

**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	59	61
Sun AM	80	73	83
Sun PM	40	26	36
Wed	45		37
Contribution	1950	1361	2184

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**Christ and Me**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me,**

**Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

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## 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) \* Galen Yarberry (cancer)

### **Sympathy**

We wish to express deepest sympathies to Matt Smith whose 46-year-old sister passed away suddenly last week. She was Matt's only sister. We extend deepest sympathies to Matt and all the family.

### **Winter Clothing Giveaway (Version 2)**

We will have another winter clothing giveaway **this Sat.**, Dec. 1, from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** See Paula if you are willing to help.

### **Annual Holiday Gathering**

**Sat., Dec. 8**, will be our Holiday Dinner and Party at the church building. It begins at **6 p.m.** There will be an ugly sweater contest, as well as some "special guests." Volunteers are still needed to help decorate.

### **Backpack Buddies**

The Backpack Buddies program is in immediate need for all food items.

### **Birthdays This Week**

\* Alex Doss (Nov. 27)  
\* Patricia Griffith (Nov. 29) \* Britany Harden (Dec. 1)

*I can do ALL things through*  
**CHRIST**  
*who STRENGTHENS me.*  
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

## **Be the Best Version of Yourself**

There's a saying that has become popular of late that I really like. It is this: "Be the best version of yourself." I like it because it does emphasize being yourself. It is important to be you, to be unique, and to be who God made you. Don't change that. But it's also important to be the best possible you.

Timothy in the Bible was a young man and a preacher. He had been a protégé of the great apostle Paul, and Paul had left him to minister in Ephesus. Paul knew the great potential that lied within him, so when he wrote his first epistle to Timothy, He wanted to encourage the young man to be the best that he could be. Paul emphasizes this in 1 Timothy 4:12: "*Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*"

What Paul is reminding Timothy is that he needs to be the best possible version of himself. He was an exceptional young man, and he could do a lot of good if he reached his full potential. But to do that he needed to be the best Timothy possible in his words, his actions, and even inside of his very being.

Someone once noted that "Most people are human 'doings' – we need to be human 'beings'." That's true. Most people focus on what they do (i.e. merit through human effort). Let us focus more on what to "be." "Being" means that it becomes an integral part of us. If we change the "being" aspect of our lives, then the proper "doings" will follow. Be a Christian. Be faithful. Be kind-hearted. Be loving. Be compassionate. Be concerned. Be forgiving. Be the best version of yourself – from the inside out.

If you be the best version of yourself, would your family be happier or more miserable? If you be the best version of yourself, would this church be friendlier or more unfriendly? If you be the best version of yourself, would the world be better or worse? The answers are obvious.

The US Army used to have a saying: "Be all you can be." I think we should just simply change it to: "Be all God wants you to be." And I believe one of the best ways to do this is to: "Be the best version of yourself."

- Edd Sterchi