

**Sunday
October 2, 2016**

Order of Worship

Please Silence All Mobile Devices

Welcome **Jerry Ashley**
(Members And Visitors Please Sign Attendance Cards)

Opening Prayer **Bill Eubank**

Song Leader **Scott Brickles**

Song # 597 **Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims**

Song # 492 **Angels Are Singing**

Song # 371 **When We Meet In Sweet Communion**

Scripture Reader **Wade Harris**

Scriptures **1 Peter 2:21-25**

Lord's Supper

Ricky Wright **Darren Stinson**
David Wrye **L.A. Brown**
Les Kirby **Tommy Young**
Sloan Bowman **Randall Pendergrass**

Ages 3-8 Dismiss To Children's Bible Time

Song # 736 **Send the Light**

Sermon **Charles Baugh**

Invitation Song # 889 **Do You Know My Jesus?**

Closing Song # 22 **Our God He Is Alive**

Closing Prayer **Joey Beach**

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A Light To The Gentiles

Luke 2:25-35

I. Just And Devout

II. To Bring Revelation

III. Destined

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Class 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Thursday 10:00 A.M.
(September through April)

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Conflict Resolution

"Do all things without complaining and disputing..." - Philippians 2:14-15

Perhaps you, like me, have been honored to have been treated by your employer to a class in "conflict resolution." (I know what you're thinking. It wasn't just me, it was the whole office!) Their intent was good; they simply wanted to have everybody "get along" and work more productively.

I'm sure you won't be surprised to know that Jesus was there first. He knew that people don't always agree, even in His church, and sometimes get frustrated at each other. But the work still has to go on, people must still get along, and we must give outsiders no opportunity to speak ill of the church.

Jesus teaches how we are to handle conflict between Christians, and it's a good lesson for anyone. It's found in Matthew 18:15-17. If someone offends us – if we don't like what they are doing, or how they're doing it, or who they're doing it with – we are to:

- Go to our brother and discuss it with him alone. 99% of all conflicts and disputes should end right here, without embarrassment or anger. (v15)
- Take one or two others – to be witnesses, not to argue for you – and try again. (v16)
- If he still will not listen, take it to the church (v17). (Whether this means the elders or the entire congregation is not clear.)
- Finally, if he will not listen to the church, disassociate from him (v17)

Jesus' method works – I remember in that long-ago conflict resolution class thinking how cool it was that His teachings even made it to Dale Carnegie. But notice what it does NOT include:

- Discussing the issue with your friends
- Gossiping, whispering, or talking behind anyone's back (Romans 1:29-30)
- Making threats
- Suing the other person (God forbids it in the church - I Corinthians 6:1)
- Complaining via email or social media
- Sending anonymous letters

The last two are especially tempting – and dangerous, for when angry we'll type things on a computer that we'd never say in person. And an anonymous letter is intimidating, regardless of what is said.

When we have an issue with someone – whether in the church or not – let us remember Jesus' plan for conflict resolution... and act with humility, with love, and with forgiveness in our hearts.

Jon Wilson

Visitation Group 1

Visitation Group 1 can pick up their visitation cards this morning after service at the front of the auditorium.

Children's Bible Hour

TONIGHT - Multipurpose Room - Ages 3 - 8

Men's Business Meeting

Next Sunday evening
beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Annex

Bon Voyage Luncheon

Everyone is invited to a Bon Voyage barbecue luncheon in honor of **Linda Liggins** this **Thursday at 11:30 a.m.** in the **Annex**. She will be relocating to Florida with her daughter and son-in-law. A money tree will be provided for those who wish to participate. Contact **Nancy Stribling** or **Sandra Shivers** if you have any questions or **if you plan to attend the luncheon.**

Fall Family Retreat

October 21 thru 23

Big Reedy Christian Camp, Bowling Green, KY
Fixer Upper: The Family Home Reclaimed
Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center
Cost: Single \$50 - Couple \$75 - Family \$100
Contact **Caroline Huffines** (615-982-5993)

Zones Need Help

It is time to replenish the Zone Fund used to buy meat when we prepare meals following a funeral service. If you would like to help with this need, please see your **Zone Leader, Joyce Scott** or **Sandra Shivers**.

Note of Thanks

The first Hilltop Fair appears to have been successful with over 65+ people attending. A lot of fun was had with all the games, cake walk, food and those that tried the skeet shooting. Cliff Hand and the Youth Group were responsible for managing the games and did a great job. We had 142 entries in the exhibit for judging (a lot of talent). Thanks to all the volunteers - could not have done it without you. Want to especially recognize Dana Hargis, Reba Huffines, Bobby Hymer and Jacque Parkinson who had a big part in helping plan and set up the fair - a privilege to work with them. Appreciate Cliff ending the evening with a devotional. Hope we can enjoy many more! My thanks, **Shirley Hymer**

BROOKDALE (formerly Clare Bridge) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2:00 P.M.	
Speaker	Bill Dudney
Song Leader and Communion	Bob Campbell

Dates to Remember

October 9	Men's Business Meeting
October 21-23	Fall Family Retreat
October 29	Trunk or Treat
October 30	"We Connect"
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
December 10	Breakfast With Santa

Contribution September 25	
Weekly Contribution Goal	\$13,000
Contribution	\$8,737



Lads to Leaders

Class will resume **next Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Multipurpose Room**.

