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

FAMILY NEWS - JULY 12, 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!

DON'T LOOK BACK

I was walking yesterday and saw a sign. It was actually a mirror with these words written on it: "Don't look back. That's not the way you're going." Pretty ingenious, maybe ironic, I thought, to put that on a mirror. I would guess it is intended to be motivational.... "Don't live in the past." "Don't focus on mistakes...keep moving." My first thought when I saw it was Paul's "Put off the old man and put on the new ... old things have passed away, behold all things have become new." And of course, there is Jesus' statement about being born again. The implication is that the past is done away with.

Doing away with the past is hard for several reasons. One is that we learn from our past, even from our past mistakes. I don't think the Holy Spirit is telling us that we should not learn from our mistakes. Another reason it is hard to turn from the past is that we are so accustomed to it. It may bring us hardship, but at least we are familiar with it. That's where trusting Jesus becomes a challenge. Trusting Jesus is about more than believing that He is real, or that He is the Son of God. Trusting Jesus is trusting that the way He has provided is the right way. I know, for example, what turning the other cheek means, but is that the right thing to do in my current situation? Jesus says it is, but what if it's not. That's where trust comes in.

Today is a new day. Don't look back, that's not the way you are going. Christ has a better way and it includes getting rid of the past – not all of it, just the part that takes you away from God. I pray you will walk into the future trusting the way of Christ. Among the many things Jesus is, like His Father, He is a promise keeper. John 6:40, "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

~Mike Underwood, "This Is My Daily Prayer..." post on FaceBook, July 4, 2026

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BRETHREN, I DO NOT COUNT MYSELF TO HAVE APPREHENDED; BUT ONE THING I DO, FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND AND REACHING FORWARD TO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE AHEAD, I PRESS TOWARD THE GOAL FOR THE PRIZE OF THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

(PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Max Schmollinger**
SCRIPTURE READER -**Owen LeBaron**
PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. - **Terry LeBaron**
10:00 A.M. - **Kevin Cozort**
Brian Sherrell
11:15 A.M. - **Richard Sciba**
Max Schmollinger

WEDNESDAY - **Kevin Cozort**
Brent LeBaron

SONG LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M. **- Richard Sciba**
11:15 A.M. - **Logan Howard**
WEDNESDAY - **Brent LeBaron**

SERVING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:
PRESIDE - **Brent LeBaron**
ASSIST - **Jude Hicks**
ASSIST - **Wyatt Hicks**
ASSIST - **Matt Lawrence**

USHERS:
SUNDAY AM1 - **Larry Turner**
SUNDAY AM2 - **Brent LeBaron**
WEDNESDAY - **Kevin Cozort**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:
SUNDAY - **Phil Driskill -** 259-4359
WEDNESDAY -**Richard Sciba -** 926-6416

BLESSED TO SERVE:
COMMUNION PREP -**Tina Davis**
FLOWERS - **Sandy Peterson**

EVANGELISM PREP: July 12th
GREETERS - **Rachell Howard**
PEW GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Julian LeBaron**

EVANGELISM PREP: July 19th
GREETERS - **Rachell Howard**
PEW GREETERS - **Phil/Donna Driskill**
Brent/Jessica LeBaron
VISITOR BAGS - **Jace Howard**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION
WEEK OF - July 5th
SUNDAY CLASS - 47
AM1 - 58
AM2 - 37
WEDNESDAY - 38
CONTRIBUTION - $2157.00

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:
*July 19th - Sack lunch, men's meeting
*Aug. 2nd - Potluck
*Aug. 7th - 8th - Heritage Festival - You can begin bringing bottled water for this event. Place it in the Annex by the door.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathies to the Peterson family in the passing of Steve on Tuesday. Also, to the Vaughan family in the passing of Ryan's father, Harold last Sunday.

PANTRY ITEMS: Elbow macaroni, spaghetti/marinara sauce. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS
Campers and Counselors at various Bible Camps
Jeannine & John Vawter (Karene's family)
Kevin Robertson - home recovering from a stroke (Dorthy's son)
Levi & Emily Hicks - job hunting
Leanna Coats Shafer - on hospice
Larry Gray - heart and kidney issues (Cheryl's uncle)
Ann Lake - recovering from a fall, Doug Turner (Ann Lake's nephew)
Jerry and Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's family)
Carolyn Turner - in therapy for her shoulder
Shirley Hart - (Ann Newton's sister - July 21st surgery)
Darrell Cooper (Sue's brother) liver cancer
Roy Boykin - (Tucker's friend) cancer
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister), Joe Wyrick - (Linda's family)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's dad)
William & Lavonne Wood - (Jodee's family)
Phyllis Coffman
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
Christians in Ukraine and Russia (war)

On-going health issues:
Matt Lawrence, Ruby Sciba, Alberta Steinert, Tinzie Mackey, Lois Schmollinger, 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; Jesse Howard; David Bass (Instructor at the Jamaica School of Preaching).