

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	49	58
Sun AM	80	75	82
Sun PM	40	47	33
Wed	45	35	48
Contribution	1950	2458	1906

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Getting People to Listen

“Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.” (Psa. 66:16)

If you think about it, there is good advice in that verse on telling others about the good news of Jesus Christ.

To be honest, very few people we encounter respond positively to lectures in theology or finger-in-the-face attacks on their morality. Now, don’t get me wrong, it is crucial that we speak the truth and speak it in love (Eph. 4:15). But maybe there is a better way to get folks interested in the truth of the gospel.

People tend to respond more favorably when we reveal what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. When we make our words personal and positive, people will listen. When we tell of how Jesus Christ has changed our life, people will be interested. It is then we will be given the opportunity to declare gospel truths to them. Give it a try!

- Edd Sterchi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List * Paxton Bloyd * Debbie Bradshaw (lymphoma) * 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

- * **Mabel Carter**, neighbor of Jack and Susan, fell recently and has two fractures in her spine. She is at home and doing some better.
- * **Steven Reynolds** has another abscessed tooth. It is set to be extracted on Tue.

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. Please bring them by tomorrow morning.

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.**

Backpack Buddies

The Backpack Buddies program is up and running. They are in immediate need for all food items. There is a list on the table in the foyer.

Mark Your Calendar

We will have another **Friends and Family Day** on Oct. 14. More details to follow.

Coat Drive/Giveaway

We will have a coat giveaway to needy families this fall (sometime before our Friends and Family Day). We need coats of all sizes to distribute. If you have any coats to donate, please bring them in as soon as possible.

Birthdays This Week

- * Mildred Eastridge (Aug. 19)
- * Chase Milby (Aug. 19)
- * Michael Phillips (Aug. 22)
- * Leticia Reynolds (Aug. 25)

What is the Devil Like?

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Pet. 5:8) While trying to rock my son to sleep late one night, I happened upon a special program on television's Animal Planet channel about lions and how they hunt their prey. What I learned made the above Bible verse come alive in a most vivid way! Consider some parallels:

Satan waits, lurks, and prowls around us! Lions are a most interesting and curious animal. I learned that over 80% of the time, lions sleep lazily in the sunshine – looking totally disinterested. But that is precisely how they lure in their unsuspecting prey until it is too close to get away. Similarly, Peter warns us to be sober and vigilant regarding the Devil of hell. One of his greatest ploys is to do his work covertly and behind the scenes. Like the lion, he doesn't attack recklessly – that would be too obvious. Nor does he reveal himself openly – but he lurks, waiting for the appropriate time.

Satan attacks us at our weakest point! Lions never go after a whole herd. Rather, they watch for animals who wander a little away. Farther from the influence and intervention of others, they are easy to take down. No wonder the Lord commanded Christians to assemble often! (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) We are the more vulnerable when we are away.

Satan is persistent! Like a lion, Satan will not stop until you are dead! Lions have been known to wait for hours after a first blow draws blood. As the victim grows weaker and weaker, they prowl and follow behind – waiting for the right moment to finish the kill. And so is the devil. We observe that after trying to tempt Jesus, the devil went away, but only for a short while, "...waiting for an opportune time." (Luke 4:13)

Satan's favorite method: Death by choking! Something I was surprised to learn is that lions kill by asphyxiation. I had thought that lions rip and tear into the vital organs of their prey with gashing blows. Actually, they go for the neck and clamp down hard, throwing the struggling victim to the ground. Then they wait while their prey grasps for life-giving air. By this point the end is inevitable and the lion has won. In that is a warning for us. We are repeatedly admonished against letting the cares and concerns of our physical lives distract us from our duty to God. (Mark 4:19; 1 John 2:15) Satan wants to "choke" the word from our heart causing us to fall away. (Luke 8:14)

Let us all be on the lookout for lion, *"lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices."* (2 Cor. 2:1)

- John West