

**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**

	2019 Goals	Last Week	1 yr ago
Bible Study	60	50	56
Sun AM	80	61	64
Sun PM	40	31	37
Wed	45	33	50
Contribution	1950	1828	1866

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**You Animal!**

Some church members are as **stubborn as a mule** about doing church work, but as **sly as a fox** in their own business deals; as **busy as a bee** in spreading the latest gossip, but as **quiet as a mouse** in spreading the gospel of Christ. Many are as **blind as a bat** to see the needs of others, but have **eyes of a hawk** to see the faults of a few. Some are as **eager as a beaver** about a barbecue, but as **lazy as a dog** about the prayer meetings. Some will **roar like a lion** when things do not go just to suit them, but they are as **gentle as a lamb** when they need the preacher of the church. Some are as **noisy as a blue jay** when letting the church know their opinion, but as **timid as a kitten** in mentioning Jesus to others. Some are **quick as a bunny** in pushing their agenda, but as **slow as a snail** about contacting absentees and shut-ins. Some are **happy as a clam** to be a church member, but as **mad as a hornet** when someone encourages them to get more involved. Many are **night owls** on Saturday nights, but **bed bugs** Sunday mornings and as **scarce as hen's teeth** on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

- Selected (with additions by 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**

- \* **Brad Arnold**, friend of the Cheathams, is dealing with some heart issues.
- \* **Sharon Cornett** got a good report from her most recent doctor visit!

**Singing and Fellowship Meal Tonight** - For evening services, we will have our monthly song service. Afterwards, we will enjoy a fellowship meal together. Make plans to come. The theme is "FOOD"!

**Potter Commodities** - We will again be participating in Potter Children's Home's Commodities program. The items we are assigned are: Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix, Lime Jello, Rotel Tomatoes, Tomato Paste, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags. Please bring them in by Mar. 31.

**Please Let Us Know About These Dates** - We have tentatively set these dates for upcoming church activities. Please let the elders know as soon as possible if they will work for you.

- \* May 5 - Our Spring Friends and Family Day
- \* June 8 - Our Vacation Bible School

**Ladies Day** - The Elizabethtown Church of Christ will have a Ladies Day on Mar. 16. More info is on the bulletin board.

**Send a Card** - Pat Perkins would appreciate getting cards and letters. Her address is:

Marilyn Perkins #62  
Limestone Health Facility  
1600 Hobbs St.  
Athens, AL 35611



**Birthdays This Week** \* Dee Doss (Mar. 7) \* Maurice Cheatham (Mar. 7)

## Let Your Light Shine

Alexander Pope, the crippled eighteenth-century poet, wrote this gloomy verse describing the world as he saw it:

Religion blushing veils her sacred fires,  
And unawares Morality expires.  
Not public flame, nor private dares to shine;  
Nor human spark is left, nor glimpse divine!  
Lo! thy dread empire, Chaos! is restored;  
Light dies before thy uncreated word;  
Thy hand, great Anarch! lets the curtain fall,  
And universal darkness buries all.

The apostle Paul held similar views of the world's darkness, but he was not content with writing gloom and doom about it. He saw the darkness as a opportunity to shine! Paul thus wrote these encouraging words: "*that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world*" (Phil. 2:15).

Some men seem content with cursing the darkness, but Paul had a better idea – overcome it. But how do we do that? Paul would not give such advice without telling us how to do it. In the context of the whole passage, Phil. 2:12-18, he basically suggests having and vividly displaying three things.

- \* **Have the right association.** He mentions in verse 13 that God must be working through us. This means that we must be in a relationship with Him. So, in other words, we must be a Christian, loud and proud. God is the power source that will enable our lights to shine brilliantly in a dark world.
- \* **Have the right attitude.** In verse 14, Paul recommends that we do all things without complaining or disputing. This is presenting the right attitude to the world. Also in verse 18, we are told to be glad and rejoice. These are all optimistic and enlightening attributes we should present to a pessimistic, gloomy world.
- \* **Have the right actions.** In this passage, Paul uses a lot of action words like: work (v.12), do (v.14), shine (v.15), hold (v.16), and serve (v.17). All of these are centered around "*the word of life*" (v.16). This means that we should do everything in harmony with the Bible. And we should be shining this way so that all can see. Living this way shines the light of God glowingly in a dreary world.

How bright is your light shining?

- Edd Sterchi