

MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FAMILY NEWS

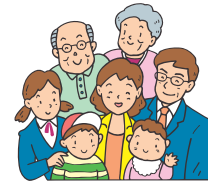
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WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

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: Max Schmollinger

Scripture Reader: Jude Hicks

Preacher: Keith B. Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:

9:00 A.M. **Phil Driskill**
10:00 A.M. **Brent LeBaron**
Tim Nicks
11:15 A.M. **Brian Sherrell**
Kevin Cozort

Wednesday:

David Grow
Phil Driskill

SONG LEADERS

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. **Kevin Cozort**
11:15 A.M. **Richard Sciba**

Wednesday: **Wyatt Hicks**

THE LORD'S TABLE

Preside: **Richard Sciba**
Assist: **Wyatt Hicks**
Jesse Howard
Ronnie Deaton

LET US SERVE

Communion Prep: **Cheryl Cozort**
Flowers: **Linda LeBaron**

USHER/GREETER

Sunday: 10:00 **Danny Lathrom**
11:15 **Tim Nicks**
Wednesday: **Richard Sciba**

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Last Week:

Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2):40, 56, 45
Wednesday 16
Contribution \$1498.00

NEED A RIDE?

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

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!

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?

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:

*February 23rd - Bridal shower for Addison Sherrell. 2:00 pm in the Annex. All ladies and young ladies invited. Please bring a recipe for Addison.

*March 2nd - Potluck and Youth Class

*March 7th - 9th - West 160 in West Plains is having a meeting with Jeff Miller entitled, "In The Way He Should Go: Rearing Children With The Bible." We hope to have a flier soon. Our young families, especially, should plan to attend.

TEACHERS NEEDED: Please sign up for next quarter's classes. As of now there's only one class covered on Sunday and two on Wednesday.

NEW FAMILY - We have a new Christian family that will be joining us soon, Matt and Liz Lawrence and children: Grace and Jacob. Their first Sunday with us will be March 2nd. They are renting from the LeBarons and he will be working at S&H. A Welcome Basket will be given. If you would like to contribute, please see Jessica for more details. She needs the items before that Sunday.

PANTRY ITEMS: Sugar, brownie mixes. Thank you!



Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; ² How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

³ For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; ⁴ Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵ And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Bonnie Wolfe
Tim Nicks - shoulder issues
Ann Newton
Terry LeBaron
Barb Reed
Carolyn Turner
Ronnie Deaton
Sheila Deaton
Tinzie Mackey
Buddy & Annette McCarty
Lois Schmollinger
Effie Hicks

Our School of Evangelism plans
and participation

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Larry Hicks - Jeremiah's Dad
Betty Strain - Tim's Mother
Phyllis Coffman - Hartville Nursing
home
Madison Cozort
Larry Gray - Cheryl's uncle, knee
replacement - improving
Ruby Bradd - 4th round of cancer
Don Gralike - (Lois's brother-in-
law. Kidney stone surgery)
Jodee Sherrell's family: William
and Lavone Wood & Carla Elkhorn
& daughters
Deborah Allen's family: Christin
Cook, Cody Allen, & grandchildren
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)
Viril Deaton

MILITARY FAMILIES:

Derek Davis family - New Mexico
Dusty Deaton family - Arkansas

THE ZEALOUS CHRISTIAN

The term "zeal" is not often used in our language today. It is, however, a very important part of the attitude and outlook of the Christian. Zeal is described by Webster's Dictionary as, "enthusiastic, diligent devotion in pursuit of a cause, ideal, or goal." Thus it has to do with the way in which we perform the works of Christianity and the attitude that motivates our actions.

Though zeal is very important, it can also be the wrong type of zeal. Paul described the Jews of his day by stating, "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Rom. 10:2). Paul asserts that these individuals are very zealous in their belief in God, but that zeal is not supported by knowledge. Though these people believe earnestly in God, they have not accepted His new covenant, or the sending of Christ on their behalf.

There are many in the religious world today which fit the very same billing. They are very zealous in their belief that there is a God, and even in the fact that Jesus Christ died for their sins, but their zeal is misplaced because of a lack of knowledge. Sincerity and zeal are not enough to compensate for a lack of truth and understanding; all elements must be present in order for an individual to be acceptable to God.

There are also those who, though their zeal may have originally been misplaced, take hold of opportunities afforded them to learn the truth and use that zeal in the proper manner. The preacher Apollos is an ideal example of such. He is zealously proclaiming the baptism of John when one first reads of him in Acts 18:24-26. When Aquila and Priscilla hear his preaching they take him aside, study with him, and he begins to preach Christ. He then uses that same zeal to proclaim Christ throughout the regions around him. Zeal may originally be misplaced but it can be refocused in the right direction.

What about the Christian's zeal? It is unfortunate to see many in the Lord's church today who do not have a zeal for God and His Word. It seems as though the things they do of a spiritual nature are done simply out of routine and responsibility rather than fervent desire. This was the problem for the church in Ephesus, for they were doing the right things, but had left their first love (Rev. 2:1-7). But such does not have to be the case. Paul found great zeal in the church at Corinth. He wrote: "For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many" (2 Cor. 9:2). Not only did Corinth have zeal, but that zeal was contagious among those which heard of it and saw it in use.

Brethren, we must be zealous for the Lord's church. We must have a zeal driven by knowledge and understanding, not just of our own situation, but of the eternal destiny of many in this world if we fail to reach them. Zeal is something that can grow and prosper in every single Christian if it is not beaten back by the fears, cares, and desires of this world.

Are we a zealous people? Are we ones who are willing to be bold in presenting Christ and are thankful for who we serve? Our eternal relationship with God is predicated upon our willingness to complete His will with zeal and love: let us always fulfill that responsibility.

~Adam Cozort, Cozort's Contemplations, January 26, 2012