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

FAMILY NEWS - SEPTEMBER 28, 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)
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Announcements: Max Schmollinger
Scripture Reader: Owen LeBaron
Preacher: Keith Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:

9:00 A.M. **Kevin Cozort**
10:00 A.M. **David Grow**
Richard Sciba
11:15 A.M. **Brian Sherrell**
Kevin Cozort

Wednesday: **Terry LeBaron**
Richard Sciba

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 28th

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

OCTOBER 5TH

Greeters: Wyatt/Addison Hicks
Pew Greeters: Richard/Ruby Sciba
Phil/Donna Driskill
Visitor Bags: Jace Howard

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Week of September 21st
Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2): 47, 58, 43
Wednesday 39
Contribution $4377.00

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. 28th - Speakers: Brent LeBaron and David Grow
*Oct. 1st - Bible Bowl #2, dessert to follow
*Oct. 5th - Potluck
*Oct. 25th - [Date change] Youth event hosted by Terry & Linda. Bar-B-Q, games and hayride. Sometime 4:00 pm or after.

LADIES - Please add your name to the committee list on the table in the foyer for our ladies day. By Wednesday the 8th we need a menu planned. Jessica has the flyer created. Please begin inviting people. We've already had a sister from another congregation ask Keith when we were having it. Our decorations will involve sunflowers. If you have something useful please let the decoration committee know.

Remember the gift basket will are preparing for our speaker, Holly McCormack. See Jessica, Donna or Cheryl for ideas. Any time between now and then you can give Donna your gifts to add. Thank you!

BAPTISM - Rachel Speagle, the young lady staying with the Sherrells for the past 2 months, was baptized last week while she was here. She was too shy to let all of you know.

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

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"Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy."

Revelation 3:3-4

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)
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 - additional new therapy
Jodee Sherrell's family: *William and Lavone Wood* (cancer surgery) & *Carla Elkhorn & daughters*.
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

When a Sinner Returns Home

God's clear plan for His family, the church, is for members to look out for each other. So clear is God's directive on our care for each other that the Holy Spirit guided the pen of Paul to write, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1). On another occasion, the half brother of Jesus penned, "Let him know, that he which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20). When fellow-Christians actively seek those who have gone astray, God will bless that effort with increase (cf. 1 Corinthians 3:6, 9), as He sees fit. When God gives increase and a sinner returns home, several wonderful things take place.

Firstly, when a sinner returns home God runs! Almost beyond our comprehension is the fact that the God of heaven would run to meet a penitent sinner. The narrative of the Prodigal Son shows this fact clearly. "And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him" (Luke 15:20). God is waiting, watching and willing that every erring child comes back to where he or she belongs (cf. 2 Peter 3:9)! If you are away from God, He is looking for you. When you make the first step back, God will run to meet you!

Secondly, when a sinner returns home angels rejoice. It thrills my soul to know that the heavenly host is interested in each and every penitent sinner. Sometimes when a Christian leaves God, he often thinks that no one even cares that he is away, but not so. Angels are waiting and preparing a heavenly celebration for those who come back to Christ. Jesus affirmed "…that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents…" (Luke 15:7). A few verses later the Lord related, "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents" (Luke 15:10). If you are away from the fellowship of God, come home today; the angels are waiting to celebrate your return.

Thirdly, when a sinner returns home, the family is reinforced. God's family, the church, is made weaker each time someone walks away from the faith. Conversely, the family of God is made stronger when a penitent sinner returns home. When a sinner returns home, another soldier is back in the fight (Ephesians 6:10ff), another runner is back in the race (Hebrews 12:1-3), another prayer is sent above (James 5:16) and another arm, hand or foot is restored to the body (1 Corinthians 12:12ff)! God's church needs every available person for the fight in which we find ourselves! There is never a time in this war, especially now, when we can afford to suffer any casualties! If you are away from the family of God, we need you and God needs you. Please come back home!

Someone recently told this author that if we restored every erring member, our buildings could not hold them all. While that situation is quite heartbreaking, it also should encourage us of the potential that lies ahead. How many are erring in the congregation where you worship? With how many have you pleaded to return? "Time is now passing, the moments are fleeting… come home, come home, ye who are weary come home!"

~Rodney Nulph, https://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2013/oct/page3.html