

Happy Birthday!

Titus Anderson 9-06
Barbara Stafford 9-08
Tom Gothard 9-08
Judy McDaniel 9-09
Pate Dennis 9-09
Iris Mackie 9-09



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We have devices for those who are hard of hearing to help you during our worship services. If you are in need of one, please see Jeremy Broome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

*Only Sunday morning 10am service at the building until further notice. Wednesday night bible class with Ronald and Titus will be held over Facebook at 7pm. There will be a children's Bible class held on zoom at 6:30pm for 5th grade and down. A link to join will be available on our website or by contacting Blake Maberry. For more information on the children's Bible class, please see Brettianee Anderson or Crystal Maberry.

*Please start turning in your information for the annual report. Also, please check your information including address, phone numbers, birthdays, and anniversaries to make sure it is correct.

September 18: RUN4DON

October 3-6: Center Grove Fall Gospel Meeting with International Gospel Hour's Jeff Archey speaking.

November 5-7: Center Grove Fall Retreat

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To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

Center Grove church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday
(We broadcast Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)

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"The First Step to Being a Difference-Maker"

By: Jack Wilkie of Focus Press

As that eminent 20th century philosopher, Dr. Seuss, I'll nice wrote, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."

The easiest thing one can possibly do is complain. There are always going to be negatives to point out in life – negatives in the culture, the home, the church, and anywhere else. And to complain is to say that something needs to change. Things aren't satisfactory as they are. Something's gotta give.

The question at that point is simple: do I care enough to do something about it?

Noticing a problem and complaining about it means I care at least a little. But the real issue is whether I care enough to roll up my sleeves and get to work.

In Ezra and Nehemiah we see the perfect example of how much can be accomplished by God-centered people who truly care. This is the church's great need, in this age or any other.

The setting finds the Jewish people still largely in captivity in Persia, after the fall of Babylon. The temple is gone, and Jerusalem is in shambles. Ezra's book begins with a return to rebuild the temple, but the effort stalls out due to interference, official decree, and (as Haggai and Zechariah show us), disinterest. Nehemiah begins with a report regarding the state of utter disrepair of the walls of Jerusalem.

It's when these two men come on the scene that things begin to change. Ezra is introduced as a man who had "set his heart" to study and practice God's Law, and to teach the people God's statutes (Ezra 7:10). Nehemiah's story begins with him weeping, mourning, fasting, and praying upon hearing about the walls of Jerusalem. Bottom line, these two men cared greatly about the state of God's house. Most importantly, they cared enough to do something about it.

In their separate ways, both men led the push toward restoration through all kinds of challenges, external and internal. Broadly speaking, Ezra led the people spiritually while Nehemiah led the people administratively, resulting in not only a new temple and a new wall for Jerusalem, but a restored practice of feasts, Sabbaths, and tithes before God.

They accomplished all this through hard work, perseverance, principled stands, and most importantly, prayer. But the characteristic that tied all these things together, in fact the characteristic that drove all the others, was how much they cared.

Examining ourselves and our situations, what is there that needs changing? What might we complain about? Some things are out of our control, but there are yet many that God has placed within our sphere of influence. In our homes, churches, neighborhoods, workplaces, and even the society in general, there is always going to be much work to do.

There is also plenty of comfort right now, which makes moving forward challenging. Once we do begin to move, we find distraction and resistance, much like Sanballat and Tobiah brought to Nehemiah's cause. The point is, there will always be excuses and even reasons to *not* do something, or to give up prematurely. But if we care enough, those won't stop us. **The question to each Christian remains the same: do I care enough to be used by God to make a difference?**

Does the success of His kingdom mean enough to me to move me forward in active obedience? We need Ezras, we need Nehemiahs, and we need plenty of people "with a mind to work" (Nehemiah 4:6).

Will you rise to the occasion to build up the house of God?

<https://www.focuspress.org/2021/08/09/the-first-step-to-being-a-difference-maker/>

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesada: Grace Sloan, Shelby Violet

Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney

Mabry: Lovena (Cricket) Wilson, Fred Heady, Ray Pippin

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard

Hillsboro Rehab: Lovia Cowgill

Georgia Rehab: Buddy Flatt

**Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-
Prayer List:**

Adele Birdwell, Angela Bowman, Anna Bell Stafford, Barbara Walker, Bradley Murphy, David Wilson, Earl Carr dad of Marcia, Helen Brown, Hillary Broome, Hudson Spears Opal's great nephew, Jeanie Thomas, Lela Durham, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Missy Thomas, Moydene Robinson, Pauline Richardson, Pauline Whitaker Raymond Haney, Sandy Haney, Shelby Bryant, Sherri Merwine, Sherry Arms, Shirley Mea, Steve Hensley, Thomas Brown, Velma Hix, Wilean Heady her son Terry-, Whitney Hamlet Pam Crespo sister of Jimmy Strong, Gail Bryant, Dwayne "Durwood" Hamlet, Cory Fox, Michelle Hamlet, Tanya Fox, G K Bunting, Lily Durham 6 years old niece of Crystal Scott

BATTLING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Ben Young, Haylee Mathis, Frances Luck, Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Lori Davenport, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Rex Berry, Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Steve Higginbotham, Villary Campbell, Shawn Staggs son in law of Tim Mitchell, Rosie Killian sis of Ruby

Privileged to Serve September 12, 2021

Ushers	Mark Collins
.....	Roy Flatt
Announcements	Ben Gentry
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Roy Young
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Bill Coe
Closing Prayer	Jim Young
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Ronald Strong
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Royce Jenkins
Serve	Jackson Conner
.....	Jeremy Broome
.....	Mike Martin
.....	Kevin Moss
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Andrew Burris
Alternate to Serve	Caden Fox
.....	Sjon Gentry
Dismiss Classes	
Count Contribution	Donnie Mayberry
.....	Jimmy Strong
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Rellon Burris
Response Card	Roy Young
PowerPoint.....	Blake Maberry
Live Stream.....	Brian Trisdale
Adult Bible Class.....	

Sunday Evening September 12, 2021

Speaker

Scripture Reading

Song Leader

Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer

PowerPoint.....

Wednesday Evening September 15, 2021

Song Leader

Devotional

Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer

Adult Bible Study

Powerpoint.....

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