 18	February 25
WELCOME	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
SONG LEADER	David Willbanks	David Willbanks
FIRST PRAYER	Ben Shafer	Van Frasher
LORD'S SUPPER	Curtis Hawkins	Curtis Hawkins
	Russ Mitchell	Russ Mitchell
PRESIDING	Bob Bobo	Bob Bobo
PRESIDING	Mark Coe	Mark Coe
	Harold Royston	Harold Royston
	Kenneth Ross	Kenneth Ross
BIBLE READING	Jeff Whitaker	Doug Hobbs
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Mike Sobiech
CLOSING PRAYER	Larry Coe	Tom Montgomery
NURSERY	Jennifer Maxwell	Becky Hawkins
NURSERY	Cindy Bullock	LaDonna May
USHERS	Jim Glenn	Jim Glenn
	Jim Ross	Jim Ross
SECURITY	Wayne Lilly	Mark Coe
INVITATION ELDER	Jim Dempster	John Dean
PM WORSHIP	February 18	February 25
SONG LEADER	Kenneth Ross	Tim Thompson
FIRST PRAYER	Mark Coe	John Dean
BIBLE READING	Terry Browning	Jeff Maxwell
SERMON	Blaine Kelly	Blaine Kelly
CLOSING PRAYER	Bob Bobo	Wayne Lilly
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rich Hawkins	Rich Hawkins
LORD'S SUPPER	Jerry Barrett	Jerry Barrett
USHER	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
INVITATION ELDER	Tom Montgomery	David Willbanks
WEDNESDAY	February 21	February 28
SONG LEADER	Russ Mitchell	Jerry Barrett
CLOSING PRAYER	Jim Dempster	Rich Hawkins



# MORRISTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Faith · Family · Fruit*

Weekly Newsletter - February 18, 2018

## 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

Our sympathy goes out to the family of our sister **Melody Roberts** who passed away on February 9. Funeral services were held yesterday.

**Bill Ross** had to be taken to the hospital on Wednesday night.

**Nancy Capshaw** has made progress but, as of this printing, remains in the hospital. She is happy to receive calls on her cell phone.

On this Wednesday, **Nina Barrett** will have knee replacement surgery, and **Jerry Barrett** will have another cataract surgery.

**Sara Hosman** recently completed her last radiation treatment.

**Casey Hux** continues to recover at home from thyroid surgery.

Cheri Miles's mother **Melody Forman** has three weeks of radiation treatments remaining and will not need chemo after that.

Margaret Bishop's sister **Glenna Clark** is not doing well.

Cindy Bullock's nephew **Mitch Plumb** no longer has signs of cancer.

The DeCesares are happy to report that their friend **Renee Stewart's** surgery was successful and revealed no cancer.

David Willbanks requests prayers for his cousin **Stephanie Murphy** who suffered a severe stroke last week.

**Past Requests:** Greg Blevins, Allen Swearengin, Lynn Ross, Barry Lawson, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo, Lillian Ladd

**Battling Cancer:** Nancy Capshaw, Wells Sommer, Sara Hosman, Melody Forman, Mistie Hale, Julie Browning, Glenna Clark, Bill Baker, Ann Long, Mitch Plumb, Lisa Vicks, Danny Herren, Joe Clusky, Mary Springer, Angie Dean Cureton, Virginia Hopkins, Dina Faust, Susan Howlett, Vanessa McMillan, Joe Loveless, Mary Nolen Bond, Greg Dexter, Mary Ramsey, Brenda Dillman, Tonya Bennett, Jamin Hymel, Nancy Gallagher, William Austin, Angie Corder, Marqueta Cook, Bill Joseph, Phil Mitchell, Krista Lovejoy, Susan Jones, Phil Mooney, Dean Palmo, Caleb Hickman, Wyatt Crippin, Rick Stoffer

**Shut-In:** Mignon Adkins, Rick Blair, Jean Brown, Pam Capshaw, Eleanor Creech, Doyle Helton, Kathy Johnson, 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

## Contact Us!

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# “I Am a Drunk Driver”

They walk alongside the highway with a trash picker in hand, accompanied by law enforcement. You can't miss their bright orange vests. We know what they're doing and why they're doing it.

When I drive past them, I often wonder what the various individuals did to find themselves in such a situation. What went wrong in their lives? Was this their first offense or have there been others? What was their particular crime?

In the state of Tennessee, that last question is easy to answer for one specific category of offender. Their orange vests are emblazoned with “I Am a Drunk Driver.”

Various opinions exist as to whether this punishment effectively addresses the crime of drunk driving. Regardless of your view, ask yourself this question: What would your vest say? I'm not talking about any crimes you may have committed. I'm talking about sins of which you have been guilty.

What if our vests revealed what was currently going through our minds or what our hearts were experiencing? Would we be comfortable to wear our vests out in public or would we be too ashamed to even leave home? Would we be too afraid to even look for ourselves to see what it said?

The world can be cruel and unforgiving. Sometimes people get stigmatized by labels that are difficult to shake. In Jesus' day, some self-righteous folk looked at others only in terms of sins they had committed. These included tax collectors, women euphemistically called “sinners,” and alcoholics. Oddly enough, these self-righteous ones gave little thought to their own sins (John 8:7). Such people will always exist in the world, but we do not have to give them power over us.

That's because God does not look at us according to what our “vests” say. As David declares in Psalm 103:12, “As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” Jesus effectively took all of our sins and was willing to bear both their stigma and their punishment on our behalf. “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Praise God that He does not view us or deal with us according to our sins (Psalm 103:10)! If a holy and perfect God views us this way, then we should be willing to see ourselves and others through that same lens. When we do, we can trade the old labels of sin and wear a new identity that declares truths like “I am forgiven,” “I am redeemed,” and “I am the righteousness of God.”

— Blaine

# Family News & Notes



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Soup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Oatmeal and Bottle Water. Our pantry is used on a regular basis and is running low. Please check expiration dates. Thank you for your help!



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

- 2/20 Brian & Kellie Dean
- 2/20 Larry & Jamie Capshaw
- 2/21 David & Cindy Bullock
- 2/23 Blaine & Caroline Kelly

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2/19 Pam Thompson
- 2/24 Richard Hawkins
- 2/24 Emmett Hobbs



**CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE:** Those attending CYC this year are asked to meet briefly this morning following worship.

**GOSPEL GIRLS** will meet today at 3pm.

**BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** takes place tomorrow at 6:30am at Ingles West.

**FACEBOOK BIBLE STUDY:** Ben Shafer hosts a Bible study tomorrow night at 8pm on Facebook Live.

**LADIES' NIGHT OUT** takes place at the new Texas Roadhouse (across from west end Walmart) this Tuesday at 6:30pm. See Mary Mitchell for more info.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** starts this Thursday, February 22, at the building at 10am. We will be studying the book of James. Please sign-up in the hallway.

**LADIES RETREAT** will take place March 9-11. Brochures are in the hallway.

## This Week at a Glance

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship	Breakfast Bible Study 6:30am	Prayer Group 10am 51 cards sent out last week.	Bible Classes 7 PM	Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	CYC	CYC
3:00pm Gospel Girls	Facebook Bible Study 8pm	Ladies Night Out 6:30pm				
5:00pm Worship						