

*Come Grow With Us!*

Sunday Assemblies

Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Assembly

Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

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# CENTRAL'S WEEKLY INFORMER

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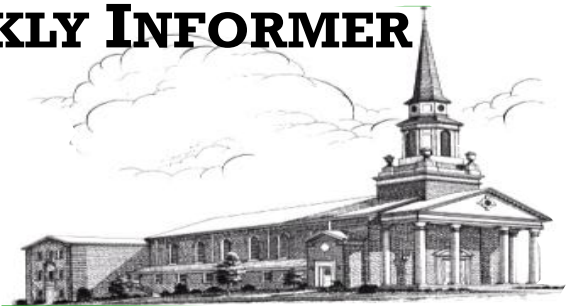
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## Who Are the Churches of Christ?

Have you ever wondered, "Who is the church of Christ and what do they believe?" Let me begin by saying that the church of Christ is not Campbellites nor is it dependant on the reformation movement, or the restoration movement for their existence. The church of Christ is not a modern denomination mainly because the Bible teaches denominationalism and division is a sin (1 Corinthians 1:10-13). Who is the church of Christ then?

Who are they? The church of Christ is just simply striving to be the church we read about in the Bible. The church of Christ was not established by any man, rather it was established by Jesus Christ in the first century (Matthew 16:13-18). The church of Christ has no man made creed (Proverbs 16:25), instead they strive to follow the Bible only (Colossians 3:17). The church of Christ has no human leader, such as a pope, cardinal, pastor or head of the church. We still believe the Scriptures teach Jesus Christ is the Head of His church (Ephesians 1:20-22). The church of Christ is called by a Bible description, not by denominational names of religious leader (Acts 4:11-12, 1 Corinthians 3:11). In short, the church of Christ is striving to be the church we read about in the Bible without any man made additions or subtractions (See Revelations 22:18-19).

What do they believe? The fundamental belief of the New Testament church was to do things exactly as Jesus and the Apostles had told them to do (Romans 5:4, 1 Corinthians 4:6). This is what the church of Christ today believes. We believe in restoring the New Testament church back to its original state as seen in the Bible. For example, the first century church met on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). The church of Christ today believes this is the same pattern we should follow (Acts 2:42). In addition, in the church of Christ you will not find mechanical instruments of music used to worship God. We do not have these because God did not command them in the New Testament. God tells us specifically to sing and make melody in our hearts (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). The church of Christ believes in teaching the pure and simple plan of salvation as found in the New Testament. In the Scriptures, people were taught to hear or recognize the authority of God's Word (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of sin (Luke 13:3), confess the name of Jesus (Romans 10:10) and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; John 3:5). Today, the Lord's church still teaches the same plan of salvation as found in the New Testament. The church of Christ also believes in living a sacrificial and devoted life to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Luke 9:23; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 2:20; Romans 12:1-2). While this is only a sampling of the New Testament teaching we follow, our hope is it will whet one's appetite to learn more about the church of the Bible. The church of Christ is not trying to bind where God has not bound, but we are also not trying to loose where God has not loosed (Revelations 22:18-19; Matthew 16:18-19). We simply want to do what the Bible says and put our faith in God not men. If you have never visited the church of Christ in your area, we encourage you to stop by their assembly and learn more about the Lord's church.

## Milestones

Everyone has aspirations to hit certain milestones in life. These milestones start very early in our lives. We look forward to the day we can walk and talk. We look to the day when we can start school. Graduating from that school is another great accomplishment in most people's eyes. Then we go on to college, marriage, have children of our own, and the list goes on and on.

As parents, there are many proud moments we have of our children's accomplishments. As great of accomplishment as some of those listed are, there is no prouder moment than the day a parent can watch their child be added to the Lord's church in baptism. We all know what it mean to set milestones for our physical lives but how much focus do we spend on our spiritual milestones?

If you have never thought about setting spiritual milestones, let me encourage you to do so. Becoming a Christian is the first great milestone in our spiritual lives. We should also set milestones in other aspects of our spiritual life. Some of those might be waiting on the Lord's table, leading singing, raising a Godly family, becoming a Bible class teacher, preaching a sermon, conducting an in-home Bible study, going on a mission trip, bringing a friend or family member to Christ, and the list can continue.

It is great to set milestones in your physical life but never forget that spiritual life is the most important aspect of life.

**Romans 8:5-6** *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*



Melba Bouldin is at home following hip surgery.

Kay Ramsey fell and broke her hip. She is in Riverpark—Room 255 following surgery.

### \*Prayer List

Boyd Spry, Johnny Greene, Joe Braxton, Frances Garrison, Dale Randolph, Bob Reed, Brenda Wilson, Bo Turner, Dinah Wanamaker, Randy Walker, Larry O'Kain, Martha Vinson, Charlene Woodlee, Sheila and Andy Benefield, Elizabeth & Hugh Stubblefield, Shawn Stewart, Alison Spakes, Ricky Stafford, LaVica Boles, Morris Newby, Jean Smith, Jewel Wiser, Ann Grissom, Jack Davenport, Ronnie Wilmore, Penny Acuna, Greg Perry, Delbert Spicer, Johnny Pitman, Johnny Cutrell, Lydia Jo Horton, Serafina Rose Gretzinger, Ken Smith, Becky Bost, Dewayne McCormick, Becky Davenport, Marlene Cartwright, Rachel Pepper, Ronnie Hamilton, Louise & Norman Jernigan, Lakshmi Mishra, Wilburn & Francis West, Maxine Bates, Tim Jennings, Brenda Fussell, Betty Jo Beasley, Briggs Davis, Gwen Ramsey, Benita Ramsey, Jackson Dunlap, Jason Gann, Hannah Davis

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, kind thoughts, and prayers that have been extended to us following Don's unexpected death. God bless you all!

