

Happy Birthday!

Aleeah Davidson 11-06
Grayson Smith 11-06
Velma Hix 11-06
Dakota Burris 11-10

Happy Anniversary!

Roy & Betty Smallwood 11.09.63

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:

November 6-9: Gospel Meeting here with Cliff Goodwin. Fellowship dinner after morning service. There are flyers in the back. Please sign up in the nursery if you would like to feed the preacher Monday – Wednesday at 5:45.

November 12: Ladies Day at Findlay church of Christ at 8am with Sheila Butt speaking.

November 18-20: Center Grove Family Retreat in Smithville, TN.

November 22: Midweek Bible Study (Tuesday Night)

December 4: Ladies Christmas ornament swap. See Theresa or Terri for more details.

December 10: Fixing goodie bags for 65 and older

December 11: Christmas dinner after morning service with evening service to follow in the fellowship building.

Elders:

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Sjon Gentry 268.3273

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Rellon Burris 319.5197
Jerry Young 268.2215
Ronald Strong 267.5480
Chris Mabery 310.3612

Ministers:

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Bible Study Curriculum:

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Bible Correspondence:

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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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“Know and Love the Truth”

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Have you ever had trouble buying a gift for someone — just the right thing, something he would really love? A radio announcement pitched, “Why don’t you consider giving a gift that outshines them all. Name a star after the man in your life.”

Unbelievably, there are enterprises that will name a star after your loved one for just the right price. And if you want to name the Sun after your uncle, call Saturn by the name of your dog, and the earth after your aunt Lucille — go ahead. But that doesn’t change reality.

It seems today that truth is whatever people want it to be. But that is far from the **truth**. There are objective realities that exist independent of our recognition or acknowledgement.

Before Pilate, Jesus affirmed that he was born and came to bear witness of the truth, and “Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice” (Jn. 18:37). Pilate dismisses the subject with the interrogative, “What is truth?” (Jn. 18:38). The answer is apparent for those who seek the truth sincerely. The answer is found in the events that followed — the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Truth is reality — that which is true about God. God is the Creator. To deny such is baseless and reckless speculation (Rom. 1:20). When individuals refuse to glorify God as God, and are filled with ingratitude, they willingly exchange “the truth about God for a lie” (Rom. 1:25).

Truth is reality about what God says. God reveals what is real, and therefore true, about man’s moral culpability. God makes known the plan of redemption, so we can learn of the truth of the gospel (Gal. 2:5). Man’s sin and God’s plan are real. They are true. Therefore, God’s redemptive work is often labeled in Scripture as “the truth.” ...continued inside

Since God has revealed the truth, men are obligated to believe and know the truth (Jn. 8:32; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7). They must believe the truth; they can not create what is “truth to them” (2 Thes. 2:12; 1 Tim. 4:3). They ought to love the truth (2 Thes. 2:10), and because of its divine origin and power, they should “rejoice with the truth” (1 Cor. 13:6). But truth is not merely what one mentally accepts. Men are required to obey the truth (Rom. 2:8; 1 Pet. 1:22), making every effort to be established in the truth (2 Pet. 1:12).

Truth is reality about what God will do. The certainty of judgment is real. Some believe that they will escape the judgment of God (Rom. 2:3), but such is foolish optimism. God’s righteous judgment is certain, and he will render a moral verdict and enforce divine punishment through the man whom he has appointed, Jesus Christ (Acts 17:31). He is the Judge of the living and the dead (2 Tim. 4:1). In view of the coming judgment, it is imperative that we do not “err from the truth” (2 Tim. 2:18). We must seek it sincerely and embrace it, or we will be deprived of the truth (1 Tim. 6:5). Sadly, some do not come to “a knowledge of the truth” (2 Tim. 3:7), for when the seed is sown, many hearers simply are uninterested in the truth.

Will all those who come to a knowledge of the truth, who lovingly embrace it, always cling to it tenaciously? Such is not the case. Some disregard the gospel that they once embraced (Heb. 10:26), and others will lie against the truth through their rebellious lives (Jas. 3:14). Some become so hostile towards Christianity that they “withstand the truth” (2 Tim. 3:8).

