

MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FAMILY NEWS

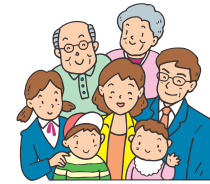
Mountain Grove, MO 65711

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WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Sunday:

9:00 AM **Bible Study**
10:00 AM **Worship**
11:15 AM **Assembly**(No Communion)

Tuesday:

10:00 AM **Ladies Class**

Wednesday:

7:00 PM **Bible Study**

Thursday:

6:00 PM **Men's Class**

Announcements: Max Schmollinger
Scripture Reader: Wyatt Hicks
Minister: Keith B. Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:

9:00 A.M. **Brent LeBaron**
10:00 A.M. **Phil Driskill**
Jeremiah Hicks
11:15 A.M. **Max Schmollinger**
Jesse Howard

Wednesday:

David Grow
Phil Driskill

SONG LEADERS

Sunday: 10 A.M. **Richard Sciba**
11:15 A.M. **David Grow**
Wednesday: **Wyatt Hicks**

THE LORD'S TABLE

Preside: **Kevin Cozort**
Assist: **Jude Hicks**
David Grow
Tim Nicks

LET US SERVE

Communion Prep **Linda LeBaron**
Flowers: **Carolyn Turner**

USHER/GREETER

Sunday: 10 AM **Larry Turner**
11:15 **Ronnie Deaton**
Wednesday: **Tim Nicks**

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Last Week:

Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2): 41, 59, 50
Wednesday 31
Contribution \$2583.00

NEED A RIDE?

Sunday: **Richard Sciba** 926-6416
Wed: **Phil Driskill** 259-4359

WELCOME! It is a delight to have you with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitors card & place it in the collection plate or leave it on the pew.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Others: Bonnie Stephens; Charles Robinson

(Lois' brother); **John Bergfels** (local mechanic); **Joe Wyrick** (Linda's brother); **Christin Cook** (Deborah's family); **Mr. Graham** (Paytent's family); **Phyllis Coffman**; **Wayne Crosby** (health issues); **Mike & Betty Lane** (Tucker's friends); **Byron Frisbee** (James' family); **Stephanie Turner** (cancer) **Gene Bridges** (Curry St. member). **Crystal Lockhart** (Howard family).

Our Family: **Terry LeBaron**; **Bridget Hicks**; **Russell Robertson**; **Tinzie Mackey**; **Lori Lathrom**; **Dwain Murphy**; **Sheila Deaton**; **Buddy & Annette McCarty**; **Lois Schmollinger**; **Effie Hicks**. Please contact Cheryl with any updates (417-349-2419).

OUR MILITARY: **Derek Davis** New Mexico, **Dusty Deaton** Arkansas

PRIVILEGED TO SUPPORT: On-line Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS); The Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM); Global School of Biblical Studies; Shaddy Chapel; Brent Green; Tyler Bird; David Bass; Levi Hicks.

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you! Please silence all electronics. Children, no running, please!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*April 14th - Mental Health Seminar ends today; potluck following

*April 20th - Hiking at Ha Ha Tonka State Park. Sign up sheet in foyer.

Meet at the park by 11:00 AM for lunch, group hiking afterwards.

A caravan leaves from the building at 9:00.

*April 21st - Youth-led services, Men's meeting - 1:00, sack lunch

*May 18th - Work day at the building.

THANK YOU! To brother and sister Martin for coming our way. Brother Martin, the lessons have been exactly what we needed. May God bless your efforts in the kingdom!

CONDOLENCES: Lehman Stephens passed away April 6th.

PANTRY ITEM: Macaroni and/or rice. Thank - you!

GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE US: Hear the word - Rom. 10:17; Believe Jesus is the Son of God - Jn. 8:24; Repent of sin - Acts 17:30; Confess Jesus before men - Rom. 10:9,10; Be Immersed for the remission of sin - Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Be Faithful unto death - Rev. 2:10.

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love,
in honor giving preference to one another;

Romans 12:10



ARE YOU USEFUL FOR THE MASTER?

When Paul wrote to Timothy, he affirmed individuals can be “sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work” (2 Tim. 2:21 ^{NKJV}). Obviously, Christians should desire to be useful to God.

Such desire is both noble and natural. It is noble because it provides us with a legitimate purpose in life. We should serve others; we should help others.

Those who live in this manner do not act “through selfish ambition or conceit” but rather with consideration “for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:3-4). They are not trying to make a name for themselves. They are not trying to gain an advantage.

Instead, those who are “useful for the Master” treat others as they wish to be treated (Matt. 7:12). Selflessness abounds. Their efforts are spent in service to a greater cause.

The pursuit of this sort of usefulness is natural because it accords with our role as God’s “workmanship” (Eph. 2:10).

Because we have been “created in Christ Jesus for good works” (verse 10), we must be “doers of the word, and not hearers only” (Jam. 1:22). We exist to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Nothing could be more natural.

To be “useful for the Master,” we must both help those who are in need and actively maintain our purity (Jam. 1:27). To be doctrinally right and morally pure is not enough.

We cannot keep our religion safe in the confines of our church buildings. We cannot reserve the message of Jesus for those who happen to visit our assemblies.

Like Jesus, who crossed the Sea of Galilee to help one poor soul who was afflicted by demons (cf. Mark 5:1-20), we must go to places where we are uncomfortable to reach those who are seeking.

This may mean crossing the street to invite a neighbor to a Bible study. It may mean going across town to volunteer in a homeless shelter or crisis pregnancy center. It may mean talking to your coworkers during the day. It may mean giving an extra contribution to support a missionary effort.

According to Paul, the one who is “useful to the Master” must be morally pure (2 Tim. 2:22), doctrinally mature (verse 23), and must deal with others in a humble, gentle manner (verses 24-26). All three components are necessary for true usefulness to exist.

Those who are morally pure but doctrinally immature tend to be self-righteous. Those who are doctrinally mature but morally debased are hypocritical. Those who lack patience and kindness when dealing with others, even if they are morally pure and doctrinally mature, harm the cause of Christ. Growth in each area is needed.

The church needs every member to seek to be “useful for the Master.” We do not all have the same abilities or the same responsibilities (cf. 1 Cor. 12:12-31). We will not all be “vessels of gold” (2 Tim. 2:20), but we can all do our part!

Are you useful?

~Chad Ramsey, Centered On Christ blog (Slightly edited - cac)

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

(Ephesians 4:15-16 NKJV)