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

FAMILY NEWS - JULY 26, 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
www.mountaingrovechurchofchrist.com and www.MGChristianRadio.com

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

THE PARDON OF SALVATION

In **1829**, two men, **George Wilson** and **James Porter**, robbed a U.S. mail carrier and endangered his life. They were captured, tried, and, in **May of 1830**, both were found guilty. The sentence was set. **They would be hanged on July 2, 1830.**

Porter received his punishment. But Wilson's story took a shocking turn.

Wilson had influential friends who pleaded for mercy to President **Andrew Jackson**, and Jackson issued a formal **pardon**, dropping the charges. **Can you imagine?** A death sentence erased by a single signature.

But, now, came the twist. **George Wilson refused the pardon**.

The case went all the way to the Supreme Court, and the Court ruled something hauntingly simple: **a pardon can be offered, but it cannot be forced** (United States v. Wilson). If a man refuses the pardon, he cannot benefit from the pardon.

That courtroom scene is a mirror.

Because you and I are lawbreakers too – not of human government, but of God's holy will.

Paul wrote, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." And the penalty is real, "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23).

But here's the gospel: Like President Jackson, God has issued a pardon and is able to wipe out your death sentence with His authority.

Of course, we are not speaking of ink on paper, but blood on a cross. God sent His Son to stand in our place, to bear our sin and shame, and to open the door of eternal life. He made Him who knew no sin to be made sin so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

And yet, **John 3:18 draws the line clearly: Obey Christ and you are not condemned**. Reject Him and you remain condemned. So the question isn't whether a pardon exists. The question is whether you will receive the pardon.

Don't do what Wilson did, standing on the edge of judgment, turning away mercy.

Today, if your heart is pricked, don't delay. Don't argue with grace. Don't neglect the pardon. Do not reject His forgiveness.

Will you receive or reject the pardon of salvation in Jesus Christ?

~ Zach Collins, Paintsville church of Christ, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Max Schmollinger**
SCRIPTURE READER -**Jude Hicks**
PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. - **Phil Driskill**
10:00 A.M. - **Jeremiah Hicks**
Terry LeBaron
11:15 A.M. - **Kevin Cozort**
Max Schmollinger

WEDNESDAY - **Matt Lawrence**
Richard Sciba

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 - **Terry LeBaron**

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 26th
GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS - **Phil/Donna Driskill**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Everly Hicks**

EVANGELISM PREP: August 2nd
GREETERS - **Rachell Howard**
PEW GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
Brent/Jessica LeBaron
VISITOR BAGS - **Owen LeBaron**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION
WEEK OF - July 19th
SUNDAY CLASS - 44
AM1 - 63
AM2 - 41
WEDNESDAY - 33
CONTRIBUTION - $2772.00

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 29th - Assistance needed to prepare the packets for handing out at the Heritage festival. We'll work on it after singing.
*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. Sign up to work the booth - sheets are in the foyer.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES: We need as many workers as possible to assist in getting the packets ready. Some things need folding, some need labels attached all before we can assemble them on Wednesday. If you prefer to take something home to prepare that would be great, we just need it by Wednesday! See Keith or Cheryl to assist.

PANTRY ITEMS: Canned or packaged chicken. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS
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, the family has been called in
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 - recovering from surgery at home)
Sandy Pendergrass - (Lyme's disease - Ann Newton's family)
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).