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**Words of Thanks**

Members of Mt. Leo Church of Christ,

Thank you for all your cards, thoughts, and prayers regarding my recent surgery. Please, pray for no reoccurrence. I'm thankful for all that you do.

In Christian love,  
Susan Barnes

Mt. Leo Men,

We enjoyed the Ladies' Breakfast! Thanks so much!

Pam McGregor, Amy Myers, Amanda Sain, Kerry Mullican, Martha Jones, Carol Bishop, Ann Bishop, Keri Morton, Teresa Curtis, Monica Rowland, Sharon Webb, Kristi Judkins, Linda Hudson, Tammy Fults, Melanie Stinson, Chloe Williamson, Heather Williamson, Helen Martin, Cathy Cox, Faye Davenport, Teresa Hennessee, Tina Smith & Emily Panter

The food and service was wonderful at the women's breakfast.

Thank you!  
Wilma Henegar, Linda Hudson & Connie Tate

**B.C.C. News**

This past week we had 16 new students to enroll in our Bible Correspondence Course for a total of 330,607. We had 1 student to graduate this past week, giving us a total of 31,292. The following BCC students have requested prayer: Debbie Daniels.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- February 24: [School of Bible Emphasis](#); Ed. Bldg.; 7 p.m.
- February 29: [Christian Servants Day](#); East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN; 9 a.m.; Theme: "Loving the Lord's People;" Speakers: Jimmy Clark & Keith Mosher.
- March 1: [Fellowship Meal/Sunday for the Savior](#); Ed. Bldg.
- March 8: [Bible Bowl](#); Mt Leo C/C; 2 p.m.



There will be a planning meeting for the Ladies' Day (scheduled for June) next Sunday (March 1) immediately following the 2nd Worship Service. All ladies interested in helping, please, meet at the front of the auditorium.



There will be a Welcome Home Potluck for Kobe Ashford today at 2 p.m. in the Ed. Bldg. If you have any questions, please, see Sharon Ashford.

**??? Quick Quiz ???**

O, Prophet, Who Art Thou? Which Prophet was married to a woman named Gomer?  
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Last Week's Question: O, Prophet, Who Art Thou? What Prophet caused the king, Asa, to have courage and put away all the idols in the land that he possessed? Oded (2 Chronicles 15:8).

**Serving The Saints**

**Sunday Services**

First Worship Service  
**Announcements**  
Songleader  
Opening Prayer  
Closing Prayer

**Lord's Table**

Gene Barnes  
Kent Killian  
Dan Fults  
Larry Ashford

**Communion To Shut-Ins**

**Second Worship Service**

Songleader  
Opening Prayer  
Closing Prayer

**Lord's Table**

**Wednesday Service**

Evening Bible Study  
Songleader  
Opening Prayer  
Closing Prayer

**Ushers/Doorgreeters**

**Prepare Communion**  
**Bake & Take Ministry**

**March 1, 2020**

9:00 a.m.  
Anthony Bishop  
Johnny Stubblefield  
Bruce Atnip  
Terry Cox

Wendell Webb  
Carl Carl  
Lynn McGregor  
Glynn Womack

(Group 2 to assist at Boarding Home)

**11:00 a.m.**

Tim Bryant  
Donald Jones  
Abram Stinson

Bud Curtis & Avery Curtis

**March 4, 2020**

7:00 p.m.  
Bruce Atnip  
David Judkins  
Tucker Higgins

Phillip & Vilas Lappin  
Jared & Amanda Sain

Tony & Ann Bishop  
Heather Williamson (Bake)  
David & Kristi Judkins (Take)

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

**For The Week of February 16, 2020**

First Worship Service	145
Bible Study	105
Second Worship Service	110
Wednesday Bible Study	91
Contribution	\$2,621.00

Baptized: 01      Responses for the Year 2020      Restored: 02      Placed Membership: 00

**Mount Leo Edifier**

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



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**Church of Christ**  
206 Mt. Leo Street  
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**February 23, 2020**

