

The Messenger

The First Gospel Sermon

The first preaching of the gospel, as defined by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, occurred on the first Jewish Feast of Pentecost, as recorded in the second chapter of Acts. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Peter proclaimed Christ, declaring His death and resurrection. He urged his audience, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (2:36). The power-filled message convicted the hearts of a great number of those present, as the write, Luke, describes their reaction: "They were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

The church must continue to preach the same gospel (good news), for it is still "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..." (Romans 1:16). Almost 2,000 years have passed since this message was first preached, but it has never lost its power to convict our hearts and bring us to the One who, alone, can cleanse our hearts, redirect our lives, and give us an everlasting hope. The death of Christ, with the shedding of His blood for our sins, and His resurrection make available to us salvation. If the apostles were alive today, the heart of their message would still be that which they, by the Spirit, offered to lost sinners.

The response given to those who inquired as to what to do, was "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you, and unto your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:38-29). The repentance and baptism of 3,000 that day (v. 41) was the response of their faith in Christ, accepting Christ as Savior and Lord. Even as the message of the gospel – Jesus' death and resurrection – is still "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." So also, the faith-response of repentance and baptism remains unchanged. The apostle Paul would later write of the baptism of believers in Romans 6 as them having been "baptized into Jesus Christ" and "baptized into His death" (v. 3). He further defined baptism as being "buried with Christ" and raised to "walk in newness of life" (v.4). Their having "obeyed from the heart that "form (or pattern) of doctrine which was delivered" them resulted in them being "made free from sin" (vs. 17-18). The "doctrine" was the gospel of the crucified and risen Christ, and the "form" was their burial and resurrection in baptism.

Why do some who still preach the same facts of the gospel, unchanged from apostolic days, now seek to make baptism optional, substituting a "sinner's prayer," which is not found in Scripture for alien sinners? Who changed it? Not God. Jesus commissioned the disciples to "preach the gospel," promising, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:15-16).



Ron Bartanen

Schedule of Services

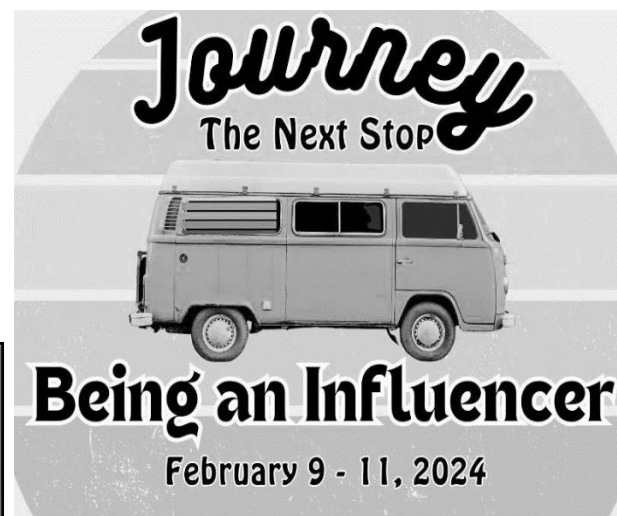
Sunday	
Lord's Supper Service	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study	10:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:10 a.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Brian Martin	270.576.2936
Chris Young	270.202.2252
Denver Young	270.799.8559
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
Deacons	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. 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



Spring Retreat For Young Adults
18-20 something

Guest Speaker: **Airam Kemp**

\$50 includes Meals, T-shirt, Lessons & Activities

Big Reedy Christian Camp, Roundhill, KY

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December Bible Classes		
	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Nursery	Skylar Martin	
Preschool 2-5 Year Olds	Summer Basham	Tina Hall
1 st & 2 nd Grade	Carla Harmon	Lillian Warren
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Paula Anderson	
5 th – 8 th Grade	Matt Williams	Young Mans' Class Heading to the Office
9 th – 12 th Grade	Brian Martin	Young Ladies' Class Gifts
Twenty Somethings	Daniel McMillin <i>Hermeneutics: Reading the Word of God in the Presence of God</i>	
Alternate Adults	Adam Warren <i>Philippians</i>	W. Tom Hall <i>Encouragement</i>
Auditorium Adults	W. Tom Hall <i>History of the Bible</i>	Daniel McMillin <i>The Authority of Scripture</i>

Special Announcement

Dear Mt. Pleasant Family:

The Elders wanted to make everyone aware that beginning Sunday, December 3rd there will be a change to the structure of our Sunday worship services. Beginning at 9:30am, we will have what we will call a Communion Service. This service will include singing, praying, giving, and a message that focuses on the perfect sacrifice of our Savior. We will then share the Lord's Supper together. After the communion service, we will assemble in age-appropriate classes for a time of Bible study. We will then reassemble in the auditorium for a time of singing, praying, and delivery of a message from God's Word. There will be no 6pm service. However, the time spent in Bible study and worship will be approximately the same as if we did have the evening service. Following are some of the reasons the Elders feel this move will be beneficial:

- It will allow for more focus and attention on the Cross, which is the most consequential event in history.
- It will be helpful to those within our congregation who travel some distance to the assembly which includes several families. Currently we have families traveling from the opposite end of Warren County in addition to Allen, Edmonson, Grayson, and Butler Counties. This will be especially helpful for these folks as we head into the winter months.
- Currently the percentage that comes back on Sunday evening is roughly 50%. It is our hope that this new structure will result in more people spending additional time in worship and Bible study.