Bible Bowl questions are available in the teen hallway.

Note of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who sent cards and called while I have been sick. Special thanks to Sarah for doing my part at the Clothing House changeover. Thank you most of all for the prayers. They meant a lot to me. **Clay Ford**

My mother and I want to thank the church for all the prayers, cards and calls during both of our illnesses. Everyone was so wonderful, and we thank you. **Leisa Ogle**

October Prayer List is Available

Youth Happenings

Fall Retreat ends today in the early afternoon.

SNAC is in two weeks on **Sunday, October 16th**.

Please remember to sign up for **EYC, EU, and CYC**. Deadlines and other info for each trip is located on the sign-up sheets.

OCTOBER PARKING LOT SECURITY		
Billy Cox	Bill Denton	Wendell Elrod
PRAYER LEADERS		
Sunday Night Opening	Don Shivers	
Sunday Night Closing	Billy Johnson	
Wednesday Night Opening	Darren Stinson	
OPENING AND CLOSING BUILDING		
Darren Stinson		
Sunday, October 2	Wednesday, October 5	
ELDER ON CALL		
October	Carl Minchey	

Sick List

Please pray for these individuals and their families.

To view the **Sick List** on the website, go to the **MEMBERS** tab and log in. If you are not a registered member, there are instructions for first time users.

Pray for One Another

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort Thank You

Our contribution of \$10,000 was received by the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort and was greatly appreciated. "We could not continue the Lord's work without the financial support from you and others." Supplies were sent to FL, LA, MS and PA due to flooding, KS and IN due to recent tornadoes, and WV and TX due to tornadoes and floods. Bottled water was sent to WV and Flint, Michigan due to water contamination in these areas. Those affected by the CA wild fires have been helped also. They are prepared to send more shipments of food, baby supplies, cleaning products, personal care products, personal care items, water, appliances, bedding and other much needed supplies to disaster victims. "Thanks again for your support and please keep us in your prayers as we continue to strive to help others in need." **Mike Lewis, Executive Director**

Love and Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to the families of the following:

Jerry Scott, brother of Jim Scott. He passed away Saturday, September 24. A visitation with the family was Friday, September 30, at Hendersonville Funeral Home.

Dalen Smith, son of Jimmy and Shirley Smith. He passed away Sunday, September 25. His funeral service was Wednesday, September 28, in Bixler Chapel at Madison Church of Christ in Hendersonville.

Zealon Halsey, husband of Catherine Halsey. He passed away Monday, September 26. His funeral service was Saturday, October 1, at Hendersonville Funeral Home.

David Bowman, son of Joanna and brother of Danny Bowman. He passed away Tuesday, September 27. There will be a family only service at a later date.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25	
Bible Class	162
Morning Worship	248
Evening Worship	131
Wednesday Bible Study	117
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class	25

Five Fundamentals for an Evangelical Future

The following excerpts are from an article written by Ed Stetzer in the September 19th issue of *Christianity Today*. I believe his message contains a great deal of information that we can benefit from as a congregation of God's people. For the church to thrive, he sees these five things as items that Christians need to face over the next several years.

A clear understanding of the gospel. "Too many have assumed it, but we need to teach it. The gospel is not you do, it's Jesus did. People don't need to be taught to turn over a new leaf—they need to receive and live out a new life. That new life is from Jesus' death on the cross, for our sin and in our place."

A stronger focus on discipleship. "God shapes congregations through the shaping of individual members' lives. But this just doesn't happen by accident or as a by-product—God grows us as we are in a position to receive that growth. This can only happen through intentional awareness and leadership on the part of both leaders and church members."

A greater passion for mission. "We need to stand up against the clericalization in the modern-day church—the tendency to look at those who are professional ministers and say that they are the ones who are called to the mission, while the people in the pews are merely consumers of religious goods and services. We need to see all of God's people engaged in God's mission, from their respective neighborhoods all the way to the nations. We stand at a key moment, and part of the answer is to engage more of God's people in mission."

Evangelism in the age of the nones. (*Nones refer to those people who do not consider themselves affiliated with any religious group. Almost 25% of people today consider themselves "nones", and over 40% of teens and young adults make that claim.—LH*) "We are now increasingly facing what I have called a post-seeker context. This does not mean that seekers do not exist... but churches that once focused their energies and efforts toward targeting seekers are finding it more difficult to appeal to a constituency with little to no religious memory. Churches will have to find new ways to lead their people to reach out to their neighbors...being doing and telling good news where we live and work."

New thinking in developing best practices. "God often uses tools for his ends—think of the bus ministry in the 70's. That's still true today. As believers, we can and must be good stewards of our ministry and utilize tools wisely."

"As the church continues to navigate an increasingly post-Christian culture, we have to ask ourselves if we are willing to face some truths and change some behaviors to reach the world with the message of the gospel. I've read the end of the book and know what you know—Jesus wins. I just want to be part of what Jesus is doing until He returns."

Lee Hickerson