

Temporary Worship Changes

Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, we will only be meeting at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning till the end of March. The Elders have requested that those present sit on the designated pews only to allow for an easier serving of the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper will be served in two cups (one for the bread & one for the juice). The cups are not to be put back into the tray, but someone will follow behind with a plastic bag to collect the used cups. Also, refrain from shaking hands or hugging. The Elders have our best interests at heart and will be monitoring the situation closely and will make changes as needed.

SICK:

Garry Tubb 325 River Dr.

B.C.C. News This past week we had 19 new students to enroll in our Bible Correspondence Course for a total of 330,685. We had 0 students to graduate this past week, giving us a total of 31,294. The following BCC students have requested prayer: Delon Gipson.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 23: [School of Bible Emphasis](#); Ed. Bldg.; **CANCELLED**
- March 28: [Ladies' Day](#); Bybee Branch C/C; **CANCELLED**
- March 29: [Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies Student Lectureship](#); East End C/C; 9:00 a.m.; Speakers: David Lee, Kris Casebolt, Ken Ripple, Matt McDougal, Michael Tanksley & Nathan Rasor; Specific times and topics can be found on bulletin board.
- March 29: [5th Sunday](#); Contribution will be used for Tornado Relief in Cookeville. Money will be sent to the Willow Ave. C/C.
- April 3: [Cumberland Caverns Singing](#); **CANCELLED**
- April 3-5: [Gospel Meeting](#); Wood C/C in Woodbury, TN; Friday- Saturday 7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.; Speaker: Jeff Archey.

??? Quick Quiz ???

Show Me The Money! When Judas betrayed Jesus to the chief priests, elders and scribes, how much money did he get in return?

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Last Week's Question: Show Me The Money! When Joseph's brothers decided to sell him to some travelling merchants, how much money did they get for him? 20 pieces of silver (Genesis 37:27-28).



Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)

Serving The Saints

Sunday Services

First Worship Service
Announcements
Songleader
 Opening Prayer
 Closing Prayer

Lord's Table

Kent Killian
 Dan Fults
 Gene Barnes
 Carl Carr

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

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

For The Week of March 15, 2020

First Worship Service	112
Bible Study	96
Second Worship Service	100
Wednesday Bible Study	73
Contribution	\$2,169.00

Responses for the Year 2020

Baptized: 01	Restored: 02	Placed Membership: 00
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March 29, 2020

9:00 a.m.
 Anthony Bishop
 Johnny Stubblefield
 Lee Hennessee
 Kelly Hennessee

Larry Ashford
 Lynn McGregor
 Wendell Webb
 Glynn Womack

(Group 2 to assist at Boarding Home)

11:00 a.m.
 Tim Bryant
 Wayne Shields
 Abram Stinson

Bud Curtis & Terry Mullican

April 1, 2020

7:00 p.m.
 Avery Curtis
 Ricky Bryant
 Chase Judkins

Phillip & Vilas Lappin
 Jared & Amanda Sain

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

Mount Leo Edifier

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



Mt. Leo
Church of Christ
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 McMinnville, TN 37110

March 22, 2020

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

Schedule of Services

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

ELDERS		DEACONS
Avery Curtis	Donald Jones	David Judkins
Lee Hennessee	Terry Mullican	Kent Killian
		John Stubblefield
		Wendell Webb

OFFICE
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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Church Attendance, the Coronavirus, and Guilt

Steve Higginbotham

This weekend, a number of churches all over the country have modified or even canceled church services due to the threat (real or exaggerated) the coronavirus poses to our nation. Some congregations have canceled their Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible classes while maintaining the Sunday morning and evening worship services. Others have canceled all assemblies until further notice.

Due to these changes, I have witnessed what I believe to be some rather “loose” accusations made of unfaithfulness to the Lord, and a lack of faith in God against brethren and entire churches, because of their decisions to alter their weekly assemblies.

More than likely, we’re familiar with the passage which exhorts us to “not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some...” (Hebrews 10:25). However, I think it is a serious mistake to attempt to apply this exhortation to brethren who are looking out for the health of vulnerable Christians among them. There is a vast difference in “forsaking” the assembling of the saints, which this passage forbids, and “missing” the assembling of the saints which is what is currently taking place due to the virus. The word translated, “forsaking” means “to abandon, leave behind, or desert.”

For instance, would we charge the sick and shut-in with sin, because they are missing the worship assemblies? Of course not. The reason is because the command is discussing “forsaking,” not “missing” the assembly. The sick have not “abandoned, left behind, or deserted” the assembling of the saints, but they do miss the assembling of the saints. What if you were getting in your car to come to worship service when you noticed your neighbor, who also was going to church, stagger, grab his chest, and fall in his driveway? Would you leave him there so you could get to church because, after all, there’s that command to not forsake the assembly, or would you call 9-1-1 and stay with him until help arrived? Surely, you would do the latter, which would be the right thing to do. Would it cause you to miss the assembling of the saints? Yes, more

COVID-19 Update

Mt. Leo Church of Christ

The elders at Mt. Leo have been closely following the events surrounding the coronavirus. With the fluidity of this situation, we recognize the importance of doing what we can to keep everyone safe. Please pray for our elders as they continue to make decisions surrounding this ongoing situation. Even in the midst of trial, our hope is still to bring glory to our Great Creator and strive to be lights in the world to glorify Him daily. Let’s use this opportunity to help when and where we can.

Here are the steps the elders have taken to assist in everyone’s safety as we come together for worship.

Personal contact – We ask that during this time we refrain from any unnecessary contact, such as shaking hands or hugging.

When you enter and exit the building for worship, one or two people per entrance will be the designated door openers. Please allow these individuals to handle opening the doors to prevent the spreading of germs.

The doors to the main bathrooms in the hallway off of the foyer will be slightly propped open so that the handles will not have to be used at this time.

Observing the Lord’s Supper – Please leave every other pew empty for the observance of the Lord’s Supper. Those serving will need this space to serve you. The bread will be placed in a communion cup served in the trays. Please do your best to only touch the cup you are taking. Immediately after you have taken it, please throw your cup in the trash bag provided by the server. The same is to be observed for the fruit of the vine.

Those areas of the building that have been heavily used will be sanitized after every worship.

Fellowship Opportunities – The fellowship meal and Sunday for the Savior scheduled for Sunday, April 5, 2020 has been canceled. The School of Bible Emphasis is canceled through the end of March.

Some final thoughts we’re asking for you to consider. Guests are still encouraged to join us for our times of assembly. Men, please be prepared to lead our worship in some capacity.

Everyone, please use your discretion about whether you and your family should attend. In keeping with the best practices provided by the CDC, please practice social distancing as much as possible.

It is our fervent prayer that this virus passes soon. We want to be responsible and good neighbors to our fellow man and do our part to help by not spreading this virus any further. There are many unknowns about this virus, so we feel in the best interest of our Mt. Leo family to take this action. We hope you understand and will support this decision.

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10, ESV).

— Trent E. Key,
on behalf of the eldership

Higginbotham Article Continued...

than likely, but in missing, you had not abandoned, left behind, or deserted” the practice of assembling.

In both cases above, a Christian missed the worship assembly, but they did not at all sin by “forsaking” the assembling of the saints. Brethren, the actions that some congregations are taking to protect their most vulnerable members, does not demonstrate a lack of faith in God, but rather a deep love and deference toward their more vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ. Furthermore, many Christians work throughout the week in populations that are very vulnerable and at risk. Taking temporary precautions that can save their lives might require that some “miss” out on our usual practices, but it doesn’t mean they have “forsaken” the assembly and the Lord. Give it some thought.