

Happy Birthday!

Owen Ragland 5-30
Riley Bunting 5-30
Donna Crabtree 6-02
Zander Martin 6-04

Happy Anniversary!

Kenneth & Pam Peterson 6.04.76



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

May 29: Fellowship-Out of School Bash. Bring sides and desserts

June 5-9: VBS here with Union Hill

June 5-9: VBS at Zion church of Christ at 7pm.

June 12: Baby shower for Holly Martin and baby Marshall at 1pm in the fellowship building. They are registered at Amazon and Target. If you would like to be a hostess please see Vanessa Martin.

June 18: VBS at McCoinsville church of Christ 8:30-2 for ages 3 years-9th grade

July 17-22: JSCYC – Staff Applications are due May 29. If you need a camper application, see Rellon. Camper applications are due June 22

August 13: Ladies Day with Emily Hatfield

August 17-25: PTP

November 6-9: Gospel Meeting here with Cliff Goodwin

November 18-20: Fall family retreat in Smithville, Tn. Please sign up in the back if you plan on going.

Baptized into Christ: Michelle Polston

Congratulations! Baby Girl, Rylee Rynn Jones, Great-granddaughter of Thurel & Jackie Jones, born 5/18/2022 weighing 6lb 10oz and 19in long.

Congratulations to Sydney Robinson and Michael Withers who were married May 21. She is the Granddaughter of Larry & Liz Howell.

Elders:

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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
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"Only the Creator has the Right to Define Gender"

by Dave Miller of Apologetics Press

As the Christian worldview continues to evaporate in American culture, rank and file Americans are alienating themselves from the reality of the one true God. This widening chasm between personal belief/practice and spiritual reality is reflected in court decisions and political trends. Incredibly, this devolution strikes at the very heart of the nation's origins and its ability to perpetuate itself. The Creator alluded to in America's founding documents and the organic writings of most of the Founders and Framers is swiftly being brushed aside and marginalized in daily life. The only legitimate way to evaluate and regulate human behavior is to look to the Creator. He is the One Who, in the words of the Founders of the American Republic, "created" all men, "endowed" them with life, provides them with "the laws of nature and of nature's God," and Who functions as "the Supreme Judge of the world."¹ If human opinion becomes the standard for judging ethical behavior, nothing but confusion, contradiction, and inconsistency can result. The latest glaring evidence of this sad circumstance is seen in the national "discussion" about whether men and women can change their gender—the result of a long, sinister trek that began with the skyrocketing divorce rates in the 1960s, the feminist movement that followed quickly thereafter, the gradual acceptance of homosexuality, culminating in the legalization of same-sex marriage in 2015.² Powerful forces in American society—politicians, the Supreme Court, public school educators, and many more brazenly flaunt the definitions of marriage and gender that have prevailed throughout western civilization, and most certainly in America, from the beginning. These definitions did not originate with humans or nations. They came directly from the Creator of humanity and the Universe. ...continued inside

When God spoke the Creation into existence, His culminating act was to create the first human beings, decisively declaring the creation of only two genders: He further forthrightly declared: “God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them” (Genesis 1:27). There was no confusion about which was which. The DNA in every cell in the bodies of those first two human beings marked and defined their gender. When God further declared, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24), He clarified for all people for all time the question of gender. A “father” was/is a male, a “mother” was/is a female, even as the Hebrew word rendered “wife” is the normal word for “woman.”³ Jesus Christ reaffirmed the same thing (Matthew 19:4-6). One man for one woman has been the bedrock of civilization for 6,000 years, with exceptions confined to an immoral and depraved minority. Yet, now, a nation noted throughout the world for over two centuries as a bastion of Christianity has stunned humanity with an unprecedented leap into the quagmire of moral corruption and unrestrained devotion to sexual insanity.⁴

This unhappy state of affairs most certainly saddens those who yet retain a sense of Christian morality. Yet those who still believe in the God of the Bible are undaunted and unmoved by the frenzied intimidation and bullying that characterizes those who embrace immorality. For you see, only the Creator has the right to define gender, lawful marriage—and all other human behavior. Those who reject His will inevitably will suffer the consequences of their spurning of the Creator’s prescription for happiness and contentment in this life, and eternal security in the life to come. Consider the similarity between our day and the social setting depicted for the Thessalonians, which speaks of the

unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

It gives Christians no comfort to be reminded of Jesus’ warning on those who have plunged themselves into wholesale depravity: “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep” (Luke 6:25). The warning issued to Jeremiah’s contemporaries trumpets an eerie warning: “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down,” says the LORD (Jeremiah 6:15).

Whatever people believe, say, or do, the fact remains that politicians do not decide truth, morality is defined by the Supreme Being, and some manmade Supreme Court is not the Supreme Court. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah discovered—there will be a day of reckoning. “Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 7). God still declares: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them” (Deuteronomy 32:35, NIV). <https://apologeticspress.org/only-the-creator-has-the-right-to-define-gender/>

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:
CRMC: Sherrie Merwine

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:
Nick Taylor Halie Beason Flatt

Our Condolences to the Families of:

James Kilgore, Rebecca Way Livermore,
Kenny Allen

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesada: Grace Sloan

Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney

Georgia Rehab: Buddy Flatt

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

Hartsville Rehab: Sherry Arms

NHC: Paul Pippin, **Connie Ballard**

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

Adele Birdwell, **Barbara Scott**, Barbara Walker, Carrol (Stick) Hensley, Corey Hall, **Debbie Allen, Debbie Wilson**, Hillary Broome, Isabel Bray great niece of Royce, **Jeanie Thomas**, Jo Helen Brown, Lela Durham, Lena Smith daughter of Ben, Lora Cravens, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Pauline Mocerri **Raymond Haney**, Roger Dailey bro. of Bonnie J **Sandy Haney**, Savanna Davidson daughter of Donnie Mayberry, **Velma Hix, Sherri Merwine**, Tootie Anderson, Vernell Brown,

BATTILING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Barry Turner, **Ben Young**, Carl Call Sr., Frances Luck, **Jerry Wilson, Kayla Pippin**, Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Lori Davenport, **Maibelle Dyer**, Mike Hamlet, Nathan West brother of Ella Martin, Peggy Carr friend of Barbara Stafford, Rex Berry, Rosie Killian & Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, **Ruby Anderson**, Steve Higginbotham, Vickie Pigg, Villary Campbell

Privileged to Serve June 5, 2022

Ushers	Donnie Mayberry
.....	Jacob Martin
Announcements	Carl Call
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Dale Dennis
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Bill Coe
Closing Prayer	Kevin Moss
Oversee Lord’s Supper..	Jonathan Conner
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Kevin Moss
Serve	Roy Smallwood
.....	Andrew Burris
.....	Steve Hensley
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Ethan Holloway
.....	Jeremy Kirby
Alternate to Serve	Ronnie Martin
.....	Roy Young
Dismiss Classes	Jerry Young
Count Contribution	Ben Gentry
.....	Caden Fox
.....	Chris Fox
.....	Roy FLatt
Response Card	Burton Young
PowerPoint.....	Chris Mabery
Live Stream.....	Blake Maberry
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening June 5, 2022

Speaker	Steve Bowman
Scripture Reading	
Song Leader	Andrew Burris
Opening Prayer	Jim Young
Closing Prayer	Tim Mitchell
PowerPoint.....	Ben Gentry

Wednesday Evening June 8, 2022

Song Leader	Mike Martin
Devotional	Steve Bowman
Opening Prayer	Randy Duke
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Broome
Adult Bible Study.....	Steve Bowman
Powerpoint.....	Kevin Moss

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