

Rejoice

“...There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth” (Luke 15:10). Kevin Pearsall was restored this past Thursday afternoon. He stated that he realizes he could be a better Christian, a better example and more involved with the Lord’s work. Let’s keep Kevin in our prayers and be an encouragement to him as he strives to live a faithful Christian life.

Sympathy

Betty Bryan, the sister-in-law of Beverly Keith, passed away December 26. The funeral was held December 30 at High’s Funeral Home. Please, keep this family in your prayers.



Snips and snails and puppy dog tails, That’s what little boys are made of! My name is James Aiden Bishop and I arrived on December 26. I weighed a healthy 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19 inches long. My daddy and mommy (Clay & Brea Bishop) are so excited that I have arrived! They’ve counted my fingers and toes and made the funniest noises, when talking to me. My grandparents are Tony & Ann Bishop and my great-grandparents are Anthony & Carol Bishop. I don’t live that far away, so maybe, I’ll drop in and visit y’all some day soon!

Words of Thanks

Mt. Leo Church of Christ,
Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and plant for our family. Also, thank you for the love you had for our mother over the years. She loved her church family.
With love,
The Charlene Nunley Family

B.C.C. News

This past week, we had 3 new students to enroll in our Bible Correspondence Course, for a total of 331,485. We had 0 students to graduate this past week, giving us a total of 31,365. The following BCC students have requested prayer: Olivia Floyd & Wanda Jones.

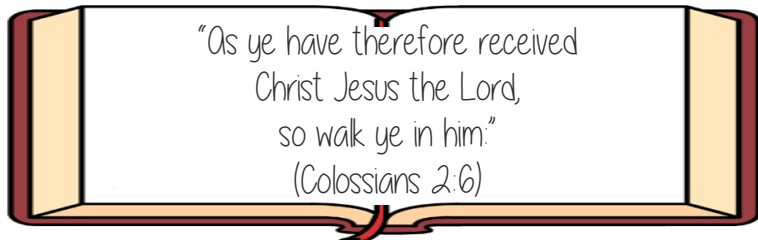
UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 2: [Bible Bowl](#); [Arlington C/C](#); 2 p.m.
- January 3: [Neighborhood Bible Study](#); [Arlington C/C](#); 6:30 p.m., Refreshments at 6 p.m.; Will meet every Monday in January; Topic: “The History of the Church (Acts 1-12)”.
- January 6: [Middle TN School of Preaching & Biblical Studies](#); [West Riverside C/C](#); 6 p.m.; Will meet every Thursday from January thru March. A list of speakers & topics can be found on the bulletin board.

December Perfect Attendance

SUNDAY

- ★ Mia Higgins
- ★ Anlee Luna
- ★ Heath Judkins
- ★ Kingston Williams



Serving The Saints

Sunday Services

First Worship Service

Announcements

Songleader

Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord’s Table

Bobby Morton

Kevin Pearsall

Second Worship Service

Songleader

Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord’s Table

Nate Williamson & Abram Stinson

Wednesday Service

Evening Bible Study

Songleader

Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer

January 9, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Bruce Atnip

Tim Bryant/Abram Stinson

David Judkins

Chase Judkins

Terry Mullican (prayer)

Dan Fufts

Lynn McGregor

11:00 a.m.

Tim Bryant/Abram Stinson

Kent Killian

Larry Ashford

January 12, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Jared Sain

Ricky Bryant

Bud Curtis

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

For The Week of December 26, 2021

First Worship Service	100
Bible Study	80
Second Worship Service	76
Wednesday Bible Study	62
Contribution	\$8,457.00

Responses for the Year 2021

Baptized: 05 Restored: 20 Placed Membership: 01

??? Quick Quiz ???

What Are You Wearing? The garments I wore were for glory and beauty and were embellished with bells and pomegranates. They consisted of brilliant colors and precious jewels, along with touches of gold and were a sight to behold. Who am I?

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Last Week’s Question: What Are You Wearing? It is a thing of beauty and I must have it! It has been forbidden for me to have it, but without any consideration of others, I take it! Pay the price I must, but I’m not the only one to suffer. Who am I and what was this thing of beauty? Achan stole a Babylonish garment, along with silver and gold (Joshua 7:1ff).

Mount Leo Edifier

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



Mt. Leo
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January 2, 2022

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

Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

First Worship 9:00 a.m.

Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.

Second Worship 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ELDERS

Avery Curtis
Donald Jones
Lee Hennessee
Terry Mullican

PREACHER

Trent Key

OFFICE

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DEACONS

David Judkins
Kent Killian
David Stinson
John Stubblefield

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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The Church in Ephesus

Joined & Knit Together

Introduction:

- 1) When we speak of the church, we're speaking of the one church Christ established (Mt. 16:16-18; Eph. 4:4; Eph. 1:22-23).
- 2) By looking at the church in Ephesus, we can learn from their example.

