

**Noteworthy**

**Prayer Requests:** Jo Anderson, Karen Berry (*broken finger*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Marian Church, Mildred Church (*at home, recovering well*), Linda James (*shut in*), Ahrea & Neil Miller, Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Paul Lloyd, Kirk Marschall (*had been announced as out of town; but he's moved to PA*), Suzette Stevens, Arlena Turner (*had recent fall & is bruised, but nothing broken*), Lilah Wisdom (*sick*).

*Family and friends:* Ned Hicks (*ongoing medical*), Chuck Goodall (*Charles and Ver-nita's son's*), Rowena Lawson's mother (*Congestive heart failure*), Ardis Tucker, and Bob Waldron (*has hydrocephalus; will have procedure to install a shunt tomorrow*).

**Out of Town:** Jim Abram (will be in Washingto state for a few weeks).

**Group Meeting:** Group 1 will meet next week after the evening worship service.

**Kids' Review:** Class will be September 10th in classroom number 5, shortly after the evening worship service.

**Annual Singing:** The Lakeland Hills Blvd. Church of Christ's 32nd annual singing will be held this Friday at the building (August 25th), and will begin at 7:30pm. All are encouraged to invite your family & friends.

**Gospel Meeting:** Our gospel meeting is also upcoming, and will be held October 15th-20th, with Joseph Casimier.

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 8/23/17**

Song Leader: Keith Marschall  
 Opening Prayer: Eric Stevens  
 Invitation: Sherman Johnson  
 Announcements: Bob Marschall  
 Closing Prayer: Larry Hicks  
 Recordings: Clay Sadler  
 Usher: Leon Miller

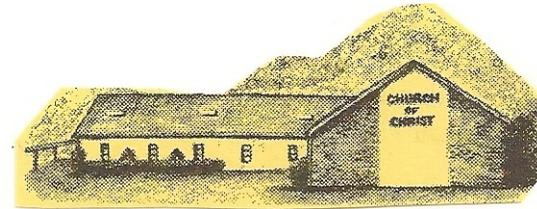
**Sunday Evening: 8/27/17**

Song Leader: Clay Sadler  
 Opening Prayer: Bob Marschall  
 Lord's Table: Jordan Lawson  
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
 Closing Prayer: Neil Miller  
 Recordings: Trent Stevens  
 Usher: Gus Johnson

**Sunday Morning: 8/27/17**

Lord's Table: Jordan Lawson (B)  
 Trent Stevens (C)  
 Serving: Ed Lawson  
 Nick Ross  
 Song Leader: Colby Sadler

Opening Prayer: David Williams  
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall  
 Recordings: Clay Sadler  
 Usher: Gus Johnson



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**SERVICES**

Sunday  
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.  
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday  
 Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

**DEACONS:**

Robert Marschall  
 Michael Sadler  
 Moses Stevens  
 David Williams

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***“Managing and Prioritizing Our Time Wisely”***

The Apostle Paul admonishes us to *manage our time wisely* when he said, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:16-17). “Redeeming the time” means to “purchase, or buy the opportunity.” That is, we must rescue, recover, prioritize, and make full use of our time, while not wasting it away.

We can get up before daylight in order to arrive at work on time; we can readily make ourselves available for working overtime at our jobs; we can spend hours working on our favorite hobbies; we can join health clubs and spend many hours per week exercising; we can go out to eat with friends and spend hours visiting; we can walk our dogs for an hour after we get home from work; we can allow our children to become involved in school activities, knowing that these extra-curricular activities will keep them from attending many services of the church; we can shop all day— “shop till we drop”; we can attend weddings, funerals, graduations, family reunions, and we can go on trips and drive for great distances; we often drive long distances during adverse weather con-

ditions; we can stay up late watching our favorite TV programs; we can sit for hours in the cold or heat on hard bleachers at ball games; we can hire babysitters so we can go out to eat and take in a movie; we can come home from work and spend hours working in our yard or garden; we can spend hours on our smartphone, or sitting at our computer, on Facebook, playing games, or going from one website to another. And we could go on and on! We can engage in a wide range of activities—*if we really want to.*

