



Snips and snails and puppy dog tails, That's what little boys are made of! My name is Parker James Francis and I arrived on January 13. I weighed a 9 lbs. even, and was 21 inches long. My daddy and mommy (Jake & Lauren Francis) are so excited that I have arrived! They've counted my fingers and toes and made the funniest noises, when talking to me. My big sister, Avery, may sorta like me right now, but may change her mind real soon, once I start following her around like a shadow! My grandparents aka Pa & Lolo are Danny & Lori Cantrell and my great-grandmother is Jane Cantrell aka Grandma Jane. I don't live that far away, so maybe, I'll drop in and visit y'all, when I'm visiting with my Grandma Jane, Aunt Mattie, Uncle Justin and my slightly older cousin, Olivia! Hope to see y'all soon!

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B.C.C. News This past week, we had 10 new students to enroll in our Bible Correspondence Course, for a total of 331,526. We had 1 student to graduate this past week, giving us a total of 31,267. The following BCC students have requested prayer: Lisa Bryant, Olivia Floyd and Susan Webb.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 16: [H.E.Y.I.](#); Mt. Leo Church of Christ; Ed. Bldg.; 4-7- p.m.
 January 24: [School of Bible Emphasis](#); Ed. Bldg.; 7 p.m.
 January 30: [5th Sunday](#); Contribution to be used for victims of Kentucky tornadoes.
 January 30: [Questions & Answers](#); Questions for today's sermon can be left in the little blue box on the table in the foyer. Please, leave your name on your question, in case Trent has any questions about your question. He will try to get to as many as possible.

??? Quick Quiz ???

What Are You Wearing? We were of royal descent and as a result were attired in special clothing that made us stand out from the rest. Our sister found herself in a less than honorable position and could no longer wear this special attire. Who are we and what was special about our clothing?

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Last Week's Question: What Are You Wearing? I was not the first, but seventh in line. When I arrived, my attire was like nothing you've ever seen. Who am I and what was I wearing? An angel, who was clothed in a cloud and wearing a rainbow on his head (Revelation 8:2- 10:1).



Now that we have several babies, and the nursery has limited space, we ask that everyone else that has been using the nursery for any reason, please, use the new designated room. It is located behind the baptistery, in the second classroom on the right. A loudspeaker can be located on the wall, just inside the door, and can be turned on with a switch, so you can listen to the worship service or Bible class.

Serving The Saints

Sunday Services January 23, 2022
 9:00 a.m.
First Worship Service Bruce Atnip
Announcements Tim Bryant/Abram Stinson
Songleader Donald Jones
Opening Prayer David Stinson
Closing Prayer

Lord's Table Lee Hennessee (prayer)
 Bobby Morton Kevin Pearsall
 Wayne Shields Larry Ashford

Second Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Songleader Tim Bryant/Abram Stinson
Opening Prayer Ricky Bryant
Closing Prayer Nate Williamson

Lord's Table Jared Sain & Tucker Higgins

Wednesday Service January 26, 2022
 Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Young Men's Night

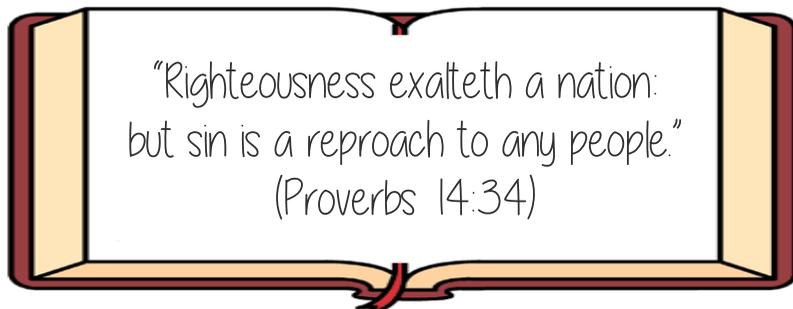
IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, SEE LIONEL PANTER OR CALL HIM AT 473-9841

For The Week of January 9, 2022

First Worship Service	95
Bible Study	74
Second Worship Service	85
Wednesday Bible Study	72
Contribution	\$3,366.00

Responses for the Year 2022

Baptized: 00 Restored: 00 Placed Membership: 00



Mount Leo Edifier

"...and edify one another..." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)



Mt. Leo Church of Christ
 206 Mt. Leo Street
 McMinnville, TN 37110

January 16, 2022

"The churches of Christ salute you." (Romans 16:16)

Schedule of Services

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
First Worship	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.		
Second Worship	11:00 a.m.		

ELDERS Avery Curtis Donald Jones Lee Hennessee Terry Mullican	PREACHER Trent Key OFFICE 473-5812	DEACONS David Judkins Kent Killian David Stinson John Stubblefield
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PLAN OF SALVATION

- **HEAR:** (Romans 10:17) "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- **BELIEVE:** (Mark 16:16) "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned."
- **REPENT:** (Acts 2:38) "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."
- **CONFESS:** (Acts 8:37) "If thou believeth with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
- **BE BAPTIZED:** (Acts 22:16) "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."
- **REMAIN FAITHFUL:** (Revelation 2:10) "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

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To the Work! To the Work!

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Introduction:

- 1) Work brickle.
- 2) Now more than ever, our nation faces the roots of laziness every single day.
- 3) How does God feel about this practice and what does He expect from me?

