

MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FAMILY NEWS

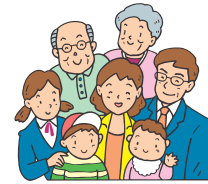
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WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

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: Jude Hicks

Minister: Keith B. Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:

9:00 A.M. **Jeremiah Hicks**
10:00 A.M. **Terry LeBaron**
Richard Sciba
11:15 A.M. **Brian Sherrell**
David Grow

Wednesday:

Tim Nicks
Jesse Howard

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): 48, 68, 43
Wednesday 30
Contribution \$2182.00

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 22nd - Gospel meeting with Josh Romo from Fordland.

Today's topics: **The Kingdom - A Reality; The Kingdom's Mission; The Kingdom Delivered.** Please make plans to stay for all three lessons and join us for a meal afterwards.

*September 25th - 2nd Bible Bowl. ICE CREAM AFTER.

*September 29th - Levi Hicks preaching.

*October 2nd - Singing

*October 19th - Ladies' Day

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS: There are several meetings going on, please check the bulletin board for details. Let's support as many as we can. "Wherever the gospel is being preached, that is the most important thing happening in that location at that time!" (Paul Meacham, Jr.).

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Sherrell phone number: 417-259-9663. Wyatt Hicks phone number: 417-259-9019.

LADIES' DAY PREPARATION - Please sign the sheet in the foyer for all the ways you are willing to assist for our special day. Fliers will be mailed this week to area congregations.

PANTRY ITEM: Jello Gelatin. Thank - you!

GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE US: HEAR - Romans 10:17; BELIEVE Jesus is the Son of God - John 8:24; REPENT of sins - Acts 17:30; CONFESS Jesus before men - Romans 10:9-10; BE IMMersed in water - Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16; BE FAITHFUL until death - Revelation 2:10. HAVE YOU OBEYED?

Conquering Self: Our most difficult battle in life is to conquer ourselves. We conquer self by becoming godly, honorable, fair, and loving to all. Hold on strong and don't give up on God and on life. Keep going forward and upward. Do something today to make yourself a better person and your world a better world. Fight hard for God, for your family, and for yourself. Have your mind set to never give up. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." (2 Peter 3:18). With God's help, I will conquer!
~ Charles Box (Bulletin Digest, 9/10/2024)

Is the Kingdom Coming?

Some people claim that Christ will return to earth to set up His kingdom and begin reigning on earth. However, they overlook one important fact: He set up His kingdom long ago. He has already been reigning almost two thousand years!

In Mark 9:1, Jesus told His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." Jesus clearly told them that the kingdom would come very soon within the lifetime of some of the people who were standing there. Later, all of those people died, and they've been dead for many centuries. So, the coming of the kingdom cannot be a future event.

In Colossians 1:13, Paul said this about God: "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love." This clearly shows that the kingdom of Christ had already been established before Paul wrote Colossians. In the first century, he and every Christian had already been "conveyed" (transferred) into the kingdom of Christ. Therefore, we know that the kingdom came soon after the words of Jesus in Mark 9:1, and before the words of Paul in Colossians 1:13. Every person who obeys the Gospel becomes a citizen of His kingdom (Philippians 3:20), a member of His body, the church (Colossians 1:18; Galatians 3:26-27).

There is no need to guess when the kingdom of Christ came. Acts 2 shows that the kingdom came with power in Jerusalem on the Jewish day of Pentecost. Three thousand people obeyed the Gospel that day! That was the beginning of the church, the kingdom of Christ.

Will Christ come again? Yes! Acts 1:11 declares that He will come again. However, the Bible does not teach that He will live on earth and reign from an earthly headquarters. Some men use Revelation 20 to teach that He will come to earth to reign. Yet, if you search Revelation 20 carefully, you will see that it says nothing about Christ coming to earth.

The kingdom has already been established. Christ is now reigning as King. When He returns, all Christians, living and dead, will be taken up into the clouds "...to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). The return of Christ will not be a time for setting up a kingdom on earth. It will be a time for removing His kingdom from the earth and giving it to God. "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father..." (1 Corinthians 15:24).

We should certainly look for the kingdom, but we should not try to look into the future to find it. The kingdom of Christ is His church. When we have found His church, we have found His kingdom!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

David Mackey - recovering
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)
Wayne Crosby
Mike & Betty Lane - (Tucker's friends)
Virl Deaton
Dallas Samson - (Peterson employee)
John Bergfels - (Local mechanic)

MILITARY

Derek Davis family- New Mexico
Dusty Deaton family - Arkansas