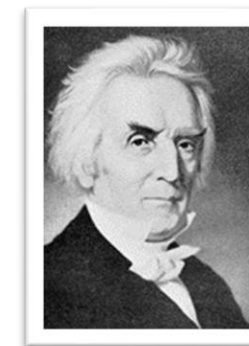


The Messenger

Alexander Campbell and the Church of Christ

Members of the Lord's church are sometimes erroneously referred to as "Campbellites." What exactly is behind such appellation? It is a tiresome thing to have to respond, again and again, to the same misguided (and frequently dishonest) charges. But one is compelled, from time to time, to do so.

First, Alexander Campbell (1788-1866) never started a church (or claimed such), even though reference works frequently refer to him as the "founder" of the "Christian Churches" and "Churches of Christ." It is a tragedy that the man who labored the bulk of his adult life with a view to encouraging others to abandon sectarianism should himself be accused of being the head and founder of the "Campbellite" church.



The reformer utterly repudiated the designation. In 1826 Campbell wrote: "Some religious editors in Kentucky call those who are desirous of seeing the ancient order of things restored, "the Restorationers," "the Campbellites." This may go well with some; but all who fear God and keep his commands will pity and deplore the weakness and folly of those who either think to convince or to persuade by such means" (The Christian Baptist, Vol. IV, 88-89).

In 1828 Mr. Campbell responded to the question: "What is Campbellism?" in the following fashion:

"It is a nickname of reproach invented and adopted by those whose views, feelings and desires are all sectarian – who cannot conceive of Christianity in any other light than an ISM" (Christian Baptist, Vol. V.270).

It is a matter of historical record that there were churches of Christ in Europe and America before Alexander Campbell had a clear concept of what primitive Christianity was all about. Leslie G. Thomas documented New Testament churches in Scotland, England, and Ireland between 1778 and 1810 (The Restoration Handbook, 73). Historical accounts reveal that the Old Philadelphia congregation of the Lord's people, near Morrison, Tennessee, was organized in 1810. Alexander Campbell was not baptized until 1812 and continued to be affiliated with the Baptists until the 1820s.

Churches of Christ do not owe their origin to Campbell or any other human leader. The fact that some delight in using the term "Campbellite" to refer to those who choose to be called simply "Christians" rather than wearing humanly devised titles is more of a commentary upon their characters than anything else. Why is it that so many religionists have such a difficult time being comfortable with the name "Christian," and that alone (cf. Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16)? The use of human titles is sinful (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:10ff).

By Wayne Jackson

Schedule of Services

Sunday	
Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Brian Martin	270.576.2936
Chris Young	270.202.2252
Denver Young	270.799.8559
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
Deacons	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451
Michael Runner	270.535.5906
Adam Warren	270.980.2548
Mark Young	270.791.0140
Evangelist	
W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828 M: 270.792.2132
Associate Minister	
Daniel McMillin	662.882.8756

We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45

MT PLEASANT
Ladies Retreat
OCTOBER 20-21ST
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Guest Speaker
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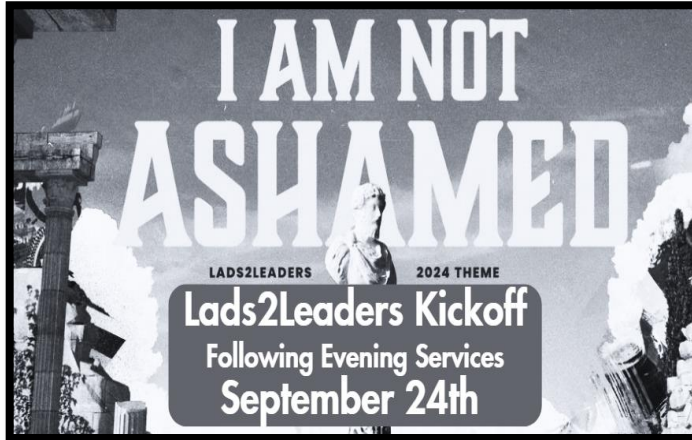
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September Bible Classes		
	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Nursery	Kathy Williams	
2 & 3 Year Olds	Lillian Warren	
4 & 5 Year Olds	Mellissa Young	Amanda Barrett
1 st & 2 nd Grade	Kami Howard	
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Paula Anderson	
5 th – 8 th Grade	Matt Williams & Brian Martin	
9 th – 12 th Grade	Adam Warren Philippians	
Twenty Somethings	Chris Robison	
Alternate Adults	Daniel McMillin <i>Churches in Shape of Scripture</i>	W. Tom Hall <i>Road to Salvation</i>
Auditorium Adults	W. Tom Hall <i>The Life of Christ</i>	Willard Raymer <i>Elijah</i>

SOKY TEEN RETREAT
OCTOBER 27-28TH
AT BIG REEDY CHRISTIAN CAMP

Announcements

- September 17-20th** W. Tom Hall will be in a meeting in Lakeland Florida
- September 22-24th** Christian Mental Wellness in Columbia, KY
- September 24th** Lads 2 Leaders Kickoff Following Evening Services
- September 26th** Tuesday Bible Class Resumes at 10:30 AM *Bring your Bible and food*
- October 20- 21st** Mt Pleasant Ladies Retreat Sign-up Sheet in Foyer or Online (More Details on Back)
- October 27-28th** SOKY Teen Retreat at Big Reedy Christian Camp *More Details Coming Soon!*