Nilá Patton & Family

## Central Reminders

### May 17

- Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal. Hoagie Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Chips, Dessert, and Drink. \$5. Serving begins at 6 p.m. Sign-up sheet on stage.
- Elders meeting following Bible Study in the Gospel of Christ Room.

### May 21

- Last Bible Hour for this year.
- Senior send-off following evening services. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring finger foods.

It is my desire to let the elders know that I am resigning as a deacon. This decision has been well thought out by myself and discussed with my wife. It has nothing to do with any issue or problem related to the congregation at Central but all to do with my place in life. Three active children, a busy work schedule, and aging parents, on both sides, pulls us out of town significantly more than others. We very much love being a part of the congregation at Central and still desire to worship and be a part of the church. I want to especially thank the elders and fellow deacons for the relationships that we have developed over the years. In Christian Love, Bo Rivers

## In The Area

### May 14 –17

- Gospel Meeting, Trousdale church of Christ, Speaker Bro. Jon Simmons, Services: Sunday Evening 7:30 & Monday—Wednesday 7:00.

### May 20

- Ladies Day at East End church of Christ. Speaker: Sheila Butt. Theme: Women Walking...God's Way. Registration 9 a.m. Program: 9:30 a.m. Lunch following

### May 21-24

- Gospel Meeting at Midway church of Christ (Bradyville). Speaker: Roger Comstock. Sun. 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed. 7 p.m.

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### Jail Ministry Report: April

New Bible Courses	150
Engraved Bibles	12
Number Lessons Graded	970
Prayer Request	91
Baptism Request	6

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### Pantry Item

Applesauce



**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE May 21, 2017**

**If unable to serve, please call Keith Chisam (668-8357) or Bill Haston (668-3775)**

**All men, including substitutes, please come to the library no later than 10:20 a.m.**

**Sunday - 10:30 A.M.**

**Prayer**.....David Hale  
**Welcome:** Ps. 37:4-5.....Tim Fariss  
**Song Leader**.....Jeff Roberts  
**Prayer**.....Steve McGregor  
**Preside at Table**.....Sam Anderson

**Assist with Lord's Supper**

Jared Foster.....Bill Frazier  
Reed Garrison.....David Godwin  
David Hale.....Brent Hewitt  
Eric Hildreth.....Rickey Hildreth  
Bernie Hillis.....David Hitchcock  
Grant Hitchcock.....Hamilton Hobbs  
Michael Horton.....David Hutton  
Billy Jones.....Cameron Jones

**Scripture:** 1 Cor. 14:33...Kenneth Woods

**Sermon: Disconnecting to Reconnect—Ben Bailey**

**Prayer**.....Tom McColloch  
**Doors**.....Jay Wood/Bill Zechman  
**Ushers**.....Ron Wilmore/Ken Campbell  
**Substitutes**.....Brent Keeton/Scottie Keel/Zachary Keel/James Locke

**Riverview Terrace**.....Randy Garrison  
(2nd Sunday of the month)

**Greeters**

LF - Jeff Vance RF-Greg Vinson  
LR - Kenneth Woods RR - Tyson Brock

**Men to Count—May**

Chip Cantrell.....815-9040  
David Hitchcock.....205-6237  
Eric Walker.....Brock Fariss  
Thomas Cantrell.....Bill Frazier  
Logan Wanamaker.....Brayden Fariss  
Greg Wanamaker

**Van Drivers for May**

Tom McColloch.....668-2088  
Johnny Anderson.....409-0599

**If you are unable to serve, please contact one of the Program Directors.**

**Visitor Cards**

Jackson Dunlap....Cooper Love

**Sunday Evening – 6:00 P.M.**

**Prayer**.....Frank Reynolds  
**Welcome**.....Tim Fariss  
**Song Leader**.....Jeff Roberts  
**Prayer**.....Richard Myers  
**Scripture: Mt. 28:18-20**...Johnny Anderson

**Sermon: Preparing to Evangelize #3**  
Ben Bailey

**Prayer**.....Percy Phifer  
**Communion**.....Sam Anderson  
**Sound**.....Tom McColloch  
**PowerPoint**.....Slayden Rogers  
**Baptism Garments**.....Janice Mayfield  
**Restock Cards/Paper:**.....Lisa Garrison  
**Prepare Trays:**.....Phil Smith  
**Communion Bread:**.....Tammy & Tatum Young and Tristan Adcock

**Wednesday Evening-May 24, 2017**

**Prayer**.....William Ramsey  
**Song Leader**.....Jeff Vance  
**Scripture**.....Sam Anderson  
**Speaker**.....Jimmy Knowles  
**Benediction**.....Dale Randolph

**Men to Open & Close Building**

May 21-Boyd Ramsey  
May 28-Frank Reynolds

**Scripture Studies**

**Mon - Fri - 12:15 pm 960 WBMC**

***In Search of the Lords Way***  
**7 & 10 a.m. WUPN**

***Gospel Broadcasting Network***  
**Ben Lomand TV..... Channel 16**  
Gospel of Christ TV Program

***The Gospel of Christ***  
**Ben Lomand TV Channel 6**

Sun. 6:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. Wed. 6 p.m.

**May 14, 2017**

Wednesday (5-10).....224  
Bible Class.....220  
AM Worship.....445  
PM Worship.....235  
Contribution.....\$9,163.46  
Budget.....\$9,855.00

**Happy Birthday**

22-Ann Terry  
23-Benjamin Horton  
24-Ronnie Wilmore  
26-Dale Grove  
27-Brandon Harris

**Anniversaries**

25-Justin & Tristan Adcock

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