Discussion:

I. Her Beginnings

- A. The church in Ephesus was founded on Paul's _____ missionary journey (Acts 18:19).
- B. She had to receive much instruction against false doctrine and be edified by sound teaching (Acts 19:8-10; Acts 19:18-20; Acts 19:26-41).
- C. After a few years, the church was strengthened and nurtured to stand on her own (Acts 14:23; Acts 20:17ff; Heb. 13:17).

II. Her Work and Growth

- A. Within a decade after the church was established in Ephesus, Paul wrote the letter to the Ephesians (Eph. 1:1ff).
- B. He encouraged various workers to step up for the work of ministry (Eph. 4:11-16).
 - 1) The purpose:
 - a) Equipping the _____ for the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12).
 - b) Building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12).
 - 2) The goals:
 - a) Unity & Maturity (Eph. 4:13)
 - b) Every members' growth (Eph. 4:14-16).
- C. They were blessed with many great workers to strengthen them (Acts 18:24; I Cor. 3:5-8; I Tim. 1:3-4; Acts 18:25; II Tim. 2:2).

III. Her Decline

- A. By the mid 90's AD, Ephesus had received a letter of condemnation from the _____ (Rev. 2:1-7).
- B. Jesus remembered what the Ephesian brethren had done (Rev. 2:1-3).
- C. However, there was a very serious matter that caused them to decline (Rev. 2:4).
- D. The only way to have fellowship again is obey the LORD's command to repent and do the first works (Rev. 2:5).

Conclusion:

- 1) There may be some who need to fall in love with the LORD again.
- 2) You, too, must remember from where you have fallen, repent, and do the first works that provided open fellowship with Him.

Studying Genesis in January 2022

Our January Bible Book Overview will be Sunday, January 23. To prepare for this study, please read 2-3 chapters of Genesis per day. This should allow you to completely read through the text by the time we present the overview material that Sunday. Take time to meditate upon what you have read and maybe write down some brief thoughts you have after each day's reading. Let us look to draw closer to our God through these special times of daily study (Acts 17:10-11).

The Sword Shall Never Depart From Your House

II Samuel 13-14

Introduction:

- 1) The adversity and sin in the house of David certainly permitted the Lord's words to be fulfilled, after David had sinned with Bathsheba (II Sam. 12:10-12; Gal. 6:7).
- 2) Today's lesson reveals the sin of deceitful plotting and incest in the children of David (Leviticus 18:6-18; Deuteronomy 27:22).
- 3) One would hope for a better life out of the offspring of royalty, but unfortunately they too were guilty of falling hard like their father.

Discussion:

I. The Deceitful Plot

- A. Amnon was the half-brother of Absalom and Tamar (II Sam. 3:2-3; I Chron. 3:9; II Sam. 13:1).
- B. Amnon lusted greatly over Tamar (II Sam. 13:2-4).
- C. _____ conspired with Amnon to fulfill his evil lust (II Sam. 13:5-6).
- D. David didn't know about the deceitful plot to lure Tamar to Amnon (II Sam. 13:7).

II. The Incestuous Rape

- A. Tamar comes to prepare food for "sick" Amnon (II Sam. 13:8-10).
- B. After all the people are sent out, Amnon took hold of Tamar and said, "Come, lie with me, my sister" (II Sam. 13:11).

- C. After she refused, he forced himself upon her (II Sam. 13:12-14).
- D. Amnon's feelings changed toward his sister after this fact (II Sam. 13:15-18).
- E. There was much humiliation and hurt in the family of David (II Sam. 13:19-22).
 - 1) Tamar (II Sam. 13:16, 19-20).
 - 2) Absalom (II Sam. 13:20, 22).
 - 3) David (II Sam. 13:21).

III. The Wrathful Revenge

- A. "For Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar" (II Sam. 13:22).
- B. After _____ full years, Absalom conspired to kill his brother (II Sam. 13:23ff).
- C. After convincing David to let Amnon go, Absalom reveals his plan to his servants to kill him (II Sam. 13:28ff).
- D. "For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar" (II Sam. 13:32).

IV. The Return & Restoration

- A. Upon the King's sons and servants return, Absalom flees to _____ (II Sam. 13:37-38).
- B. David was comforted by the death of Amnon and longed to see Absalom (II Sam. 13:39).
- C. Joab enlisted the help of a wise woman from Tekoa to speak with King David (II Sam. 14:1-20).
- D. Absalom is welcomed back to Jerusalem, but not permitted to see the King's face (II Sam. 14:21-24).
- E. After Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, Absalom pleads for restoration with his father (II Sam. 14:25-33).

Conclusion:

- 1) Parents reap what they sow in the lives of their children (Gal. 6:7; II Sam. 11-12).
- 2) Our own desires will consume us if we're not careful to spiritually discipline (II Sam. 13:2, 4).
- 3) We need to be careful with whom we keep company (II Sam. 13:3; I Cor. 15:33).
- 4) We should always seek restitution (II Sam. 14:32-33).

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