

Prayer List

Debbie Caldwell, Joy Glass, Jake Hanna, Michael Hatcher, Cory Hillman, Bobby King, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Chris Stout.

- Lynn Parr (neighbor of the Simmons) had surgery this past week for thyroid cancer
- Chester Finley (friend of Brian Carver) has pancreatic cancer. He is in the hospital in Cookeville and not doing well

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, Dec. 28	22/22/22
	Wednesday, Dec. 31	25
Offering	Sunday, Dec. 28	\$1,002.14

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Jay Caldwell

Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Brian Carver
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lords Supper & Contribution	Barry Simmons
Assisting	Lance Green
Closing Prayer	James Hutton

Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	Lance Green
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	David Snyder
Closing Prayer	Brian Carver

Wednesday Night

Songs	Jay Caldwell
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	James Hutton

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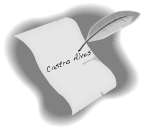
Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
 Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen **GOD'S FAMILY**

For the past few months, we have been blessed to have visitors on almost every Sunday. How edifying it is to be able to meet new people who want to hear and study God's Word. Several of our visitors have attended multiple services with us and we have been able to develop new friendships with them. As I speak with individuals who visit us, one word has been heard over and over — family. Almost all of the people who have visited us since this congregation began tell me how welcoming the family atmosphere is here. What a wonderful and greatly appreciated compliment! We are thankful for our visitors and want always to offer a warm, comfortable, and friendly welcome.

God is glorified when visitors can see and enjoy the familial relationship that exists between God and His children as well as the brotherly relationship that exists between the Christians who meet together. The Bible teaches that those who are “in Christ” (Eph. 2:13) are “fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the *household of God*” (Eph. 2:19). One can become a child of God, a member of God's family, through obedience to the Gospel of Christ which culminates in water baptism. “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been *baptized into Christ* have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:26-27). Those who are baptized into Christ are also baptized into Christ's Church, since the Church is Christ's body (Eph. 1:22-23). Thus we conclude that the family of God are those who are added by God to his Church (Acts 2:47). Paul told Timothy, “These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the *house of God*,

which is the *church* of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:14-15).

We preach and practice the truth of God's Word so that God and His kingdom, the Church, be glorified. God invites all men to become a member of His family. One is added to the family the same way today as those who lived in the first century. One must hear the life saving message (Rom. 10:17) and allow the truth to prick their hearts (Acts 2:37). Once an individual believes what he has heard, he must repent of his past sins (Luke 13:3), confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Acts 8:37), and be baptized in order to have his past sins washed away (Acts 22:16). This is the same plan of salvation preached by the apostles when the Church was established. “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). If you are not yet a member of God's family, God's invitation is opened for you. If you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know. We love our visitors and rejoice with the angels each time another soul is added to the household of God (Luke 15:7-10).

— *Brad Green*

Announcements

We will have our monthly fellowship meal today.

There will be a men's meeting after the meal.

The church of Christ

- Built by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18)
- Purchased by Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28)
- Established on the first Pentecost after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)
- Jesus is the Head (Colossians 1:18)
- The Bible is her only doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3)
- God adds those being saved to the church (Acts 2:47; Mark 16:16)
- Jesus will present the church to His Father (Ephesians 5:27)
- There is only one church (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:4; Ephesians 1:22-23)

The Gospel Plan of Salvation

- **HEAR** the word of God; the Bible (Romans 10:17)
- **BELIEVE** the word of God and that Jesus is Lord (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6)
- **REPENT** of sin (Acts 17:30)
- **CONFESS** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33)
- **BE BAPTIZED** in order to receive remission of sins (Acts 2:38); in order to have past sins washed away (Acts 22:16); in order to get into the body of Christ, the church (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:47); in order to be saved (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Peter 3:21)
- **LIVE FAITHFULLY** in accordance with God's word (1 John 1:6-9; Revelation 2:10)