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FAMILY NEWS - NOVEMBER 1, 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!

"A LIFE WORTH SACRIFICING"

This past week I was reading an article on the Internet, taken from Salon online magazine. Albert Mohler writes, "Is an unborn baby 'a life worth sacrificing?' The question is horrifying, but the argument was all too real. In a recent article, Mary Elizabeth Williams of Salon.com conceded what the pro-life movement has contended all along – that from the moment of conception the unborn child is undeniably a human life. And yet, Williams argues that this unborn human life must be terminated if a woman desires an abortion. The child is life, but, in her grotesque view, 'a life worth sacrificing.'"

A life worth sacrificing? It applies not only to the unborn child, but now to those who might have birth defects the parents don't want to deal with. It applies to the elderly when they are considered a burden to their children or to society. Such is what happens when God is removed from the equation. Life is no longer viewed as sacred, having no value above those of the current conventions of the age. Life, however, does not create itself from nothing; nothing can't bring something into existence. David is correct when he said, "For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb, I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well" (Psalm 139:13-14). We must defer to God when it comes to life, for it rightly belongs to Him.

There was, however, a life worth sacrificing. The decision wasn't made by any human being, but by God Himself. Before anything was made, God knew creating mankind with free will would usher in sin, and to deal with sin a sacrifice would have to be offered. Christ's sacrifice was as planned for our forgiveness just as our lives were. Christ came in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4), to offer His life for our sin's forgiveness. "For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish" (1 Peter 1:18-19). "He did not even spare His own Son but offered Him up for us all" (Romans 8:32). Christ's life was worth sacrificing because He was tempted in all things as we are, but without having sinned (Hebrews 4:15). If our lives are joined in Him, we rediscover our true worth, without the condemnation of sin.

No innocent child in the womb of his or her mother should ever be considered a life worth sacrificing. No life outside the womb should ever be considered the domain of Satan. "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). We belong to God by right of creation, but as Christians He has a double claim on us by right of re-creation in Christ. What a difference this makes in our view of life, our own lives and how we view the lives of others. Everyone is special because we are from God's creative hand, but how much more so when we are reclaimed from sin, when we reclaim the right vision of who we are and what life can be in Christ. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; you have been healed by His wounds. For you were like sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls" (1 Peter 2:24-25).

~Robert Johnson, gospelgazette.com/2014/01/a-life-worth-sacrificing, Vol. 16, No. 1, Jan. 2014

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As we go to the polls this week, (please do!) vote for biblical morals - God will take care of the economics. Do you trust Him? - (Keith & Cheryl)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Terry LeBaron**
SCRIPTURE READER **Owen LeBaron**
PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. - **Brent LeBaron**
10:00 A.M. - **Brian Sherrell**
Jeremiah Hicks
11:15 A.M. - **Kevin Cozort**
Matt Lawrence
WEDNESDAY - **Wyatt Hicks**
Richard Sciba

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

SERVING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:
PRESIDE - **Brent LeBaron**
ASSIST - **Owen LeBaron**
ASSIST - **Max Schmollinger**
ASSIST - **Coby Hicks**

USHERS:
SUNDAY AM1 - **Danny Lathrom**
SUNDAY AM2 - **Brent LeBaron**
WEDNESDAY - **Terry LeBaron**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:
SUNDAY - **Richard Sciba -** 349-1544
WEDNESDAY -**Terry LeBaron -** 259-3261

BLESSED TO SERVE:
COMMUNION PREP **- Ruby Sciba**
FLOWERS - **Lori Lathrom**

EVANGELISM PREP: November 1st
GREETERS - **Rachell Howard**
PEW GREETERS - **Phil & Donna Driskill**
Brent/Jessica LeBaron
VISITOR BAGS - **Julian LeBaron**

EVANGELISM PREP: November 8th
GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS - **Phil & Donna Driskill**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Jace Howard**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION
WEEK OF - October 25, 2026
SUNDAY CLASS - 56
AM1 - 74
AM2 - 53
WEDNESDAY - 37
CONTRIBUTION - $2456.00

MILITARY SERVICE -
Derek Davis family - Texas

Pray for our evangelistic efforts!
Have you been on our website lately? Have you passed our 10 business cards?

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:

*Nov. 1st - Potluck and Youth Class at 1:00
*Nov. 15th - Youth speaking, sack lunch, men's meeting at 1:00.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Coby Hicks, 1001 E. 15th St., Mtn. Grove, 65711; Phone: 417-259-0300

PANTRY ITEMS: Canned meats, Pasta Sauces. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS
John Gasho - traveling to Arizona and back several times
Troy Mings and Randy Mings - (Brenda's father and brother)
Cheryl Cozort - Knee surgery November 9th.
Ann Lake - fell again Friday
Joni Culton - (Depression & finances - friend of Liz)
Leedy family - Husband and father-in-law killed in accident (Lawrences)
Retha Cullins (Shawna's mother-in-law - fell into brick wall)
Jerry (fell again) and Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's family)
Mike Lemons (customer of Phil's)
William Hicks (cancer, spouse of S & H coworker)
Jeannine & John Vawter (Karene's family)
Kevin Robertson - stroke recovery (Dorthy's son)
Shirley Hart - (Ann Newton's sister - physical therapy)
Sandy Pendergrass - (Lyme's disease - Ann Newton's family)
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
Ukrainian citizens and Christians and Russian Christians (war)

On-going health issues:
Richard & 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).