

Happy Birthday!

Hadley Maberry 9-04
Titus Anderson 9-06
Barbara Stafford 9-08
Tom Gothard 9-08
Judy McDaniel 9-09
Pate Dennis 9-09

Hearing Assistance Devices Available:

Assistive listening devices are available for those in need for use during our worship services. Please see Jeremy Broome for assistance.

Quiet Bags Available:

Quiet bags are available for young children to use during our services. These are located in the nursery. Disinfectant wipes are also provided. Please return bags after services.

Bible Correspondence Course:

Delve into God’s Word by enrolling in our correspondence course! Several course subjects are available including *God’s Plan of Salvation*, *The Church*, and a 30-lesson *Studies in the Bible*. Contact Bill Coe or visit our website to enroll for free.

Upcoming Events:

TODAY: Brother John Ratnam speaking in our morning service.
TODAY: Wedding Shower for Kendra Burris, bride elect of Parker Harless. Fellowship Hall @ 1PM. In lieu of traditional gifts, monetary gifts are graciously accepted. See Kaylee Gentry or Michelle Burris to be a hostess.
TODAY: Fox-Flatt reunion at community center
September 11-14: Gospel Meeting at Livingston church of Christ with Titus Anderson speaking
September 14: Service Project Wednesday
September 17: Run4Don 5K & 15K
November 6-9: Gospel Meeting here with Cliff Goodwin
November 18-20: Center Grove Family Retreat in Smithville, TN. Sign-up sheet in the nursery.

Elders:

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Jerry Young 268.2215
Ronald Strong 267.5480
Chris Mabery 310.3612

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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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“Salvation Isn’t Socialist”

by Brad Harrub of Focus Press

Everyone wants the high moral ground. People want to come across as more loving, more compassionate, and more intelligent than their “opponent.” Gone are the days when people valued humility and recognized that they did not know everything. No, today we paint our opponents as callous hatemongers, and we honestly believe we are intellectually elite. Lately, the push has been in the realm of forgiveness and student loans. While I do have an opinion in this arena, I refuse to be sucked into that quagmire of continuous bickering. (And...I realize that everyone has an opinion.)

Instead, I want to focus on something far more important. Salvation. How has the current worldview altered our understanding of salvation? There has been a major push, especially in university settings, to embrace and promote socialism.

Socialism is a political and economic system where wealth and private property are assumed by the state and transferred to everyone to make a more equal society. While this equality sounds good in theory, socialism has failed in every country where it has been tried. (And in several cases it has led to communism and dictatorships).

But the idea of socialism has really tickled the ears of many young people. They love the idea of abolishing capitalism and sharing the wealth with those who have less material goods. They love this utopian idea of equality.

It has even caused many to claim that this is the more Christian thing to do.

But is it really? Is salvation and reconciliation to God all about equality? ...continued inside

Are we all going to be equal on Judgement Day? Are we really going to be able to spread salvation to everyone? Are we going to be able to take the obedience of some people and magically transfer it to the masses because we think that system is more compassionate? Or is it possible that salvation is about sin and the blood of Christ?

The simple answer is no—when it comes to salvation we cannot count on a socialistic approach. I don't say that to be mean, controversial, or judgmental. I say that because Jesus Christ clearly taught that we would all give an account for our own actions. We all have an independent responsibility. We have all been given free will and we will be judged by what we do—not what our neighbor does. I can't transfer some of my salvation to someone who is lost just because I think that is more compassionate or equal. Who am I to think that I can tell a righteous God what He should do on Judgement Day?

Consider the Truth in the following verses:

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

“So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.” (Romans 14:12)

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.” (Revelation 22:12)

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matthew 12:36-37)

“For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” (Matthew 12:36)

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.” (Matthew 25:31-33)

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:15)

“For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

Notice in Matthew 16:27 Jesus says, “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”

Each according to his works. Not their works.

Socialism does not work for salvation. And while it may feel like you are taking the high moral ground by supporting it, you are ultimately condemning people to an eternity in hell by making them think they will be okay. Actions have consequences.

If you really want to help people, then help them learn how to take responsibility for their own actions. You can't transfer the obedience of a few to the disobedience of many. You can't transfer the cleansing blood of Christ to those who have previously rejected it. You can't cry out “This is unfair!” to the Judge of the universe. At that point it will be too late.

<https://www.focuspress.org/2022/09/01/salvation-isnt-socialist/>

New in Rehabs & Hospitalized:

Baptist: Tim Mitchell
CRMC: Walker Padgett

At Home & Asking for Prayers:

Raymond Haney, Jerry Wilson,
Jeanette Conner

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Kathy Graves, Thomas Buynak

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesda Rehab: Grace Sloan

Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney

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

Hartsville Rehab: Sherry Arms

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard

Michigan: Linda Lee Spivey

Vanderbilt: Denise Griffin, Revena Birdwell

Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues- Prayer List:

Adele Birdwell, Barbara Scott, Barbara Walker, Caden Hodnett, Carrol (Stick) Hensley, Debbie Allen, Hillary Broome, Tom Gothard, Isabel Bray great niece of Royce, John Mabery, Jeanie Thomas, Jean Johnson mom of Stephanie J, Jo Helen Brown, Lela Durham, Lena Smith daughter of Ben, Lora Cravens, Marie Johnson, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Pauline Mocerri, Peggy Anderson, Raymond Haney, Roger Dailey bro. of Bonnie J, Reva Pittillo, Sandy Haney, Savanna Davidson daughter of Donnie Mayberry, Sherri Merwine, Velma Hix, Perry Hamilton, Shayla Kirby

BATTILING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Barry Turner, Ben Young, Carl Call Sr., Debbie Meadows, Frances Luck, Jerry Wilson, 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 September 11, 2022

Ushers	Mark Collins
.....	Chris Fox
Announcements	Ben Gentry
Song Leader	Jeremy Broome
Scripture Reading	Roy Young
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Royce Jenkins
Closing Prayer	Trent Jones
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Jerry Young
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading	Royce Jenkins
Serve	Jackson Conner
.....	Greg Scott
.....	Mike Martin
.....	Steve Hensley
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Andrew Burris
Alternate to Serve	Caden Fox
.....	Sjon Gentry
Dismiss Classes	Roy Young
Count Contribution	Andrew Burris
.....	Jimmy Strong
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Rellon Burris
Response Card	Roy Young
PowerPoint.....	Ben Gentry
Live Stream.....	Blake Maberry
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening September 11, 2022

Speaker	Ronald Strong
Scripture Reading	Burton Young
Song Leader	Mike Birdwell
Opening Prayer	Randy Duke
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Strong
PowerPoint.....	Jonathan Conner

Wednesday Evening September 14, 2022

Song Leader	Jerry Young
Devotional	Carl Call
Opening Prayer	Caden Fox
Closing Prayer	Chris Mabery
Adult Bible Study	Sjon Gentry
Powerpoint.....	Kevin Moss

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