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Times We Meet:

Sunday:

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

All other regularly scheduled services are temporarily cancelled to ensure the safety of our members and guests during the coronavirus outbreak.

Office Hours:

Mon.—Thur.

9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



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Words Of Truth

The people of God desire and strive to honor Him above all else. We wake each morning with the call to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). We understand the need to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31).

It has never been popular but it has always been right

to “fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 10:12,13).

The life that honors God walks within the boundaries of “doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).

In spite of government atrocities throughout the New and Old Testaments, the people of God knew who the True King really was. In times of tumultuous social upheavals, the basic truth has been—and will be—to “Fear God and keep His commandments.”

In the world of today, we humble ourselves in obedience to Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We obediently apply the words of 1 Timothy 2:1-4, “First of all that supplications, prayers, intercession, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, Godly and dignified in every way. This is good and it is pleasing in the sight of God Our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

May we always encourage one another to live the obedient, prayerful life that seeks to please The Savior and desires all people to be saved.

In Times of Trouble



The days seem filled with trouble. Job said, “Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). We have seen COVID-19 take the lives and good health away from loved ones and friends. Many homes and much property were destroyed by wildfires. We have seen cities across our nation ravaged by violence. We have even witnessed the hallowed halls of our nations capital building attacked by rioters. These things have not been seen in our country in our lifetimes.

Many people are saying that our world is coming to an end and the Day of Judgment is soon to come. I don’t know if that is true because the Bible says, “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only” (Matthew 24:36). Certainly, we all should be using these dreary and unsettling days to warn men of the day when the Lord will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:31).

However, don’t let your heart be troubled for, “he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25). God knows how to rescue the godly from trials (2 Peter 2:9). Jesus still loves us and is providing His grace to all who will come to Him. It is time for us all to lean fully upon our faith in the Lord, that in every hardship there is a blessing. “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him” (James 1:12). Let us all lift our heads, hearts, and voices in that old hymn by J.P. Webster,

“To our bountiful Father above, We will offer our tribute of praise, For the glorious gift of His love And the blessings that hallow our days.” And let us pray as the Psalmist did,

“Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil” (Psalm 90:13-15). *Joe Chase, North Loop Church of Christ, Gladewater, TX*

On The Lighter Side!

My teachers told me I’d never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them, “Just you wait!”

How do you look for Will Smith in the snow? Just follow the fresh prints.





Check Your Flight Pattern

Ornithologists (those who study birds) tell us that birds navigate in the air one of three ways:

1) By flapping. This is very labor intensive. It requires that the birds continuously beat their wings against the air so as to create lift. But if the bird stops flapping, then it will very quickly fall to the ground. Some examples of “flappers” would be sparrows and hummingbirds.

2) By gliding. Birds that do this will flap to a certain height and then spread their wings out and glide for great distances. This is very energy efficient, but without any additional effort, they too will eventually end up back on the earth. Some examples of “gliders” include albatrosses and gulls.

3) By soaring. These are birds that can flap to certain heights and then take advantage of the wind and updrafts, etc. to stay in the air. If the conditions are right, an experienced bird can soar for an indefinite period of time. This, of course, is the most efficient of all. Very few birds are designed to operate this way, but obvious examples are eagles and vultures.

So why the bird lesson in a church bulletin? It is because that I have noticed that Christians are like birds. Please don't misunderstand me. I didn't say that Christianity is “for the birds” or that some Christians are “bird brains!” But Christians are like various birds in flight. Notice, for example:

Some Christians are “flappers.” They flap and flap and flap, but never seem to get very far off the ground in their Christianity. They eventually stop flapping and end up back in the world and its worldly ways.

Some Christians are “gliders.” They flap and reach pretty good heights, but then start gliding and descending and never flap again to continue their separation from the world. They, too, end up back in the world.

Some Christians are “soarers.” They find the updrafts of God's power through His Spirit, word, and will, and reach incredible spiritual heights. There, sustained by what God supplies, they remain far separated from the world and its corruption. There, upheld by God, the cares of the world cannot bring them down. And there, they are at peace, joyfully soaring and serving the Lord.

Christian, what is your flight pattern?

“But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

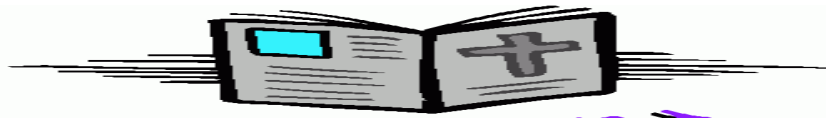
Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY



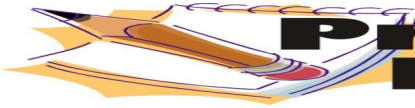
Just Trust

To help your hopes from turning to dust, To aid your plans from gathering rust, To keep your dreams, from going bust, The simple plan is: You just must trust.

Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY



Church News



Prayer List



Simon & Wally Beavers. Stomach Viruses.
Chuck Brown. Member at South Hill. Pacemaker
Sarah Burgette. Health issues. Mom attends West Side
Joanne Burke. Friend of the Patricks. Cancer.
Drew Clifton. Prayers requested.
Velda Gearheart. West Side member. Cancer.
Laura Goupil. In Kindred LTAC hospital in G'boro.
Kathy Hall. Upcoming surgery.
Maysie Hall. Health Concerns.
Allan Hart. Health concerns.
Lincoln Hicks. Child suffering with cancer.
Steve Higginbotham. Preacher in TN, cancer

Shep Knight. Child suffering with health issues.
Spencer Lockard. Health Concerns.
Rita Lawless. Health concerns.
Lucy Lawson. Prayers requested.
Billy Lester. Pneumonia.
Mary Ruth Patrick. Health difficulties.
Patricia Rakes. Sandra Lester's mother. Covid-19.
Mike & Crystal Surber. Health concerns. Lake Dr. Mem.
Nicole Torres. Recent kidney transplant.
Cody Williams. Health concerns.
Dan Winkler. Colon Cancer.



March Birthdays

1st Jake Clark
 3rd Ryan Harding
 7th Brendon Beavers
 29th Gilmer Clifton
 29th Jaydan Patrick



March Anniversaries

20th Sam & Helen Foley
 22nd Eddie & Liz Thompson
 24th Terry & Ruby Mason



In-Person Worship will resume on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.!

For those that are high-risk or do not feel comfortable returning to our building at this time, our Worship will still be broadcast online on our website & social media.

All Bible Classes will remain online for the time being.