

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	63	52
Sun AM	80	78	85
Sun PM	40	34	28
Wed	45	30	34
Contribution	1950	1432	2567

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The Seven Pillars of Wisdom

Proverbs 9:1 states: “*Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars.*” What are these “seven pillars” of wisdom? Likely the reference is symbolical representing the fact that if we use godly wisdom properly, our lives will be complete. But it is interesting to note that James, in his epistle, chapter 3 and verse 17, in defining godly wisdom lists seven aspects: “*But the wisdom that is from above is*

- first pure,*
- then peaceable,*
- gentle,*
- willing to yield,*
- full of mercy and good fruits,*
- without partiality*
- and without hypocrisy.”*

What does your house of wisdom look like? How are the pillars holding up?

- 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) * Galen Yarberry (cancer)

Medical Updates

- * **Ginger Colvin** has been having back problems lately.
- * **Patty Reynolds** got a good report on her 6 week checkup concerning her knee replacement.

Annual Holiday Gathering

This 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.” Meat, bread, and drinks will be provided – you all can bring the rest!

Ornament Exchange

The Ladies Ornament Exchange will be **Mon. Dec. 17** at **Dee Doss’** house at **6:30 p.m.** Taco soup will be provided. Please bring a finger food or dessert.

Backpack Buddies

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

Birthdays This Week - Wesley Reynolds (Dec. 6)

New Teachers for the Next Quarter

The next quarter for Bible Classes will begin in January. Following is a list of teachers and classes. If you have any questions, please see Steve Clark.

Wednesdays (starting Jan. 2)

0-2 – Dee Doss
3-4 – Katie Curry
K-1st – Brandon Carmicle
2-5th – Chris Clark
6th & up – Steven Reynolds

Sundays (starting Jan 6)

0-2 – April Clark
3-4 – April Sholty
K-1st – Paula Bault
2-5th – Amy Wells
6th & up – Cole Clark

Living Expectantly

Have you ever heard the tale of old Shep? Near where our daughter and family live in Montana, overlooking the Missouri River and the Great Northern Railroad, is a monument erected to pay tribute to old Shep, a collie dog that had belonged to an old shepherd. Wherever the man went Shep was always at his side.

Then in 1936 Shep’s master died. Shep accompanied him the final time when men took his body to the train station, from whence it would be shipped back East for burial. Shep tried to board the train with his master, but was put off. As the train pulled from the station, Shep followed as far as he could. Losing sight of the train, he returned to the station where he dug a spot under the depot, from which he would keep vigil for the return of his master. Through six cold, snowy Montana winters and five springs he would expectantly greet the arrival of each train, looking for his master’s return. In January, 1942, a train struck the old dog, killing him. Railroaders who had befriended and fed the dog buried him on a bluff, and the monument was erected in his memory.

Are we, as Christians, as faithful as was old Shep as we look for the return of our Master? Unlike Shep, our Master will return. When God’s table of time is completed, “He that shall come will come, and will not tarry” (Hebrews 10:37). Though years pass, we are “looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ” (Titus 3:13). The question is: ARE YOU READY?

- Ron Bartman