"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		PREACHER	DEACONS	
Avery Curtis	Donald Jones	Trent Key	David Judkins	David Stinson
Lee Hennessee	Terry Mullican		Kent Killian	John Stubblefield
		OFFICE		Wendell Webb
		473-5812		

**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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## **A Few Thoughts to Consider**

1. The church is prayer-conditioned.
2. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
3. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
4. Never give the devil a ride -- he will always want to drive.
5. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
6. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
7. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
8. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
9. Be ye fishers of men -- you catch them & He'll clean them.
10. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
11. If God is your co-pilot, change places.
12. One week without prayer makes one weak.
13. Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the door forever.
14. God doesn't want shares of your life. He wants a controlling interest.
15. Wisdom has two parts. Having a lot to say, and not saying it.
16. Jesus died for you. Will you live for Him?
17. Forbidden fruits create many jams.
18. He, who angers you, controls you!
19. He, who is good at making excuses, is seldom good for anything else.
20. To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

### **Midweek Service – March 25, 2020**

Announcements .....	Tucker Higgins
Songs (2).....	Johnny Stubblefield
Opening Prayer .....	Kent Killian
Songs (2).....	Trent Key
Read.....	Nate Williamson
Songs (2).....	Tim Bryant
Read.....	Abram Stinson
Songs (2).....	Lynn McGregor
Lesson .....	Jared Sain
Invitation Song.....	Abram Stinson
Closing Prayer .....	David Judkins

**All classes remain in the auditorium.**

# FOCUS: The Scriptures

## Defending the Scriptures

- I. **Why defend the Scriptures?**
  - A. The Bible is under constant attack (I Pt. 5:8; Eph. 6:10ff).
  - B. People attempt to redefine truth (Jn. 17:17; II Tim. 3:16; Jn. 8:44).
  - C. Satan uses God's word for his own purposes (Gen. 3:4-5; II Pt. 3:16; II Tim. 4:3-4; Jer. 23:36).
- II. **Who will defend the Scriptures?**
  - A. God \_\_\_\_\_ His people to defend the truth (I Pt. 3:15).
  - B. God needs preachers who will stand for the truth (II Tim. 4:2; Rom. 10:14ff).
  - C. God needs elders who will protect, exhort, and convict with the truth (Tit. 1:9).
  - D. God needs every member of Christ's church to uphold and teach the truth (I Tim. 3:15; Phil. 1:7).
- III. **How do we defend the Scriptures?**
  - A. When attacked, speak the truth (Mt. 4:1ff; Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12).
  - B. Be prepared to always stand for the truth (Psa. 119:11; I Pt. 3:15; Psa. 40:8; Eph. 4:12ff).
  - C. Be bold, but speak in love (I Pt. 3:15; Eph. 4:15).
  - D. Speak the truth with \_\_\_\_\_ and logic (Ezra 7:10; Acts 17:2; Acts 24:25).
- IV. **The Results of Defending the Scriptures.**
  - A. I'm standing with the LORD (Josh. 24:15; I Tim. 3:15).
  - B. I'm providing opportunity for the lost to be saved (I Pt. 2:11-12; I Tim. 2:25).
  - C. I'm increasing in faith and pleasing the LORD (Heb. 11:6; II Tim. 2:15; Jude 1:20).
  - D. I'm fighting for my \_\_\_\_\_ and warding off the Devil (I Tim. 6:12; II Tim. 4:6-8; Rom. 10:17; Jude 1:3).
  - E. I will offend some and win some, but most importantly, I'm taking a stand with God to overcome the world (Gal. 1:10; Jn. 15:18; I Jn. 5:4).

9:00 AM Service

# Defending the Scriptures

Trent E. Key

## I Peter 3:15

*"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear:"*

### Sanctify God in your heart

Sanctifying God in your heart is more than just "making" a place for Him! It is setting apart all the room that you have to make Him the most important in your life! In everything that you say, in everything that you do, in everything that you think – your life is consumed with God and how He has made you a new YOU! He has sanctified YOU in Christ and you must sanctify HIM in the most important place of your being – YOUR HEART!

