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

FAMILY NEWS - SEPTEMBER 21, 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: Max Schmollinger
Scripture Reader: Logan Howard
Preacher: Keith Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:

9:00 A.M. **Jeremiah Hicks**
10:00 A.M. **Brent LeBaron**
Wyatt Hicks
11:15 A.M. **Brent LeBaron**
Max Schmollinger

Wednesday: **Terry LeBaron**
Jeremiah Hicks

SONG LEADERS

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. **Terry LeBaron**
11:15 A.M. **Richard Sciba**
Wednesday: **Logan Howard**

THE LORD'S TABLE

Preside: **Phil Driskill**
Assist: **Jeremiah Hicks**
Owen LeBaron
Brian Sherrell

USHER

Sunday: 10:00 **Ronnie Deaton**
11:15 **Terry LeBaron**
Wednesday: **Phil Driskill**

NEED A RIDE?

Sunday: **Phil Driskill** 259-5359
Wed: **Richard Sciba** 926-6416

LET US SERVE

Communion Prep: **Carolyn Turner**
Flowers: **Sue Murphy**

SEPTEMBER 21st

Greeters: Wyatt/Addison Hicks
Pew Greeters: Brent/Jessica LeBaron
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
Visitor Bags: Kimmy Hicks

SEPTEMBER 28th

Greeters: Richard/Ruby Sciba
Pew Greeters: Brent/Jessica LeBaron
Phil/Donna Driskill
Visitor Bags: Julian LeBaron

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Week of September 14th
Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2): 71, 83, 63
Wednesday 29
Contribution $3452.00

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, Jesse Howard, 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:

*Sept. 21st - Youth speaking, Sack lunch, Men's meeting 1:00
*Sept. 28th - Speakers: Brent LeBaron and David Grow
*Oct. 1st - Bible Bowl #2, dessert to follow
*Oct. 5th - Potluck
*Oct. 18th - Youth event hosted by Terry & Linda. Bar-B-Q and games. More details to come.

TEACHERS: Keith needs Bible Bowl questions for the second round by Wednesday, September 24th.

LECTURESHIP ROUND-UP - We had great attendance for our lectures. Thank you for everyone's assistance in providing refreshments. Remember to sign up with David if you wish to have copies of any lessons or the singing.

PANTRY ITEMS: Pasta and/or rice. Thank you!

LADIES - A gift basket will be prepared for our speaker, Holly McCormack. It was suggested we each contribute a small gift for the basket. See Jessica, Donna or Cheryl for ideas. Thank you!

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"Parenting (child rearing): the intentional process of preparing, promoting, instilling, and practicing behaviors that support the [1] physical, [2] emotional, [3] social, [4] intellectual, [5] character, [6] moral values, and [7] spiritual development of a child from birth (infancy) to adulthood. Therefore, parenting includes more than an authoritative biological relationship of having children."

~J.J. Turner, Parents, Wake Up!, © 2016 Publishing Designs, p. 58

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Lois Schmollinger
Dwain Murphy - saw neurologist, but still waiting
Dorthy Robertson - fall issues continue
Ann Newton
Sheila Deaton
Tinzie Mackey
Buddy & Annette McCarty
Effie Hicks - shut-in
SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Aaron Haddock - (LeBaron's worker is at home)
Tabitha Lamer (niece of Liz)
Kristen Easterling (works with Addison)
Avery Reed - baby in KC children's hospital (Her mother worked at the YMCA. Kevin received this request for prayers)
Roy Boykin - cancer treatment (friend of Tuckers)
Ann Lake - traveling
Wes Roberts - Cancer treatment (Susan's nephew's father-in-law)
Scarlett Hall - 10 year old girl from Ava - some improvements
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister)
Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's sister)
Michael Claxton - improving (Sandy's friend)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's Dad)
Phyllis Coffman
Madison Cozort
Jodee Sherrell's family: *William and Lavone Wood* (cancer surgery) & *Carla Elkhorn & daughters*.
Michelle Sherrell - recovering from surgery
Deborah Allen's family: *Christin Cook* - surgery, *Cody Allen, & grandchildren*
Joe Wyrick (Linda's brother)
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
Virl & Alice Deaton

MILITARY FAMILIES:
Derek Davis family

WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE IN HAWAII OR HEAVEN?

To the spiritually astute, the question appears to be a "no brainer." However, that might not necessarily be the case for those tethered to the world and its allurements. If the question had been posed to Lot's wife, she would have responded, Hawaii!– as she was so enmeshed with Sodom that she disobeyed God's holy command and was turned into a pillar of salt (Gen. 19:26). Even Eve, the mother of all living, chose expulsion from the Garden of Eden because she was beguiled by the evil one (Gen. 3:6). These women, along with countless others in the Scriptures, settled for temporary worldly pleasures and satisfactions rather than setting their heart and affections on things above (Col. 3:1-2). Paul's apostolic commands to "seek the heavenly" and "slay the earthly" are still sound, spiritual advice to inculcate in one's life and ministry.

It has been said that everybody wants to go to heaven, but not right now! This pithy statement reveals more about our carnal, self-absorbed focus than we care to confess. Paul's tearful observation of the grave mistake the Philippian Christians made along these lines is worthy of our attention:

> For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things (Phil. 3:18-19).

Many of the carnal-minded Christians suffered a downward spiral as evidenced in the aforementioned passage. We must take every precaution to ensure that we do not fall into this scheme or snare of the evil one. It is unfathomable to believe that we can become so tied, so intoxicated, so ensnared to this world that we have absolutely no desire or focus to prepare our minds and hearts to spend eternity with our heavenly Father. May God deliver us from such a horrible eternal catastrophe! The saving grace from this desperate situation is found in Paul's admonition that is reflected in Phil. 3:2:

> "For our citizenship is found in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;"

May we intentionally live, love, and serve God, storing up for ourselves treasures in heaven and thereby assuring that our heart will be there as well (Mt. 6:19-21). The operative word with regard to this whole proposition is CHOOSE! When we choose to obey our heavenly Father and serve him faithfully until death, heaven will be our home. Now that is an eternal winner all should seek!

~Bill Davis, FSOP 2019, Christianity & Patriotism, p. 287-289
(Slightly edited - cac)