But isn't it interesting, in view of all of the above, that we do not have time for about 5 to 6 hours per week (including travel time), out of a total of 168 hours a week, to attend the Bible classes and worship services of the church. This involves about 3% to 4% of our total weekly time. We can offer all kinds of reasons (excuses?) for not attending—much like those in the Parable of the Great Supper (Lk. 14:15-24). Sadly, many who offer reasons/excuses for their absences, are the same ones who will find the time and energy, and are willing to make the effort, to go out and *attend and engage in other things they really want to do.* (NOTE: We are not referring to those who would love to be present for all the services of the church, but due to health issues or circumstances beyond their control, are unable to attend.)

Considering the above, is attending the services of the church all there is to being a faithful Christian? Absolutely not! But assembling with other Christians is God's pattern for us to worship Him in spirit and truth and be edified. We know this to be true from what His word teaches in Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

No one can force us to do this, but God desires to be first in every aspect of our lives. Jesus said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). Is His kingdom (or church—Matt. 16:18-19) and righteousness first and foremost in our lives? Do we really believe this is necessary? Do we properly manage our time so that we put the instructions of Jesus into practice in our lives? In order to obey Matthew 6:33, we will have to make a concerted effort to **MANAGE AND PRIORITIZE OUR TIME WISELY.** Is *time for God* truly **FIRST** in **OUR** lives?

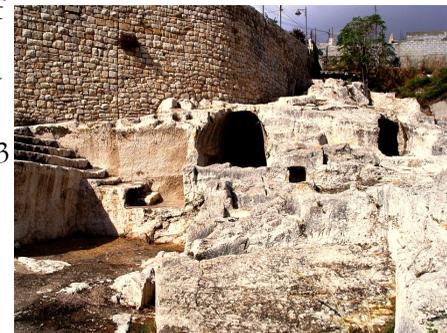
By R.J. Evans

## *Royal Tombs of the House of David*

On the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), which marked the beginning of the preaching of the Gospel and the discharge of the Great Commission, Peter affirmed the **resurrection** of the crucified Christ, showing the fulfillment of Psalm 16:8-11 (Acts 2:25-28). Peter explained,

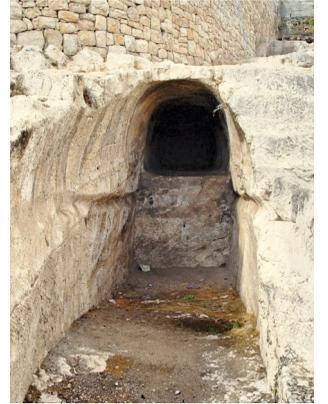
Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses (Acts 2:29-32, NASB). (Note: the NASB uses upper-case in NT texts to indicate quotations from the OT).

Here is the proposed site for the **tombs of the house of David** located at the SE portion of the City of David, excavated by Raymond Weill, 1913-1914.



And a close-up shot:

(Photos by Leon Mauldin)



Dr. Todd Bolen notes,

*Most scholars today reject this identification. These structures do not have features typical of Iron Age tombs; there are no burial benches or repositories. Because of later destruction, there is no stratigraphy, pottery, or burial gifts which would make dating the structure possible. Some scholars think that it dates to the Herodian period and may have been used as wine cellars for the structures built above it. There is no other candidate for the tomb of David.*

The point to be remembered is that unlike the Subject of David's psalm, David was buried, and his body saw corruption. The One of Whom he spoke saw no corruption. His body did not decay, and His spirit was not left in the Hadean realm--up from the grave He arose! The resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of the Gospel message. Apart from the resurrection of Jesus there IS no Gospel!

- Leon Mauldin