

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Sunday 10:00 am.....Bible Classes
 11:00 am.....Worship
 5:00 pm.....Worship
 Wed. 7:00 pm.....Bible Classes

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, here’s what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. As a result, we **sing** without the accompaniment of mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We have a weekly observe the **Lord’s Supper** (cf. Acts 20:7) which consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (Matt. 26:26-29). This memorial is designed for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins to partake (Acts 2:38, 42). There will also be an **offering** collected from our members (1 Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. Feel perfectly comfortable passing the collection plate down the row. You will also hear the **preaching** of a Bible-centered message (Acts 20:7) and men leading the congregation in **prayer** (1 Tim. 2:8). We think you will find our worship meaningful and refreshing as we strive to do it in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We encourage you to observe carefully and stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you better and answer any questions you may have.

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ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

	2018 Goals	Last Week	1 yr ago
Bible Study	60	56	60
Sun AM	80	93	88
Sun PM	40	41	60
Wed	45	39	31
Contribution	1950	2074	1856

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The church exists to:

- * Exalt God (Eph. 3:21).
- * Evangelize the world (Acts 14:25-28).
- * Endorse the truth (1 Tim. 3:15).
- * Edify the believers (Eph. 4:16).
- * Educate the uninformed (2 Tim. 2:2).
- * Equip the saints (Eph. 4:12).
- * Ease the burdens of the needy (2 Cor. 9:13).



Are you doing your part to help this church be what it’s supposed to be?

- Edd Sterchi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List * Paxton Bloyd * Debbie Bradshaw (lymphoma) * Lula Cheatham * Sharon Cornett * Riley Decker (leukemia) * Matthew Edwards (cancer) * Britany Harden * Willard Holliday * Amanda Jewell (mitral valve stenosis) * Wilma Landis (cancer) * Eli Marcom (brain tumor) * Kenny Perkins * Kara Reed (cystic fibrosis) * Ancil Reynolds * Teresa Yates (cancer)

Medical Updates

- * **Amy Wells** had cornea surgery last Thur. It went well.
- * **Patty Reynolds** will have knee replacement surgery tomorrow.
- * **Julie Sterchi** is steadily improving from her gall bladder removal.

Halloween Gathering

Our annual Halloween gathering will be on Sat., **Oct. 27** beginning at **6 p.m.** There will be a costume contest, games, and, of course, food (so be sure to bring some - hot dogs and chili will be provided). Individually wrapped candy is needed. If you'd like to donate, please bring it in by Wed.

Ladies Retreat

There will be a Ladies Retreat **Nov. 2-4** at **Holmes Bend**. The cost is \$25 per adult (teens and children are free). There is more information and a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays This Week

- * Kathryn Doss (Oct. 23)
- * Neal Huffman (Oct. 23)
- * Sharon Cornett (Oct. 25)

Cruise Ships and Aircraft Carriers

I've not been on a cruise yet, but I hope to one day. From what I hear, cruise ships are all about having fun. The entire crew, from the captain to the dishwasher, is there just to serve the passengers and help them have the time of their lives. The food, the entertainment, the accommodations and the service are all superb. The ship is decorated to be attractive, filled with glitz and glamour. The whole purpose of cruise ships is to cater to the whims of the passengers. The passengers only responsibility is enjoy themselves and to leave a big tip.

Many American churches can be compared to cruise ships. Their buildings are designed to draw crowds. Their staff is selected to cater to the members and make them as happy and comfortable as possible. Their worship and programs are all about meeting the needs their members, while keeping the complaints to a minimum. "Cruise ship" churches tend to be internally focused. Very little of their calendar, training and communication is spent of outreach or missions. Statistically, only 5% of most American church budgets is spent on reaching the lost or helping the needy outside of their church. "Cruise ship" members' only responsibility is to show up from time to time and leave a big tip (uh, offering).

Aircraft carriers, on the other hand, are nothing like cruise ships, except perhaps being similar in size and traveling on the seas. They are not built to appeal to the eye, but to carry out a specific function. Their accommodations are basic and usually crowded. They have no passengers, just the crew. From the captain to the lowest ranking sailor, they all know how their particular role fits into the overall mission – to launch and receive aircraft in fulfilling their assignments. And they do it with precision and distinction. A plane can be launched every 25 seconds, in a fraction of the space of a normal runway. They are willing to risk their lives for the sake of the ship's mission.

Thankfully, there are churches more like air craft carriers than like cruise ships. These churches expect all their members, from the least to the greatest, to fulfill their part in the overall mission of the church (taking the gospel to the whole world). Each one knows his/her God given ability that needs to be carried out for the good of the whole church, and understands that they must do their part if the church's mission is to be successful. They don't expect to be catered or coddled. They're not looking for glitz and glamour. They are always willing to risk their lives for Christ and His church.

Which better describes the church where you are a member? Which better describes the kind of church that pleases God? Which better describes you personally – a passenger on a cruise ship or a sailor on an aircraft carrier?