Discussion:

I. Contributors for laziness

- A. Lack of motivation to work
- B. Sometimes procrastination conjoined with ineffective planning promotes laziness.
- C. The desire for instant gratification.

II. God wants us to work

- A. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were given responsibilities (Gen. 2:15).
- B. Future generations were recorded as having societal responsibilities also.
 - 1) Abel was a keeper of the _____ and Cain was a tiller of the ground (Gen. 4:2).
 - 2) Jabal was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock (Gen. 4:20).
 - 3) Jubal was the father of all those who play the harp and flute (Gen. 4:21).
 - 4) Tubal-Cain was an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron (Gen. 4:22).
- C. God desires for us to do honest work (Eph. 4:28; Col. 3:22-24).
- D. He expects for us to provide for our own _____ (I Tim. 5:8).
- E. The Lord blesses us through our efforts of hard work (I Thess. 4:11-12; Jam. 1:17; Prov. 14:23).
- F. For those not willing to work, there is no reward (Prov. 24:30-34; II Thess. 3:10).

III. As we work, we should...

- A. Seek to bring glory to God (I Cor. 10:31).
- B. Put forth our best efforts and intentions (Col. 3:23).
- C. Create _____ and pleasure in our life (Eccl. 3:12f).
- D. Recognize that our spiritual labors in the LORD are most rewarding (I Cor. 15:58).

EVERYONE Needs to Know the Bible

Trent E. Key

As I was going through preaching school, a high school classmate of mine moved to Knoxville. Amanda and I reconnected with her, and she began to visit with us at Karns church of Christ. After a few weeks, she invited us to have a meal with her family, where we discovered they were heavily influenced in Catholicism. To my surprise, I learned that day not everyone in Catholicism is encouraged to study the Bible for themselves.

Church, I'm afraid that this thought has crossed over into the minds of some members of Christ's body. For too long, we have allowed the preacher and elders to do the study for us. We take what they say at their word. Instead of engulfing ourselves in deep studies of the Scriptures, we run to google, friends, and sometimes church leaders to get the quick answers to our questions. This is a copout for "studying to show ourselves approved unto God" (II Timothy 2:15).

So what's changed? Overall, many members do not know how to navigate through the Scriptures. Many who are encouraged to have one-on-one Bible studies aren't equipped because they fail to study the Bible for themselves. The church has become a Biblically illiterate people. We must do better!

But this isn't something new. The prophets recorded times where God's people fail short in their studies. Isaiah prophesied, "Therefore, my people have gone into captivity, *because they have no knowledge*; their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst (Isaiah 5:13). Because of their ignorance, they were confused. Isaiah said, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20)!

Nothing good comes from people of ignorance. Through Hosea, God prophesied, "Hear the word of the LORD, You children of Israel, for the LORD brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land...My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:1, 6). Such ignorance caused them to reject God, and in return, God would reject them.

Christian growth is dependent upon our growth in knowledge of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18; Hebrews 5:12-14). Every soul is responsible for their own development in the Scriptures (Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15). Religious misunderstandings come when we do not know the Scriptures or the power of our great God (Mark 12:24-27).

Every precious soul must come to know and understand the Scriptures. Jesus taught, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). Paul also wrote, "who desires for all men to

be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (I Timothy 2:3-4). Search the Scriptures today!

A Great and Effective Door

I Corinthians 16:9

Introduction:

- 1) As Paul closed out the book of I Corinthians, he issued some reasons why he was hesitant to depart Ephesus (I Cor. 16:8-9).
- 2) Although there isn't a specific explanation for this great and effective door, it most certainly was used for evangelistic advancement.
- 3) What does God want us to do with open doors today?

Discussion:

I. Opened Doors

- A. The door of _____ was opened for the Gentiles to receive salvation (Acts 14:27).
- B. Even through opposition, a great and effective door was opened in Ephesus (I Cor. 16:9; Acts 19:8-20).
- C. Paul was blessed with an open door to preach the gospel of Christ in Troas (II Cor. 2:12-13).
- D. Each open door was an opportunity for the advancement of the gospel of Christ.

II. Contributors for Open Doors

- A. The _____ is responsible for the opening of doors (Acts 14:27; II Cor. 2:12-13; I Cor. 3:5-8).
- B. Faithful Christians must petition God for open doors (Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:7-9; Jam. 5:16; Col. 4:2-3; II Thess. 3:1).
- C. These doors can come at any time and any place (Acts 13:14; Acts 14:1; Acts 16:18; Acts 17:17; Acts 18:7; Acts 19:9-10; Acts 16:20ff; Phil. 1:12-13; Philem. 1:10).

III. The Challenges

- A. _____ will attempt to close what God has opened (I Cor. 16:9).
- B. In the process of conversion, Satan lies in wait to keep those souls that belong to him (Mt. 13:19; I Pt. 5:8; II Cor. 4:4).
- C. The laborers are few (Mt. 9:37-38; Rev. 3:8; II Tim. 4:1-2; Gal. 6:10; Eph. 3:20-21; I Cor. 16:9; Mt. 7:7-8).

Conclusion:

- 1) God opens doors for faithful Christians to serve and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).
- 2) Use each open door to teach about the Door (John 10:7-10; Revelation 3:20).