

Taking Christ to Our Community

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
5:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

Worship Service March 11, 2018

Welcome

4:90 "It Is Well with My Soul"
4:80 "Blessed Assurance"
"10,000 Reasons"

7:91 "On Bended Knee"

Shepherd's Prayer

3:15 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Communion

Contribution

3:1 "Be Still and Know"
5:46 "Hide Me Away O Lord"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

9:43 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Family News

3:1 "Be Still and Know"



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, March 11, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson, Tony Henson, Wade Henson, Keith Connor, Jerry Ross, Jeff Nicks, James Nicks
Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch
Elder Available After Worship: Chris Gooch
Children's Church: Kim Roberson & Kristin Kendall
Attended Nursery: Dawn Guy
Nursery Next Week: Maggie McCage
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks (back): Virgil & Lori Griffin



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green, Chris Gooch

OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weeks, Jean McCullough, Barbie Hardy, Brad Carman

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Ruby Rogers, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom)

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea), Theresa Bumpus

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



It is great to have all our folks back from Mexico. They will all have stories about their encounters with the citizens of Punta Colonet in the Baja. Some of the group are veterans of such visits. Other are first timers. I hope you will take the time to talk to them about their adventure and let them share with you the joy they felt as they touched lives with the hands of Jesus, spoke words of compassion even though they likely needed an interpreter and the bitter sweetness of having to leave and come home.

I know that one of the struggles they and all missionaries have is the culture and the language. It is obvious that without a common language communication becomes nearly impossible, right? Well, yes, but maybe not all together.

I was reminded of something I read, interestingly enough, about a missionary preparing to go to China. He had enrolled in a language school to learn at least the basics of a particular dialect spoken in the area he was going to work which he could build on once he arrived.

On the very first day of class the Chinese instructor walked into the room and, without saying a word, walked down every row of students. There was no list of vocabulary words. There were no instant drills of repetition. There wasn't even a, "Turn in your text books to page..." instruction.

Still without saying a word, she walked slowly around the room again. Finally she came back to the front of the room and addressed the class. "Did you notice anything special about me?" she asked.

Nobody could think of anything in particular. They looked at each other and then at her searching for a clue. One student finally raised her hand. "I noticed that you had on a very lovely perfume," she said.

Naturally the class chuckled. But the teacher said, "You are exactly right and that is exactly my point. You see, it will be a long time before any of you will be able to speak Chinese well enough to share the gospel with anyone in China. But even before you are able to do that, you can be the aroma, the sweet fragrance of Christ to these people. You can live lives in silence that allows them to smell Jesus. It is your lifestyle lived out among the Chinese people that will open their hearts for the Word of God when you finally learn their language."

Isn't that the case even with those who speak our language in our own neighborhoods and communities? Would their minds be more open to hearing the truth if they first smelled the fragrance of Christ from us? Would they perhaps listen more intently if they smelled the mercy, the love and the joy of Christ on us?

Do folks "smell Christ" on you when they encounter you in school, at work, in the community? What could you do to cover yourself with the aroma of Christ? Maybe spending more time in his presence would be a good place to start. His nature just might rub off on you.

I know our team arrived in the Baja ready to go to work. I also know that their aroma will last longer than the work they did because the people in Colonet smelled the sweet fragrance of Christ.

- Ron

**THOSE TO SERVE March 18, 2018**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Aaron Tittle,  
 Landon McCage, Mike McCage, Tony  
 Dobson, Bobby Johnson, Rick Yates  
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks  
 Closing Prayer: Jimmy Smith  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus  
 (back): Mike & Paula McCage

**THANK YOU**

The Ross family (family of the late Betty Davis) writes, "Tammy and I would like to thank everyone for their calls, food, the glass cross, visits, and especially your prayers. Also, a special thanks to the ones who served us a meal after the service. We love our church family."

**More information about the events below**

**MEN'S WORKSHOP**

Martin Church of Christ will host a men's workshop March 16-17, featuring speaker Jeremiah Tatum of Cookeville, TN.

**GOSPEL MEETING**

Martin Gardner Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting March 18-21. The theme is A Movement That Keeps on Moving and the speaker will be Chad Ezelle.

**SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**

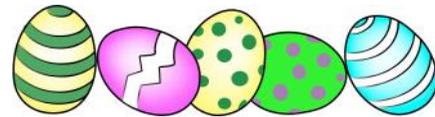
Bishop Street Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting March 18-21. The speaker will be Keith Mosher.

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

March 11 Deuteronomy 17-19; Mark 14:1-25  
 March 12 Deuteronomy 20-22; Mark 14:26-50  
 March 13 Deuteronomy 23-25; Mark 14:51-72  
 March 14 Deuteronomy 26-27; Mark 15: 1-26  
 March 15 Deuteronomy 28; Mark 15:27-47  
 March 16 Deuteronomy 29-30; Mark 16  
 March 17 Deuteronomy 31-32; Luke 1:1-23

**EASTER SUNDAY April 1, 2018**

We will have a devotional at 9:30 a.m., followed by a brunch and an Easter egg hunt for the children. Please sign up for what you plan to bring on the list at the Information Station, and fill the basket there with candy and empty plastic eggs.



**BAJA MISSIONS WORKSHOP**

On April 7, 2018, Baja Missions will conduct a one-day workshop in Nashville about all the work they do with the churches they sponsor in Mexico. Some of our recent mission team members plan to attend this event. If you're interested in participating in our church's next trip or just want a better understanding of the ministry, attending this event would be a good way to get more information about it. Please let Greg Ferguson know if you would like to accompany the Troy CoC group. We'll leave the church building at 6:00 a.m. and be home before bedtime.

**Developing Character**

Pinterest is a "guilty pleasure" of mine. It's a great place to find recipes, craft ideas, writing ideas, etc. One particular item on my feed caught my eye the other day. It was titled "6 Key Things to Consider When Developing Characters." Now this post wasn't specifically talking about how to build your character, but the way the 6 key things were worded seemed easily translatable to how we can develop our own character. Here are the interpretations I came up with based off of each of the six.

1. *Make them distinct.* - We can make ourselves distinct by being who we are, not who someone else wants us to be, regardless of who that person may be.
2. *Flesh out their personalities.* - Your personality is something you've carried throughout your life, and since (in most cases) it has already fleshed itself out, you should be proud of the way it is and the way you are!
3. *Understand their past.* - Your past defines you, but does not control you. We've all made mistakes, but being willing to own up to those mistakes and allow ourselves to learn from them is the only way I can think of that you can keep your past from controlling you.
4. *Define their strengths.* - When I read this, the first thing that came to mind was spiritual gifts. While it's hard for most people to admit that they are good at something without being boastful, you can still admit you're good at something while still being humble about it.
5. *Define their weaknesses.* - For those who have their strengths clearly defined, it's hard to know what you're not good at. But knowing your weaknesses is as equally important to knowing your strengths. And it's a sign of a humble heart as well.
6. *Understand their goals.* - For some people, finding your goal or purpose in life is a hard one. But without first examining yourself and defining the other things in this list, I'd say it's nearly impossible. As for me I just know where I am in life, and I know that I'm going to do the best that I can with what I've got.

If you need help seeing these things for yourself, well, you're reading this in a room full of people who care about you. Pull someone aside and just start the conversation. You'll be surprised what God has in store for you!!!

- Zach

**KITCHEN SHOWER**

Please remember to shower our church kitchen with the new/refreshed items it and its workers need. The wish list and a container for your gifts is located at the Information Station. Questions? Ask Jenny.

