

The Messenger

THE BLESSINGS OF WORSHIP

The Christian assembly is one of the most edifying and encouraging times of our week. It is a time of fellowship and worship. Sadly, the benefits and beauty of engaging with God through worship can be overlooked. In the Book of Hebrews, there were Christians who were drifting away and departing from the faith. The author exhorts them to “consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” (Heb. 10:24). As we gather each week, we are meant to create an atmosphere that exhibits the character and activity of Christ by being selfless in our love and good deeds. We are to be mindful of our brethren when we assemble and not be so preoccupied with ourselves but, instead, are to be concerned about others.

One of the issues that arose in the first century was that there were some who had the habit of neglecting the assembly. That is why the author encourages his brethren not to forsake the sanctity of Christian assembly (Heb. 10:25). But why is it important to assemble for corporate worship? It is because our love and good works for one another are impossible if we do not assemble. There are no opportunities to strengthen, comfort, or encourage one another when we cease to worship together. The Christian assembly is an atmosphere of mutual edification and exhortation. As we assemble to encourage one another, we, in effect, follow the example of the author of Hebrews, who wrote a letter of “exhortation” (Heb. 13:22).

Often, this verse is used as a proof text to say, “Attend every worship service.” While that may be an important issue, I believe these verses are about more than attendance. There appears to be something more profound here that the author is addressing. As Neil Lightfoot notes, the author “saw that neglect of the assembly would in time lead to the utter desertion of the faith.” Neglecting to assemble and forsaking Christ leads to apostasy. Our spiritual health and inheritance are on the line. Thus, we must assemble since, as Thomas Schreiner notes, “encouragement is vital for perseverance.” That is why we assemble every opportunity we have to worship, namely, to avoid apostasy and grow closer together with our Christian community as we worship God. And so, as we gather, we are following the advice of the author and “exhorting one another” (Heb. 10:25). When we assemble, we ought to expect an atmosphere of love and encouragement. In fact, every time we assemble, we need to be encouraged and encourage one another.

As New Testament Christians, we have the greatest reason to encourage one another in light of the day of the Lord approaching (Heb. 10:25). The nearness of the Lord’s return highlights the importance of God’s people worshipping together. That is the beauty of assembly. We gather to worship as if the next time we will worship again is in the heavenly sanctuary with our holy God. It is a joy to assemble each week and be blessed by the presence of our God and His people. May we never take the opportunity to assemble lightly nor run the risk of forsaking the assembly.

By Daniel McMillin

Schedule of Services

Sunday	
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Brian Martin	270.576.2936
Denver Young	270.799.8559
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
Deacons	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451
Adam Warren	270.980.2548
Mark Young	270.791.0140
Evangelist	
W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828
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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

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Living FAITH:
Studies in the Gospel of John
Equipped 2024

25 YEARS TOGETHER
CHALLENGE
YOUTH CONFERENCE
CYC24
Feb. 23rd – 25th
See Daniel McMillin for Details

AUTOMATIC DRAFT
OPTION NOW AVAILABLE
The Auto-Draft capability is now available for contributions. For anyone interested, forms are in the foyer to complete and give to the Elders.

As tax time approaches if you do not have a written receipt for any single contributions of \$250 or more and need one, please provide the Elders a copy of the cleared check and they will get you a receipt.

February Bible Classes		
	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Nursery	Karli Rager	Skylar Martin
Preschool		Amy Raymer
2-5 Year Olds		Linda Raymer
1 st & 2 nd Grade		Lil Warren
3 rd & 4 th Grade		Chris Robison
5 th – 6 th Grade		Daniel McMillin
7 th - 8 th Grade		Adam Warren
9 th – 12 th Grade		
Twenty Somethings	Zach Martin & Mason Miller	
Alternate Adults	Andy Wagoner <i>Lessons from the Lives of the Apostles</i>	Women’s Class Angie Anderson <i>Fruits of the Spirit</i>
Auditorium Adults	Denver Young <i>Value of the Soul</i>	Men’s Class Tom, Richard, Denver Edify, Evangelize, Energize, and Example

Journey
The Next Stop

Being an Influencer
February 9 - 11, 2024

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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Announcements

February 4th Lads to Leaders: Bible Bowl Practice & Pearls Lesson After Service
 February 4th New Sunday Schedule Change – 9:30am Bible Study-10:30am Worship Service-6:00pm Evening Service
 February 4th Food, Fellowship, and Sharing After Morning Services (Details Below)
 February 4-8th Freed-Hardeman University Lecturship Theme: *Triumph of the Lamb: The Battle with Evil in Revelation*
 February 9-11th Journey Spring Retreat for Young Adults (More Details on Back Page)
 February 20th Tuesday Bible Class at 10:30 am Bring your Bible and a Dish!
 February 23rd-25th Challenge Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN (See Daniel McMillin for Details)
 April 18-20th Equipped 2024 *Faith – Studies from the Book of John* at Lehman Avenue (See Back Page)

NEW *Schedule*
SUNDAY
 Beginning on February 4, 2024

- 9:30am - Bible Study
- 10:30am - Worship Service
- 6:00pm - Sunday Evening Service

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 6:30pm - Bible Study

Everyone Join Us
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & SHARING
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH AFTER MORNING SERVICES

Bring soups, fixings, and cookies to eat and enough to share. We will eat and then put together loving baskets of soups and cookies.

