

MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FAMILY NEWS

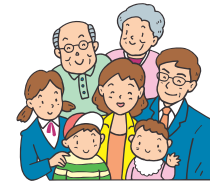
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WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

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: Logan Howard

Preacher: Keith B. Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:

9:00 A.M. **Phil Driskill**
10:00 A.M. **Kevin Cozort**
Jeremiah Hicks
11:15 A.M. **Brian Sherrell**
Jesse Howard

Wednesday:

Richard Sciba
David Grow

SONG LEADERS

Sunday: 10 A.M. **David Grow**
11:15 A.M. **Terry LeBaron**

Wednesday: **Kevin Cozort**

THE LORD'S TABLE

Preside: **Brent LeBaron**
Assist: **Logan Howard**
Tim Nicks
Jude Hicks

LET US SERVE

Communion Prep: **Donna Driskill**
Flowers: **Linda LeBaron**

USHER/GREETER

Sunday: 10 AM **Larry Turner**
11:15 **Brent LeBaron**
Wednesday: **Phil Driskill**

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Last Week:

Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2): 14, 26, 25
Wednesday 30
Contribution \$1600.00

NEED A RIDE?

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

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:

*January 19th - Guest Speaker, Levi Hicks - 10:00 AM, Youth Speaking for 2nd Assembly, Sack lunch, men's meeting 1:00

PANTRY ITEMS: Chicken and tuna (canned or packets). Thank you!

GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE US: HEAR-Rom. 10:17; **BELIEVE** - John 8:24; **REPENT**- Acts 17:30; **CONFESS** - Rom. 10:9-10; **BE IMMersed** - Acts 2:38; **REMAIN FAITH even in death** - Rev. 2:10. Have you obeyed?



PUNCTURE PROOF

You know, I like some of these new-fangled inventions. The puncture-proof tire is one I like especially well. If you are driving along with ordinary tires, and a nail goes through them — whis-s-sss you lose all the air. But a puncture-proof tire is different. If a nail goes through it, some stuff inside runs around and stops up the hole, and the air stays in.

You know the heart of a Christian is like this puncture-proof tire. An ordinary heart may be filled with love, but when someone does something to it, all the love runs out, and hatred and hard feelings take its place. But a puncture-proof heart is different. It is filled with the spirit of Christ, and when someone through words or deeds punctures that heart, immediately the hole is stopped up tight, and the love stays in.

~Marshall Keeble

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ann Newton- at James River Rehab
Terry LeBaron - surgery Jan. 28th
Carolyn Turner
Sheila Deaton
Tintie Mackey - stomach virus
Buddy & Annette McCarty
Lois Schmollinger
Effie Hicks

Our School of Evangelism plans
and participation

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Bryan Mackey family - There will
be a Memorial service later.
Tammy McCarty - fell and broke
her shoulder and ribs
Ruby Bradd - 4th round of cancer
Aiden Jones' mother Alicia, thyroid
surgery, friend of Deborah
Diana Short, local hairdresser
Sam Kelley - wound vac still in use
Holly Richardson - home with
wound vac (Cozorts friend)
Wanda Gralike - (Lois's sister)
Jodee Sherrell's family: William
and Lavone Wood - she fell and
broke her hip, & Carla Elkhorn &
daughters
Ivey Powell - cancer treatments
Leanna Coats Shafer - home
Matt Coble
Deborah Allen's family: Christin
Cook, Cody Allen, & grandchildren
Phyllis Coffman
Edna Miller (Bonnie's friend)
Zayne Green's grandfathers
Robert Hart (Ann's family)
Bill Yarber
Joe Wyrick (Linda's brother)
Wayne Crosby
Mike & Betty Lane (Tucker's
friends)
Virl Deaton
Dallas Samson (Peterson's
employee - back at work!)

MILITARY FAMILIES:

Derek Davis family - New Mexico
Dusty Deaton family - Arkansas

OUTBACK RELIGION

Outback Steakhouse is a pretty good choice if you want a good steak and baked potato. By now you've probably heard their advertisements on the radio and television. After making the pitch for their product, the announcer, in his Australian brogue, says "Outback Steakhouse. No rules. Just right."

That sounds great, doesn't it? There is some appeal to a place where there aren't any rules or restrictions and no matter what, everything turns out all right. One day, it dawned on me that many people have "Outback Religion." When it comes to their relationship with God, they want it to be "No rules. Just right." They want to be able to come to God on their own terms and yet have Him welcome them just the same.

More and more it seems, we find people who find comforting the thought of having a meaningful relationship with God but who are unwilling to follow the rules. I suppose it has always been so, that many wanted God on their terms, but it has always been true that Jehovah has never allowed man to call the shots or make the rules. Either we come to Him as He wills, or we don't come at all.

When I claim a relationship with God, but I want to keep my bad habits, ungodly practices and sinful relationships, then, I'm looking for Outback Religion. However, God does have "rules," and here are three things to remember about them.

1. "The rules" are God's. The natural tendency is to "kill the messenger," but we must realize that if one is speaking the Truth, he is only a messenger of the will of God. Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15 NKJV). To be sure, making our own religious rules is a violation of God's will (Revelation 22:18), but it is just as wrong to ignore God's law (Revelation 22:19).

2. "The rules" are for our good. Ultimately, what God requires of us is in our best interest. Throughout the centuries of His dealing with mankind, God has neither forbidden something good for man nor has He required something harmful.

3. "The rules" will judge us. Whether we live by them or not, we will be eternally judged by the will of God. Jesus said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

When we submit ourselves wholly to living by the will of God, He cleanses us of our sins (1 John 1:7-9). Or, you might say that when we live by God's rules, He makes us just right!

~ Keith Kasarjian, Gospel Gazette Online, Vol. 26, Number 3, March 2024