We understand that sometimes change can be difficult. However, please know that the decisions made by the Eldership come from a desire to shepherd the flock in such a way to help the membership grow spiritually and bring as many as possible into the fold so that heaven will be the eternal home for as many as can be reached. We pray that you will do your part and be present for all these services and fully involve yourself in the work at Mt. Pleasant. As always, feel free to reach out to any of the Elders with any concerns or questions you might have.

Mt. Pleasant Eldership

Announcements

- December 3rd** Bible Bowl at 5:00 PM
- December 5th** Tuesday Bible Class at 10:30 AM Bring your Bible and a Dish!
- December 7th** Mens Bible Study at Richard Eubanks Home at 7:00 PM
- December 9th** Joyful Hearts Christmas Party at Lehman Ave Church of Christ from 5:00-7:30 PM
- December 17th** Gingerbread Party at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
See Tina or Tammy for more Details
- December 30th** We will visit the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY.
See Daniel McMillin for more Details
- February 9-11th** Journey Spring Retreat for Young Adults (More Details on Back Page)



Pulpit Preview

Sunday 11:10AM
Do You Know My Jesus?

GINGERBREAD Party

Get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating Party! This is open to everyone. You can make one by yourself or do one as a family. Bring a finger food to share with everyone.

DECEMBER 17TH AT 3:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sign Up Sheet In Foyer. We need to know how many will attend. SEE TINA OR TAMMY FOR ANY QUESTIONS

Congratulations

engaged!

TRACE COOPER & TORI ROBISON

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ALL COLLEGE AGE MEN AND UP ARE WELCOME AT RICHARD EUBANKS HOME
DECEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM

I AM NOT ASHAMED

BIBLE BOWL SUNDAY 5:00 PM

Prayer Requests

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| • Heather Young (Daughter In-Law of Ralph and Marsha Young) | • Faye McKinley |
| • Danny Miller | • Gerry Utley |
| • Aubrey Avery – 9 Years old with Brain Tumor | • Sam Haynes |
| • Brenda Phelps | • 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 | • Lachlan Kreis – Brain Tumor |
| • Geri Basham | • Jimmy Wilmoth |
| • Ayla Duggan | • Lunell Upton |
| • Bobby Pruett | • Jenny McDonald |
- Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship*

Sympathy to Lousie Bratcher on the death of her brother and a granddaughter.

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

Bible Trivia Challenge

This Week's Question

Who said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me!"?

Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

November 26th Fill in the blank: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the _____."

(Answer: power of God to salvation Romans 1:16)

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

Sunday Morning Lord's Supper	December 3	December 10
Security 1	Gordon Harlow	Perry Cole
Security 2	Grant Cole	Randy Reneau
Security 3	Eddie Windham	Willard Raymer
Security 4	Tommy Flora	Shawn Hudson
Audio Video Controls	Zach Martin	Brian Raymer
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Mason Miller
Communion Dismissal Prayer	Doug Depp	Greg Isenberg
Communion Comments/Prayer	Tom Hall	Daniel McMillin
Lord's Table Center Left	Fred Heath	Gary Basham
Lord's Table Center Right	Richard Eubanks	Doug Depp
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Gary Basham	Willard Raymer
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Brian Raymer	Stephen Clingenpeel
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Joshua Barrett	Adam Warren
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	Lyle Johnson	Mathue Harmon
Worship Service		
Announcements	Denver Young	Chris Young
Song Leader	Chris Robison	Zach Martin
Worship Service Prayer	Matt Williams	Mark Young
Scripture Reading	Greg Isenberg	Jacob Williams
Closing Prayer	Reagan Young	Matt Williams
Communion Afternoon	Chris Young	Denver Young
Wednesday Night Bible Study	December 6	December 13
Security 1	Richard Eubanks	Matt Williams
Security 2	Cody Basham	Brian Raymer
Security 3	Gary Basham	Jeff Morrison
Song Leader	Andy Wagoner	Hunter Barrett
Opening Prayer	Nathan Warren	Denver Young
Closing Prayer	Hunter Morrison	Nathan Warren
Monthly Assignments	December	
Lock Building	L.W. Jackson	-----
Baptismal Laundry	Mary Hazel Watt	-----
Assist with Men's Baptisms	L.W. Jackson	-----
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Jenilyn Hall	-----
Prepare Communion	L.W & Victoria Jackson	-----
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
December 3	Loretta Simpson	Kathy, Thelma, & Jordan
December 10	Paula Anderson	Judy & Rita

**** If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner at 270.535.5906 ****

For The Record Week of November 26, 2023

Bible Class	110
AM Worship	194
PM Worship	91
Wed. Bible Study	75
Contribution	\$7,153

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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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