

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	37	55
Sun AM	80	52	64
Sun PM	40	34	39
Wed	45	39	49
Contribution	1950	1128	1619

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medical Updates

* **Mabel Carter**, a 90 year-old neighbor of Jack and Susan, fell recently and has two fractures in her spine. She is at home, but in a lot of pain.

College Students

We have some young folks who will be leaving soon to attend college. Please be praying for them and for great experiences and success.

- * **Alex Doss** (Northern Kentucky University)
- * **Katheryn Doss** (Northern Kentucky University)
- * **Sarah Farmer** (Campbellsville University)
- * **Kimberly Harden** (Lindsey Wilson College)
- * **Breanna Spaulding** (Campbellsville University)

We will be posting their addresses as soon as we have them. Be sure to write them an encouraging note from time to time.

Youth Rally

Those going to the youth rally at Three Forks this coming Sat., Aug. 18, should be at the church parking lot at **8:30 a.m.** (EST).

Welcome Back Festival

We will again be participating at Campbellsville University's Welcome Back Festival on Aug. 20. **We need lots of homemade cookies** as they are always very popular. Plan on bringing them by next Sun., Aug. 19. We could also use a volunteer or two to help at the booth.

Fall Quarter & Teachers Needed

The fall quarter for Bible classes will begin on Sept. 2. This will be our promotion Sunday where kids move up to the next class grade. Also, **we are in need of teachers**. If you can help out, please see Bret or April Sholty.

Backpack Buddies

It's time to start helping out with the Backpack Buddies program again. They are in immediate need for all food items. There is a list on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays This Week - Bret Sholty (Aug. 18)

Getting Closer to God

Without a doubt, there are times when God seems far away. In times like these, we may feel as if our prayers go unheard. Or we may wonder why it feels God is so disconnected from our lives.

What we need to remember is that God is unchanging (Malachi 3:6). His character stays absolutely holy. His faithfulness remains constant. His power continues unabated. It is we who change. Oftentimes the problem is that we allow sin into our lives and choose a direction away from God. Sometimes the problem is that we spend less and less time with Him in Bible study, meditation, and prayer. Then one day we realize that we have gradually grown distant from God.

For those in situations like this, the inspired writer James offers a solution. He tells us how to once again draw near to God. It is found in James 4:8: *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."* James' two suggestions are:

- * **Stop whatever is pulling you away from God.** It is mentioned in the text as *"cleanse your hands."* If you have been actively engaged in sin, you must renounce it (Ephesians 4:22). Stop doing things that harm your soul. If you have been drifting away from God, stop whatever is causing you to wander. Get your life back on the track that God has laid out for you.
- * **Start your heart again for God.** The passage states it this way: *"purify your hearts."* By repenting and getting forgiveness, God cleanses us once again (1 John 1:9). It is then that we must keep our hearts focused upon God. The heart is where the problem began. If we keep our attitudes, motives, and thoughts in harmony with God's will, we will find ourselves drawing nearer to Him once again.

There is no greater feeling of joy than knowing God is near you. We can have this assurance if we keep our hearts pure and our hands clean – if we stop doing the things we shouldn't and start again doing the things we should.

- Edd Sterchi