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

FAMILY NEWS - FEBRUARY 22, 2026

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY 9:00 AM; WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM; **WORSHIP**: SUNDAY - 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM

Ladies Class - Tuesday 10:00 AM

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WELCOME! If you are a visitor YOU are our honored guest!

REASONS TO PRAISE GOD

Peter's first letter is addressed to the "pilgrims" or "sojourners" dispersed over the world. The idea of sojourning in the New Testament "focuses on the believer's temporary 'sojourn' on earth as a passing, finite preparation for eternity in the consummated kingdom of heaven" (Renn 915). Our transformation from a vision limited to earth to one reaching toward Heaven gives all followers of Christ reasons to praise God.

We praise God because we are born of His mercy (1 Peter 1:3). Jesus told Nicodemus a man must be born again to see the kingdom of Heaven (John 3:1-7). That birth and the new life it produces occurs in the waters of baptism (Romans 6:3-4). Paul told Titus we experience the kindness and love of God, "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5 NKJV).

We praise God because we have a living hope (1 Peter 1:3). Our hope is alive because Jesus was raised from the dead by God's power (Romans 1:4). Paul reassured the Corinthian saints that the resurrection is real, describing Jesus as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death (1 Corinthians 15:20). Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins in His death. "To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation" (Hebrews 9:28).

The sacrifice of Jesus gives Christians a reason to praise God for their inheritance (1 Peter 1:4). Our inheritance is "reserved" or guarded and kept safe for us. No wonder Paul proclaimed, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" (Galatians 4:6-7).

Let us all devote every day to praising God!

Works Cited: Renn, Stephen D. Expository Dictionary of Bible Words. Carol Stream, IL: Hendrickson P., 2012.

~ Gary C. Hampton - https://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2023/May/page6.html

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Jeremiah Hicks**
SCRIPTURE READER - **Jace Howard**

PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. - **Phil Driskill**
10:00 A.M. - **Brian Sherrell**
Brent LeBaron
11:15 A.M. - **Kevin Cozort**
Jeremiah Hicks

WEDNESDAY - **Terry LeBaron**
Wyatt Hicks

SONG LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M. **- David Grow**
11:15 A.M. - **Terry LeBaron**
WEDNESDAY - **Richard Sciba**

SERVING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:
PRESIDE - **Richard Sciba**
ASSIST - **Ronnie Deaton**
ASSIST - **Logan Howard**
ASSIST - **Max Schmollinger**

USHERS:
SUNDAY AM1 - **Danny Lathrom**
SUNDAY AM2 - **Phil Driskill**
WEDNESDAY - **Jeremiah Hicks**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:
SUNDAY - **Richard Sciba -** 926-6416
WEDNESDAY - **Terry LeBaron -** 259-3261

BLESSED TO SERVE:
COMMUNION PREP -**Cheryl Cozort**
FLOWERS - **Linda LeBaron**

EVANGELISM PREP: February 22nd
GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS- **Phil/Donna Driskill**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Kenley LeBaron**

EVANGELISM PREP: March 1st
GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS- **Brent/Jessica LeBaron**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Logan Howard**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION
WEEK OF - February 15th
SUNDAY CLASS - 47
AM1 - 67
AM2 - 38
WEDNESDAY - 36
CONTRIBUTION - $2590.00

MILITARY SERVICE -
Derek Davis family

Pray for our evangelistic efforts!

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?**

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you! Please silence all electronics. Children, please walk!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*March 1st - Potluck, Youth Class at 1:00
*March 15th - Youth speaking, sack lunch, men's meeting
*April 12th - 15th - Our spring Gospel Meeting with Tyler Bird. His theme for the lessons: **Why We Teach What We Teach In The Lord's Church**. Mark your calendars now!

PANTRY ITEMS: Canned meat and/or peanut butter. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS
Bonnie Wolfe - homebound for 3-5 weeks
Carol Davis - (Tina's mother-in-law) fell, in hospital
Kathy Parrish - broke hip (Rachell's mother-in-law)
Bill Walker - (Terry's friend)
Steve Peterson - pancreatic cancer, stage 4
Darrell Cooper (Sue's brother) stage-4 liver cancer
Joe Wheat - (Deloris's husband) cancer
Tabitha Lamer - (Liz's niece) custody issues
Roy Boykin - (Tucker's friend) cancer
Wes Roberts - (Susan Taylor) cancer
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister), Joe & Sandy Wyrick - (Linda's family)
Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's sister)
Michael Claxton in rehab + Charlene Claxton (Sandy's friend)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's dad)
Phyllis Coffman
William (Awaiting an MRI) & Lavonne Wood - (Jodee's family) + Carla Elkhorn & girls
Deborah's children and grandchildren, Carol Cook - her sister-in-law rehab
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
churches in Jamaica (hurricane) and Ukraine (war)

On-going health issues:
Lois Schmollinger, Tinzie Mackey, Bonnie Wolfe, Ann Newton, Dorthy Robertson, Sheila Deaton, Buddy & Annette McCarty, Dwain & Sue Murphy, Effie Hicks.

WORKS WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO SUPPORT
On-line Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS); 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).

Are we still passing out our church "business" cards? Are we keeping tracts and hand-outs with us to leave at various businesses we visit?