SEE TAMMY MILLER TO ADD YOUR SOUP TO THE LIST!



Pulpit Preview

Sunday 10:30AM
 The Joy Factor with W. Tom Hall
6:00PM
 The Joy of Being a Fruit Bearer

Prayer Requests

• Heather Young (Daughter In-Law of Ralph and Marsha Young)	• Faye McKinley
• Danny Miller & Brenda Miller	• Gerry Utley
• Aubrey Avery – 9 Years old with Brain Tumor	• Don Anderson
• Larry Young	• Mike Collier (Donna Parker's Brother)
• J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	• Wilma Blankenship
• Janice Cole	• Judy McBride
• Jimmy Hughes	• Lachlan Kreis – Brain Tumor
• Donna Wheeler	• Jimmy Wilmoth
• L.B. Wilson	• Lunell Upton
• Janet Cole – Three Forks	• Jenny McDonald
• Eddie Windham	• Stephanie Lindsey - ALS
• J R Bradshaw	• Malaika Ballard - Cancer
<i>Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship</i>	

Sympathy to Darlene Embry on the passing of her husband Joffery this past Tuesday night.

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 shut the door of the ark once Noah and his family had entered it?
 Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

January 28th Who died after falling out of the window during Paul's sermon?

(Answer: Eutychus; Acts 20:9)

Fred Heath, Bobby and Darlene Pruet, Lenora Isenberg, Logan Barrett, Jessie Wilson, Shorty & Thelma Wurst, Nathan Warren, Nehemiah May, Kathy Williams, Michael Angry and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Sunday Morning Services	February 4	February 11
Security 1	Mark Young	Gary Basham
Security 2	Richard Eubanks	Grant Cole
Security 3	Gordon Harlow	Tommy Flora
Security 4	Michael Runner	Matthue Harmon
Audio Video Controls	Chris Robison	Brian Raymer
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Mason Miller
Opening Prayer	Gary Basham	Fred Heath
Announcements	Willard Raymer	Matt Williams
Worship Service Prayer	Fred Heath	Mark Young
Communion Prayer	Matt Williams	Chris Robison
Lord's Table Center Left	Stephen Clingenpeel	L.W. Jackson
Lord's Table Center Right	Mason Miller	Michael Runner
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Blake Fritsch	Willard Raymer
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Perry Cole	Jeff Morrison
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Mason Moon	Cody Basham
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	David Warren	Hunter Barrett
Scripture Reading AM	Jacob Williams	Joshua Barrett
Closing Prayer	Adam Warren	Zach Martin
Sunday Evening Services	February 7	February 14
Security 1	Randy Reneau	Perry Cole
Security 2	L.W. Jackson	Travis Young
Security 3	Eddie Windham	Jeff Morrison
Song Leader	Jason Kelton	Adam Warren
Opening Prayer	Hunter Barrett	Greg Isenberg
Scripture Reading PM	Mathue Harmon	Randy Reneau
Lord's Table	Joshua Barrett	Doug Depp
Closing Prayer	Cody Basham	Richard Eubanks
Wednesday Night Bible Study	February 7	February 14
Security 1	Cody Basham	Brian Raymer
Security 2	Willard Raymer	Fred Heath
Security 3	Matt Williams	Gary Basham
Song Leader	Adam Warren	Matt Williams
Opening Prayer	Brian Martin	Jeff Morrison
Closing Prayer	Perry Cole	Jacob Williams
Monthly Assignments	February	
Lock Building	Travis Young	-----
Baptismal Laundry	Kristie Hughes	-----
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Fred Heath	-----
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Amy Raymer	-----
Prepare Communion	Travis & Emily Young	-----
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
February 4	Tina Hall	Danielle & Claire Robison
February 11	Dana Depp	Melissa & Claire Young

**** If unable to serve, contact Matt Williams at 270.779.7733****

For The Record Week of January 28, 2023

Lord's Supper Service	145
Bible Study	143
Worship Service	150
Wed. Bible Study	86
Contribution	\$6,472

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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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