He wants to be there, and you want Him to be there too! You can't properly defend the Scriptures if God isn't sanctified in your heart. During times of persecution, the flesh may be tempted to step back from revering God, out of fear for what man may do to him (Matthew 10:28). But fear is overcome when God is esteemed and understood as the one in control, no matter what man may do.

### Always be ready to give a defense to everyone

The Apostle Peter knew this best. Standing strong in faith with the disciples, He confessed Jesus as Christ, Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16-18). He was sure that he would enter the grave before EVER denying our LORD (Matthew 26:35). Yet, when the servant girl made a rightful observation, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," a series of denials came forth from Peter's lips (Matthew 26:69ff). Peter warned these brethren of the possibility of faltering under persecution (I Peter 3:13ff).

As an Apostle, Christ gave Peter opportunity to rebound from his denial. After he wept bitterly for not standing as he should (Matthew 26:75), Peter went on to ALWAYS give

defense for the LORD (Acts 2:14; Acts 4:13-22; Acts 5:29; I Peter 5:1-4). Peter was one of the original twelve who led the campaign to spread the gospel to everyone in the first century (Acts 1:8; Jude 1:3; Colossians 1:23). Everyone deserves to hear the gospel at least once!

### Give a defense/reason...for the hope that is in you

The hope that is in you is an identifiable characteristic. This hope is often expressed in peace and joy (Romans 15:13; Romans 12:12; Acts 8:39), assurance and patience (Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:24f; Titus 2:13), and even a living hope (I Peter 1:3). Peter describes it as a living hope because of eternal life to come, but also for the newness of life given which is purposed in us at baptism (Romans 6:1ff). The hope within you must be evident to others and should prompt them to ask questions about our distinct identity in Christ (I Peter 4:4; I Peter 2:11-12).

### With meekness and fear


The believer must carefully consider his words when responding. Giving defense doesn't mean we must be forceful. We must be bold, but also gentle. We must caution against attempts to overpower the unbeliever with the force of human personality or aggressiveness. The power of God unto salvation is not in the human spokesman, but in the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12). The attitude we portray when communicating God's Word will influence the hearer (Ephesians 4:15). The attitudes of gentleness and fear point to the reverence of Christ in Scripture, while other responses draw attention to human imperfections. Responding any other way results in humans standing in the way of the Gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15). Our words must not get in the way of His words.

This is also true for the process of restoring erring brethren and living according to the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 6:1; 5:23). The disposition of a believing wife before her unbelieving husband is a perfect illustration of this Christian virtue (I Peter 3:1-6).



# March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pew Packers – 10:45 a.m. Potluck Meal/Sunday for the Savior – Ed. Bldg.	2	3	4 Kerry Mullican	5 Meal Delivery @ 2:30 pm	6	7 Carol Bishop Maddie Bryant
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins Freddy Black Ruth Taylor Pew Packers – 10:45 a.m. Bible Bowl – 2 p.m. Mt. Leo	9 SBE –7 p.m.	10	11 Bud Barnes Bruce Atnip	12 Meal Delivery @ 2:30 pm	13 Amanda Sain	14
15 Pew Packers – 10:45 a.m.	16 Kent Killian	17 St. Patrick's Day Cathy Cox 	18 Eddie Sparkman	19 Colby Elkins Meal Delivery @ 2:30 pm NHC Singing - 7 p.m.	20 Mickey Bond	21 Jeanne Dickson
22 Tucker Higgins Pew Packers – 10:45 a.m.	23 Justin McGregor Miranda Raper Jayla Hudson Allison Bond SBE –7 p.m.	24	25 Kynlee Hitchcock	26 Beth Elkins Meal Delivery @ 2:30 pm	27 Evelyn Panter	28
29 Jillian Richardson Jaren Richardson Pew Packers – 10:45 a.m.	30	31 Samantha Hurst	2020 Bible Reading Challenge: Try to read at least one chapter a day from the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians (29 chapters). "For we are labourers together with God." (1 Corinthians 3:9a)			