CHRISTIAN MENTAL WELLNESS
 SEPTEMBER 22-24
 SPEAKER: **LONNIE JONES**
 REGISTER: **FREE ADMISSION**
 COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST, COLUMBIA, KY
 ADAIR COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE PARK



Pulpit Preview

Sunday 10 AM
 The Beauty of Christian Unity
Sunday 6 PM
 A Glimpse of the Trinity



Baptized
 August 25, 2023
 Coraleigh Fritsch
 September 4, 2023
 Karlie Whittinghill
 In Butler County
 September 14, 2023
 Caleb Basham

*Coming forward for prayer:
 Jeff Morrison, Lola Clark and Thelma Wurst.*

Prayer Requests

• Kayla Johnson	• Faye McKinley
• Linda Vincent	• Gerry Utley
• Trent Doyle	• Sam Haynes
• Daryl Lowe	• Mike Collier (Donna Parker's Brother)
• Norman Logsdon	• Wilma Blankenship
• J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	• Jeff Morrison
• Addy Justis	• Jimmy Wilmoth
<i>Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship</i>	

God's Plan of Salvation

God's Part	Man's Part
Great love of God for man John 3:16	Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17, John 8:32
Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior Luke 19:10	Believe the Gospel Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31
Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide John 16:13	Repent of past sins Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30
The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation Romans 1:16	Confess faith in Jesus Christ Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32
Provided atonement by the blood of Christ Romans 5:9	Be Baptized Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38
	Be faithful unto death Revelations 2:10

This Week's Question

What does Solomon say is, "the conclusion of the whole matter?"
 Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

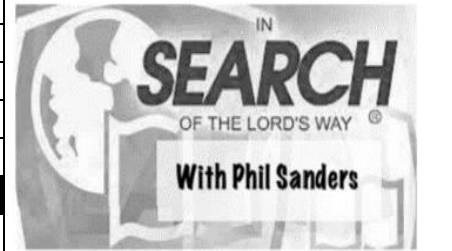
September 10th What prophet said, "A lion has roared! Who will not fear the Lord God has spoken?"
 (Answer: Amos; Amos 3:8)

Fred Heath, Tammy Puckett-Goss, Bobby and Darlene Pruett, Logan Barrett, Lenora Isenberg, Jessie Wilson, Judy McBride, Shorty & Thelma Wurst, Kathy Williams and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Bible Trivia Challenge

Sunday Morning Services	September 17	September 23
Security 1	Joshua Barrett	Randy Reneau
Security 2	Jeff Morrison	Tommy Flora
Security 3	Eddie Windham	Perry Cole
Security 4	Willard Raymer	Grant Cole
Audio Video Controls	Reagan Young	Chris Robison
Song Leader	Zach Martin	Mason Miller
Opening Prayer	Cody Basham	Greg Isenberg
Welcome	Matt Williams	Chris Young
Worship Service Prayer	Fred Heath	Andy Wagoner
Communion Prayer	Greg Isenberg	Richard Eubanks
Scripture Reading	Jacob Williams	Randy Reneau
Announcements/ Closing Prayer	Mark Young	Reagan Young
Sunday Evening Services		
Security 1	Brian Raymer	Mark Young
Security 2	Perry Cole	Travis Young
Security 3	L.W. Jackson	Fred Heath
Song Leader	Andy Wagoner	Zach Martin
Opening Prayer	Stephen Clingenpeel	Cody Basham
Scripture Reading	Elijah Davis	Adam Warren
Lord's Table	Matt Williams	Brian Martin
Closing Prayer	Jacob Williams	Hunter Barrett
Wednesday Night Bible Study	September 20	September 27
Security 1	Matt Williams	Richard Eubanks
Security 2	Cody Basham	Dillon Rager
Security 3	Brian Runner	Gary Basham
Song Leader	Andy Wagoner	Hunter Barrett
Opening Prayer	Nathan Warren	Kane Barrett
Closing Prayer	Matthue Harmon	Jeff Morrison
Monthly Assignments	September	
Lock Building	Adam Warren	-----
Baptismal Laundry	Loretta Diccico	-----
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Travis Young	-----
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Tracy Young	-----
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
September 17	Lenora Isenberg	Kristie H. & Donna W.
September 24	Tracy Martin	Becky J. & Joy R.
** If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner at 270.535.5906 **		

For The Record Week of September 10, 2023	
Bible Class	180
AM Worship	320
PM Worship	230
Wed. Bible Study	89
Contribution	\$6,774



Watch Search on the following stations

- WBKO DT 33 - Sun 6:30 am
- WNKY TV 40.1 - Sun 7:00 am
- Spectrum Cable Channel 184
 Mon 9:30 am/Thurs 6:30 pm



If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and fill out a visitors' card and place it in the collection plate located in the foyer. We are delighted that you're here to share in our worship service and hope that you will please visit us again real soon!

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