

.....They only talk to neighbors and friends about Jesus in the building. They only participate when in the building. Being isolated for some months away from the building has been largely detrimental for a great number of this belief. With no access to the building, their faith has been stunted. For the rest, this has been a reality check about what real discipleship entails. There is no question that a building is an authorized expedient. We are required to assemble and be together in our worship (1 Cor. 11:23-34; Heb. 10:24-25). A common place of meeting is just a good idea for a number of reasons. If we've learned one thing this year, however, it is that Christianity occurs in more places than just the building. We've been brought back to the fact that Christianity is a lifestyle that extends to every aspect and moment of our life. Away from the building, we are still required to worship. Away from the building, we still have neighbors and friends lost in sin. Away from the building, we still need relationships with our brethren. Away from the building, we still give glory to God.

If we had been listening, we would have been working on this all along. Paul said, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). Though he writes this in a context about exercising opinions, there is a principle established that Christianity is a full-time profession. In our discussion, Paul is telling us that we must give glory to God whether we are in the church building or not. No matter where we are and no matter what we are doing, our goal must be to glorify our Savior. Christianity is not something we turn on and off at the doors of the building. Christianity is who we are.

This means our goal is to glorify God, in the ways He prescribes, everywhere and in all things. When I am driving to work in the morning I can give glory to God. When I am talking with friends on the phone I can give glory to God. When I am planning my schedule and balancing my budget I can give glory to God. When I am making TV selections at night I can give glory to God. When I am posting on social media I can give glory to God. And so on. See how that works?

Please don't take this the wrong way and think the central meeting place isn't important. As a congregation, our building is the place designated for us to be at certain times in the week (Heb. 13:17). We should be there. If I can go to restaurants, grocery stores and other places, then I can certainly assemble for the much greater purpose of worship. But all of us were faced with the reality this year of what to do when we are not in the building. The answer is what it always has been: glorify God. My prayer is that we have all learned this year the important truth that Christianity continues in spite of setbacks. We find the path at every crossroad in life that gives glory to God and then we take it.

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Schedule of Services:



October 4, 2020

"All to the glory of God"
David B. Smith

One of the scabs to get scratched this year is the common belief that everything substantial that happens for a Christian occurs in the church building. This is where our faith grows. This is where we worship. This is where fellowship happens. This is the place where glory is given to God. At least, that's what some believe. These are also the people that have taken the most steps backward in their faith because they tie faithfulness to the building. They only worship in the building. They only study the Bible in the building.....

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Elders:

Willard Elsea
240-9539
Art Greer
902-6295
Joel Laney
322-7828

Deacons:

Joe Anderson
Keith Herron
Brad Jones
Tommy Qualls
Chris Randolph
Curt Stewart
Justin Tripp
Toby Ward

Preacher:

David B. Smith
667-1987

| <u>Prayer List -- Members</u> | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| Nancy Birch | Bobby Wilson | Susie Hargis |
| Jenny Partin | Loretta Leffew | Judy Lusk |
| Tommy Grandfield | | |
| <u>Prayer List – Friends and Family</u> | | |
| Mike Bouldin | Fred Hafley | Tina Brown |
| Tony Miller | Steve Gaines | Steve Higginbotham |
| Tim Randolph | Bill Greer | Juanita Johnson |
| Janice Smith | Grayson Ledbetter | Bessie Smithson |
| Diane Stacy | Becky Eustice | John Webster |
| Ruth Fuller | Terry Driver | Jan Burton |
| Tammy Hudson | Kathy Hamilton | Sherry Phipps |
| Mary Ellen Phipps | Kenlie Carr | Carol Dodd |
| Clinton Miller | | |

(See additional information on each of these on the bulletin board at either hallway.)

Sick and Recovering

John Blanks will be having pacemaker surgery on October 7. Please keep John in your prayers.

Kelly Hemming requests prayers for her Aunt Esther who recently fell and broke her hip. She underwent surgery on Tuesday and returned to the nursing home on Thursday evening.

Becky Actkinson's brother, Kenny Scarbrough, is in the hospital. In addition to some pre-existing health issues, he now has the Covid-19 virus.

Kaye Greer's Aunt Nova will have surgery on Wednesday to have an abdominal stent placed in one of the primary blood vessels leading to her intestines. She has suffered with abdominal pain for some time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Participating in Worship Service – October 4, 2020

Leading Singing: Art Greer
Lord's Supper: Ken Wilson

Opening Prayer: Michael Jackson
Closing Prayer: Willard Elsea

PM Opening Prayer: Rick Essex

PM Closing Prayer: Jonathan Compton

Sermon Topics

- **AM:** "Stages of the Cross" part 1 – Acts 2:22-24
- **PM:** Questions and Answers
- Livestreaming continues in the fellowship room (masks mandated) for all services.

Attendance: Sunday 9/27 AM – 134; PM – 106; Wednesday 9/30 – 100

Ladies Bible Class will not meet Tuesday, October 6.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Thursday – Paulette Oxford, Zack Jones; Saturday – Judi Ward, Kendra Courtney, Martha Jefferson; Sunday – Teresa Smith.

Anniversaries: None

Important Dates for Your Calendar

- October 11-15 – Gospel meeting at Lafayette, GA with Larry Acuff. See flyer on bulletin board for details
- Friday, October 16, 2020 – Virginia Creeper Trail ride. See Willard or Joel if interested.
- Sunday, November 1, 2020 – Special contribution toward Fellowship Building fund.
- Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – Children's Home to pick up our contributions.
- **Sympathy** is extended to **Shirley Jackson** in the death of her nephew, J. C. Cookston, and also to **Pat Pursley** in the death of her nephew, Tim Pedon.
- **MEN:** A monthly duty roster has been placed on the bulletin. Please check that roster regularly and make sure to notify Chris Randolph in advance if you are unable to handle the duty assigned to you.
- **Children's Home:** Please remember that the representatives from the Children's Home will be here on November 4. The list is on the bulletin boards showing the items they need. They also welcome monetary contributions for the purchase of perishable items. Those may be given to Justin Tripp. **Hygiene Packs for Schools:** The following is a note from Dawn White with the school system: "Thank you once again North Hamilton Church of Christ for your very generous donations of the Hygiene bags. These really help families in need all over Hamilton county." Once again thank you to Paulette Oxford for heading up this project.
- Jimmie Ruth Wilson and Nancy Nave delivered nutritional drinks and snacks to the **Tumor Clinic** this past week and the nurses there were very appreciative.
- **Fellowship Building:** Please keep in mind the special contribution Sunday with those funds going toward the building fund.
- **Member News:** The mountains were calling and the **Laneys** answered that call with a quick trip the Gatlinburg this past week. Be sure to ask them about the traffic. If you have noticed a big smile on **Margaret Smith's** face, just ask her about her granddaughter Kenzie. Not only is she a sophomore honor student at Bryan College in Dayton, she is also in the Homecoming Court.
- Great news! We will be having a **drive thru trunk or treat** this year. We need volunteers to sign up! Please see **Josh Elsea** to find out how you can help.

Motivation is when your dreams put on work clothes!