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Life More Abundantly

Pine Top church of Christ

*1102 Pinetop Road,
Russell Springs, KY in the
Windsor community of
Russell County*

*Sunday AM Bible Class....
9:00 AM*

*Sunday AM Worship.....
9:45 AM*

*Sunday PM Worship.....
4:30 PM*

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Ministers

Jerry Dennison
Eric Bennett
Danny McKibben

Bible Teachers

Adult Class
Jordan Davis

Children's Class
Heather Bennett
Pat Dennison

Song Leader

Danny Miller

Welcome to ALL!!

What a blessing it is to be able to join our brothers and sisters in Christ, to sing, pray and study, together in worship to our God who created us! To God be the glory in all we do!

In John 10:10, Jesus said, "... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." The word abundant means, more than is needed or required. If we are asked to count our blessings, we begin to think of the physical blessings we enjoy; family, home, car, job, etc. We often lose sight of our spiritual blessings. Paul reminds us of these blessings in Ephesians 1:3. This is where God has blessed us abundantly, with an abundant spiritual life.

God is **abundantly merciful**. (1 Peter 1:3) Mercy is not getting what we deserve. Ephesians 2:1 says we are all dead in our sins. We deserve to remain in this condition; however, God mercifully pardons us. (Isaiah 55:7) God goes beyond mercy and also provides **abundant grace**. Grace is receiving something we do not deserve. (Romans 5:17) "*For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!*" Ephesians 2:4-9 tells us it is grace that saves us. Without God's mercy and grace we could not have an abundant spiritual life.

The Psalmist speaks of God's **abundant goodness**. Psalms 31:19 God has given us everything we need. 2 Peter 1:3 Every good and perfect gift comes from God. James 1:17 God's goodness has no limits. (Jonah 4:2) God is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness. Many times we fail to recognize the goodness of God in His providential care. (Psalms 33:5)

The Psalmist also speaks of God's **abundant power**. (Psalms 147:5) God's spiritual power was unleashed against Satan through the cross and resurrection of Christ. "*For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.*" (2 Corinthians 13:4) and (Ephesians 1:18-20) This abundant power is accessible to us. "*be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*" (Ephesians 6:10-11) This strength comes through the word of God and our association with it. "*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ," (Ephesians 3:16-18)*

We can have **abundant joy** derived from the abundant life we have in Christ. (1 Peter 1:8-9) Paul commanded joy to be in our lives. (Philippians 4:4) This joy does not come through physical blessings or prosperity, it is the joy of serving God and others. It is never found in serving ourselves. (continued on back page)

January 26 Come hear Steve Niemeier tell the story of the work in Freetown, Sierra Leone

News and Notes

Remember the Radio Program each Sunday Morning at 7:15 am on WJRS

Remember to pray for Christian and Theophilus and the work in Freetown, Africa

Birthdays

Star Cain 1/13
Melinda Loy 1/19

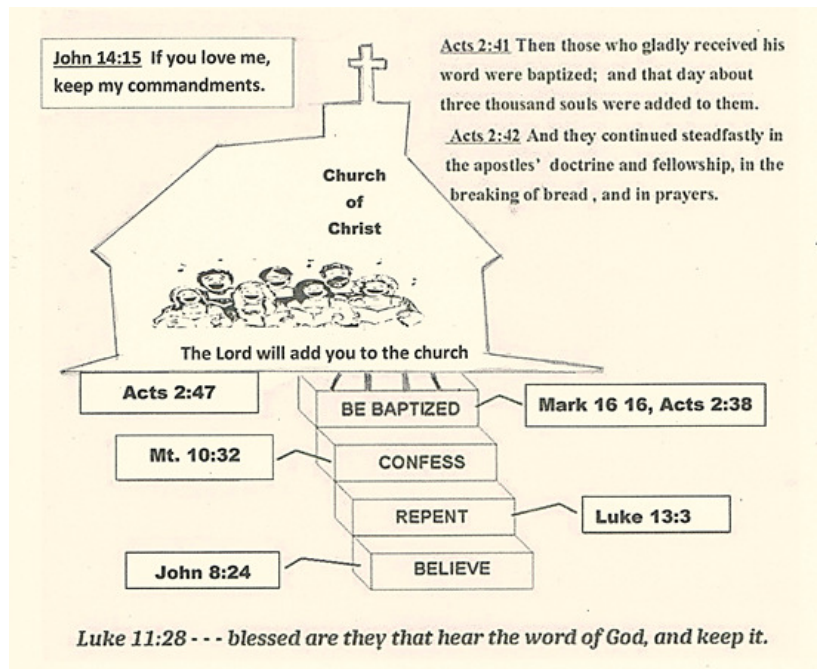
Danny and Brenda Miller 53rd Anniversary
January 5

Prayer Request

Jeff Jasper as he continues to recover
Wanda Burton undergoing chemotherapy
Those with chronic illness:
Ward Brockman, Lacona Gosser, Gracie Cain,
Josephine's Brother and Niece
Confined to home at present: Lacona Gosser

Nursing Home: Deanna Foley

Plan of Salvation



Live Godly Titus 2: 11-14, Rom. 12: 1-2, 2Pet. 1: 5-11

(continued from front page) **Brent Kercheville** (author and gospel minister) wrote: *The greatest joys in life are found in serving God. I have never experienced greater joy than helping those who were in need. I have never rejoiced more greatly than I have with someone who comes to obey Jesus. I cannot think of any greater joy when I do not have to worry or feel anxious because I know God will take care of me, even though my financial ends are not meeting. The joy must be found in God and goes far beyond what we see in this physical world. If we are grumblers, complainers, and live life seeking the negative, then we have lost our focus and we are not living the abundant life in Christ.*

In this new year, 2020, let us remember, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21) Know that God is sufficient to meet **ALL** our needs. Know that he provides an **ABUNDANT LIFE** through the spiritual blessings that he gives, and, as the Psalmist says, "give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalms 107:31)

Those Privileged to Serve in January

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
AM Service				
Announcements	Jordan Davis	Jordan Davis	Jordan Davis	Jordan Davis
Song Leader	Calvin Kerr	Danny Miller	Danny Miller	Danny Miller
Opening Prayer	Eric Bennett	Danny McKibben	Jerry Dennison	Stephen Niemeier
Lord's Supper	Jerry Dennison	Jerry Dennison	Jerry Dennison	Jerry Dennison
Speaker	Eric Bennett	Danny McKibben	Jerry Dennison	Stephen Niemeier
Closing Prayer	Jerry Dennison	Jordan Davis	Danny Miller	Jerry Dennison
PM Service				
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