MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 411 W. First Street/P.O. Box 321, Mtn. Grove, MO 65711, 417-926-4982

FAMILY NEWS - AUGUST 3, 2025

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY 9:00 AM; WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM; **WORSHIP**: SUNDAY - 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM
Ladies Class - Tuesday 10:00 AM; Men's Class - Thursday 6:00 PM (on hiatus until Fall)
www.mountaingrovechurchofchrist.com and www.MGChristianRadio.com

Announcements: Richard Sciba
Scripture Reader: Owen LeBaron
Preacher: Keith B. Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:
9:00 A.M. **Brent LeBaron**
10:00 A.M. **Jeremiah Hicks**
David Grow
11:15 A.M. **Brent LeBaron**
Kevin Cozort

Wednesday: **Terry LeBaron**
Richard Sciba

SONG LEADERS

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. **Kevin Cozort**
11:15 A.M. **David Grow**
Wednesday: **Wyatt Hicks**

THE LORD'S TABLE

Preside: **Terry LeBaron**
Assist: **Ronnie Deaton**
Jace Howard
Brent LeBaron

USHER

Sunday: 10:00 **Danny Lathrom**
11:15 **Jeremiah Hicks**
Wednesday: **Richard Sciba**

NEED A RIDE?

Sunday: **Terry LeBaron** 259-3261
Wed: **Richard Sciba** 926-6416

LET US SERVE

Communion Prep: **Kazuko Tucker**
Flowers: **Sandy Peterson**

AUGUST 3

Greeters: Wyatt/Addison Hicks
Pew Greeters: Richard/Ruby Sciba
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
Visitor Bags: Julian LeBaron

AUGUST 10

Greeters: Wyatt/Addison Hicks
Pew Greeters: Phil/Donna Driskill
Brent/Jessica LeBaron
Visitor Bags: Jace Howard

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Week of July 27th
Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2):61, 68, 50
Wednesday 31
Contribution $2648.00

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us in worship today. If you are a visitor YOU are our honored guests!

GOD'S PLAN: 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 church of Christ; Brent Green; Coby 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:
*Aug. 3rd - Potluck, Youth event at 2:00, pickle ball (young-at-heart welcome also). Please bring water & chairs, some snacks will be provided
*Aug. 6th - Finish assembling packets for the festival after class
*Aug. 8th - 9th - Heritage Festival Booth. Please sign sheet in foyer.
*Aug. 17th - 1st sermon: Jeremiah Hicks, 2nd: Young men speaking, Sack lunch, Men's meeting
*Aug. 24th - Guest Speaker: Brent Green
*Sept. 7th - Guest Speaker: Coby Hicks
*Sept. 12th - 14th - **Soldiers of Christ Arise**, lectureship with the Staff & Students from Bible Institute of Missouri

HERITAGE FESTIVAL: By Friday morning we need **coolers with wheels**. Please leave in the annex.

THANK YOU! For each of you that make everything "work" and "look good" around here - you are greatly appreciated.

PANTRY ITEMS: Canned beans, canned tomatoes. Thank you!

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The Wrong Church

A minister was approached by a man who expressed a desire to become a member of the church. The man said, however, that he was rather busy. "I do not want to be called upon for any service such as benevolence work, visitation, or teaching a Bible class. I would like to be spared from anything that would take my time. Then, too, do not expect me to be in worship very often. And when I do attend, my giving will be rather limited as I have several other obligations." The minister thought for a moment and replied, "I believe you are at the wrong church. The church you are looking for is 3 blocks down the street." The man followed his directions and soon came to an old abandoned boarded-up church building. **It was a dead church, out of business**. ~Copied

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Dorothy Ramsey
Carolyn Turner - more tests
Dwain Murphy -procedure in August
Richard Sciba
Dorthy Robertson
Ann Newton
Sheila Deaton
Tinzie Mackey
Buddy & Annette McCarty
Effie Hicks

SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM: Currently there are studies underway. Please pray for their success.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Ann Lake - traveling
Wes Roberts - Cancer treatment (Susan's nephew's father-in-law)
Scarlett Hall - 10 year old girl in St. Louis hospital, swept into a culvert in Ava area
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister)
Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's sister)
Michael Claxton - improving (Sandy's friend)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's Dad)
Phyllis Coffman - Hartville Care Center
Madison Cozort
Jodee Sherrell's family: William and Lavone Wood (scheduled for surgery) & Carla Elkhorn & daughters
Deborah Allen's family: Christin Cook, Cody Allen, & grandchildren
Doroline Barnes - (Ann's family)
Joe Wyrick (Linda's brother)
Wayne Crosby
Mike & Betty Lane (Tucker's friends)
Virl & Alice Deaton

MILITARY FAMILIES:

Derek Davis family

IF THE LORD WILLS

There have always been times of upheaval (Isa. 17:12). Solomon expressed the Lord's words this way, "A time of war and a time of peace" (Ecc. 3:8). History reveals a cycle of good and bad, war and peace adversity and prosperity. You will remember that Daniel saw in a vision great conflict (Dan. 7:2). Jesus prophesied of "great tribulation" that his disciples would soon experience in their generation (Matt. 24:21), and said it would be the worst the world would ever see!

So, what should the follower of God understand about the ever-changing world? God is in control (Isa. 40:12, 15). Some may ask in difficult times: "If He is in control, then why must I face this?" Many ask why in the press of temptation. Can God control every storm? Yes, but just because He can, doesn't mean He will do so to our satisfaction. The words of James should always be invoked, "if the Lord wills" (Jam. 4:15). God's timing is perfect, He sees all things at once, all of earth's history and future are in His sight. All that He does has purpose, meaning, and reason (Isa. 55:9).

God's power and will created and maintains all (Job 26:14). He is upholding all things right now (Heb. 1:3). He's ruling in the kingdoms of men right now, and giving power to whom He chooses right now (Dan. 4:17). He is saving and making a way to save people right now [re: Christ (Heb. 1:3)]. Is the Lord your Shepherd (Psa. 23)? The substance of faith is knowing that God is and has worked through His creation for the good of His people throughout the ages. He promises to continue which should inform us to be content (Heb. 13:5). He created it and knows what it takes to run it.

God is neither dead nor is He just asleep. He is alive and working all things according to His will. When a Christian lives a prayerful life, he/she should accept the things of life – good and bad – with graceful confidence knowing God has all under control (Rom. 8:28). The twists and turns of life, He works to the good of His people. Should we worry? Jesus said not to (Matt. 6:25-32). Let Him do the worrying (1 Pet. 5:7). Some in the church worry about the church. Preachers, elders and others will spend time in worry over the things of the Kingdom which are not going as they would desire. Some of the largest blow-ups I've ever seen in the Lord's church were from those who didn't get their way. As Christians in whatever capacity we may work, understand we're working for the Master. We should do our best, pray, and trust His will be done.

Some sit in judgment of God. They seem to seek His job. I have a full-time job working to bring myself under the discipline and control of God. He does not need anything from me, but I need Him for everything. Trust Him! He acts at His pleasure, working to accomplish His will. If the Lord wills it to be done, then it will be done and done right. Remember the proverb, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

~David Hill, Bulletin: Vol. 47, July 27, 2025,
Northeast church of Christ, Cookeville, TN