The truth of the matter is this: all who refuse to recognize God as their Creator, and Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, are individuals who “hinder the truth” (Rom. 1:18). Truth suppression is a dangerous proposition. What influence we could have on our family, friends, and coworkers by believing and obeying the truth! What accountability there is for those who suppress the truth!

God’s word is truth (Jn. 17:17), and truth is learned through a study of it. The Bible must have our time and affection (Ps. 1:2). Heaven’s word is more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey (Ps. 19:10). It certainly would be impossible to “explain” to the Lord how one could love the truth and rarely read the Bible. Oh sure! We love the idea of not going to hell. But fear only motivates so far, and so long. Love for God removes the dread of judgment and longs for the day when faith shall become sight (cf. 1 Jn. 4:17-18). The righteous shall survive by faith, God told Habakkuk (2:4), and faith only comes from hearing the words of Christ (Rom. 10:17).

We ought to fall down on our knees in thanksgiving for those who cultivated that moral sensitivity which encourages us to be receptive to the truth. Although it seems, at times, that “I alone am left,” remember that God had 7,000 in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal in Elijah’s discouraging days. “Buy the truth and sell it not” (Prov. 23:23).

<https://christiancourier.com/articles/know-and-love-the-truth>

New in Rehabs & Hospitalized:

CRMC: Kenneth Peterson
Crestwood/Huntsville: Yvonne Gardner

At Home & Asking for Prayers:

Suzie Mooneyham, Bryce Conner,
Betty Smallwood, Denise Henry

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesda Rehab: Grace Sloan, Louise Richerson

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

Hartsville Rehab: Sherry Arms

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard

Michigan: Linda Lee Spivey

Vanderbilt Rehab: Denise Griffin, Revena Birdwell, Arlon Way

Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues- Prayer List:

Alaina Lawson, Adele Birdwell, Barbara Scott, Barbara Walker, Bill Smith, Debbie Allen, Dale Smith, Hillary Broome, John Mabery, Jeanie Thomas, James Montgomery, Jeanette Conner, Bryce Conner, Jean Johnson mom of Stephanie Jo Helen Brown, Lora Cravens, Marie Johnson, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Peggy Anderson, Raymond Haney, Walker Padgett Sandy Haney, Sherri Merwine, Velma Hix, Roberta Hunter, Tim Mitchell, Shayla Kirby, Sharon Young Portelli, Ricky Johnson, Mike Stafford

BATTILING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Ben Young, David Haney, Frances Luck, Jerry Wilson, Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Lori Davenport, Margie Dyer, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Rex Berry, Rosie Killian & Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Vickie Pigg, Villary Campbell, Glenn Ramsey, Mary Hornbeck

Privileged to Serve November 13, 2022

Ushers	Caden Fox
.....	Ronnie Martin
Announcements	Carl Call
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Dale Dennis
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Greg Scott
Closing Prayer	Steve Hensley
Oversee Lord’s Supper..	Ben Gentry
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading	Chris Martin
Serve	Jacob Martin
.....	Jonathan Conner
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Chick Ransom
.....	Donnie Mayberry
Alternate to Serve	Jimmy Strong
.....	Sjon Gentry
Dismiss Classes	Mark Collins
Count Contribution	Ben Gentry
.....	Jackson Conner
.....	Jeremy Broome
.....	Roy Smallwood
Response Card	Chris Martin
PowerPoint.....	Ben Gentry
Live Stream.....	Chris Mabery
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening November 13, 2022

Speaker	Ronald Strong
Scripture Reading	Mike Birdwell
Song Leader	Roger Anderson
Opening Prayer	Brian Trisdale
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Kirby
PowerPoint.....	Brian Trisdale

Wednesday Night, November 16, 2022

Song Leader	Parker Harless
Devotional	Titus Anderson
Opening Prayer	Jimmy Strong
Closing Prayer	Jim Young
Adult Bible Class	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Kevin Moss

Let Rellon Burris know if you can’t serve.
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