

MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FAMILY NEWS

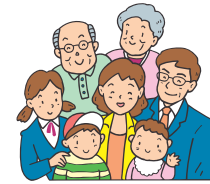
Mountain Grove, MO 65711

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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: Ronnie Deaton

Scripture Reader: Wyatt Hicks

Minister: Keith B. Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:

9:00 A.M.

Phil Driskill

10:00 A.M.

Brent LeBaron

Kevin Cozort

11:15 A.M.

Jeremiah Hicks

Brian Sherrell

Wednesday:

Phil Driskill

David Grow

SONG LEADERS

Sunday: 10 A.M.

David Grow

11:15 A.M.

Richard Sciba

Wednesday:

Wyatt Hicks

THE LORD'S TABLE

Preside:

Phil Driskill

Assist:

Jeremiah Hicks

Max Schmollinger

Brian Sherrell

LET US SERVE

Communion Prep: **Donna Driskill**

Flowers:

Jessica LeBaron

USHER/GREETER

Sunday: 10 AM

Tim Nicks

11:15

Jesse Howard

Wednesday:

Terry LeBaron

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Last Week:

Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2): 44, 66, 49

Wednesday 46

Contribution \$1898.00

NEED A RIDE?

Sunday: **Phil Driskill** 259-4359

Wed: **Terry LeBaron** 259-3261

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us in worship today. If you are a visitor, please fill out a Visitors card & place it in the collection plate or leave it on the pew. You are our honored guests!

WORKS WE ARE 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; Coby Hicks, Levi Hicks, David Bass (Instructor at the Jamaica School of Preaching).

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you!
Please silence all electronics. Children, please walk!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*September 1st - Potluck today, Youth Class resumes at 1:00

*September 7th - Ladies' Friends/Family luncheon at noon in Annex. Food sign up sheet and invitations are in the foyer.

*September 20th-22nd - Gospel meeting with Josh Romo from Fordland. Topics: **The Kingdom in Prophecy; The Kingdom at Hand; The Kingdom - A Reality; The Kingdom's Mission; The Kingdom Delivered.** There's a meal sheet in the foyer to feed his family of 4. Please sign up!

*September 22nd - Potluck to end our meeting.

REDEDICATION: Sister Bridget Hicks came forward Wednesday night seeking forgiveness and prayers to be the right example to family and friends in her everyday walk.

BIBLE BOWL QUESTIONS: Teachers, please give Keith 3-5 questions, not already included in our lesson's questions, by TODAY.

FLOAT TRIP: September 8th - Bring your family a meal to eat at the building beforehand and whatever snacks/foods needed while floating or for later. There is no cookout afterwards this year. Please remember to dress modestly for this excursion. Please let Phil know if you plan to participate.

PANTRY ITEM: Small bags of sugar, Kool-aid. Thank - you!

THE BIBLE SAYS: HEAR, BELIEVE, REPENT, CONFESS AND BE BAPTIZED. HAVE YOU OBEYED?

GODLY FEAR

One of the biggest problems in today's society is the fact that we are no longer embarrassed by sin. In fact, we are actually proud of our sins just like in Jeremiah's day (Jere. 6:15). So many people will say, "Only God can judge me" as if that's a good thing. They assume God is just their "friend" and will not bestow wrath on them, when in reality, they ought to fear His judgment because they are

living in sin. I believe this is where the majority of our problems stem from today, the lack of fear toward God. We are told multiple times in scripture to fear God, (Heb. 4:1), **"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it."** But what does it mean to fear God? Does it mean that we stop loving God or stop recognizing the loving nature of God? Absolutely not. However, there is a good kind of fear. If you look at how fear is used in scripture you will quickly learn "fear" is not always talking about being scared, but is also used in referring to respect or honor as in Hebrews 12:28-29: **"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire."** Although the word fear is used here, it is paired with the word reverence. Why? Because truly godly fear goes hand in hand with humility and reverence. That is exactly why the writer reminds them of the power of God in the next verse by saying, "Our God is a consuming fire." See, if we truly know the power of God we would want to show Him respect. Therefore, in recognizing the power of God we will show reverence and fear toward Him.

Now that we have looked at the term fear when referring to honor, let us look at when it is used in a different way as in Hebrews 10:30-31: **"For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, the Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."** Here the word fear is referring to being scared or afraid. The question to ask is, why? Why is it a fearful thing to fall into the hands of God? If you look at what the writer is talking about in the previous verse, it is revenge or "vengeance." Those who will reap vengeance are those who sowed wickedness. **"He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail"** (Prov. 22:8), and (Job 4:8-9). Therefore as it is used in this sense, the only ones who need fear are those who have done wickedly. Those same people we mentioned before who try to justify their sins by saying, "Only God can judge me" are the very ones who need to fear the judgment of God! For those who have lived righteously, the judgment of God will

be a joyous occasion because their labors will be rewarded. (1 Cor. 15:57-58). Now that we have looked at what it means to "fear God" we must look at the consequences of NOT fearing God. If we do not fear God and respect Him, then the consequence is the destruction of our souls. That is why the book of Matthew tells us to fear God and not man. Man can only kill the physical body, but God has control over the soul. **"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"** (Matt. 10:28). In conclusion, fearing God means to respect Him and be afraid of His coming judgment upon wicked doings. If we do not fear God, we will pay the ultimate price, which is eternal damnation of our souls.

~Avery Hackney, Curry St. Bulletin, Vol. 31, No. 14, April 2, 2017 (Slightly edited - cac)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kim Brickner - recovering
Tinzie Mackey
Carolyn Turner - surgery in Nov.
Dwain & Sue Murphy - recovering from surgery
Russel Robertson - awaiting surgery on hand
Sheila Deaton
Buddy & Annette McCarty
Lois Schmollinger
Ann Newton - surgery in Nov.
Effie Hicks

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

David Mackey - surgery last week
Matt Coble - transplant needed
William & Debbie Harris (James' family)
Phyllis Coffman at home. (Please send cards)
Edna Miller (Bonnie's friend)
Richard Green (Zayne's grandpa)
Robert Hart (Ann's family)
Bill Yarber
Joe Wyrick - (Linda's brother)
Christin Cook & Cody Allen - (Deborah's family)
Mr. Graham - (Paytent's family)
Wayne Crosby
Mike & Betty Lane - (Tucker's friends)
Virl Deaton
Kathy Parrish - (Howard's family)
Dallas Samson - (Peterson employee)
John Bergfels - (Local mechanic)

MILITARY

Derek Davis family- New Mexico
Dusty Deaton family - Arkansas