

**Noteworthy**

**Prayer Requests:** Jo Anderson, Karen Berry (*broken finger; cannot drive*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Marian Church, Mildred Church (*shut in*), Linda James (*shut in*), Rebecca Marschall, Kirk Marschall, Ahrea & Neil Miller, Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds, Suzette Stevens, Arlena Turner (*medical issues*), Jerry Williams (*procedure last week went well*).

*Family and friends:* Laurence Cutts (*recovering from stroke*), Ned Hicks (*ongoing medical*), Chuck Goodall (*Charles and Vernita's son*), Brian James (*cancer*), Sarah Himmel (*infection*), Rowena Lawson's mother (*in hospital again*), Wayne Ryland (*medical*), and Ardis Tucker.

**Out of Town:** Audrey Davis, Joe & Donna Brown, Ken Jordan, and Paula Sullivan (*back on 8/2*).

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

**Kids' Review:** Next class will be *August 13th* in classroom number 5, shortly after the evening worship service.

**Fifth Sunday:** Today is the fifth Sunday of the month. In this evening's worship service, we will put more of an emphasis on singing songs of praise, as well as honoring God through the public reading of His word.

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 8/2/17**

Song Leader: Trent Stevens  
 Opening Prayer: David Williams  
 Invitation: Colby Sadler  
 Announcements: Bob Marschall  
 Closing Prayer: Jim Elliot  
 Recordings: Clay Sadler  
 Usher: Leon Miller

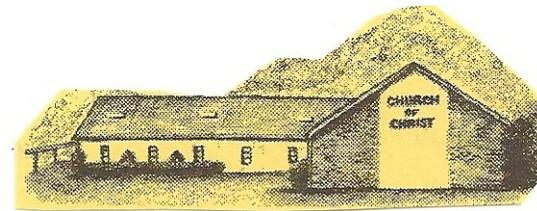
**Sunday Evening: 8/6/17**

Song Leader: Colby Sadler  
 Opening Prayer: Jordan Lawson  
 Lord's Table: Ronnie Henderson  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: David Williams  
 Recordings: Trent Stevens  
 Usher: Gus Johnson

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**Sunday Morning: 8/6/17**

Lord's Table: Ronnie Henderson (B)  
 Colby Sadler (C)  
 Serving: Norm Blackburn  
 Jim Abram  
 Song Leader: Joe Brown

Opening Prayer: Keith Marschall  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: Nick Ross  
 Recordings: Trent Stevens  
 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:**

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 David Williams

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***Fellowship***

**What about fellowship?** Doesn't the Bible teach that the church is to have fellowship? Indeed! The Bible does teach that the church is to have fellowship. But what a lot of people have overlooked is the fact that the word "fellowship" in the Scriptures has to do with spiritual activities. I have before me a photocopy out of a book that I have which contains every Scripture that uses the Greek word for fellowship. An interesting thing about this is — not one time does it have reference to social fellowship. What does the word fellowship mean? It is defined as "sharing, communion, and participation in, joining together."

**Another usage of "fellowship"** in modern times is social fellowship. This is where we smell the doughnuts and coffee. Friday night a bunch of us got together and had some elk stew, and I tell you it was all right — we had a good time together. We socialized together. We shared in the eating of elk stew and a few other things that some of the people brought. Are you aware that the Bible never uses the word "fellowship" in reference to such social activities?

Still another use of "*fellowship*" has to do with spiritual things. Every time — *EVERY TIME* — the word is used in regards to the church's activity, it is always this. And to my knowledge, there is not one Scripture in the Bible that uses the term "*fellowship*" in regard to eating elk stew, or whatever socializing we do together — not one Scripture that uses the word "*fellowship*" like that. Fellowship has everything to do with our sharing together in spiritual things.

**What has happened to us**, brethren, when every time we hear the word "*fellowship*" we immediately think in terms of fun and games and eating and drinking together? What has happened to us that we see that, every time we see the word "fellowship" we think of "fun" when it is never used that way in the Bible?

**No, you cannot find the authority for a local church** — as a part of its program of work — planning and providing materials for social activities in the word "*fellowship*" in the Bible, because it doesn't use the word "*fellowship*" in that way.

**May I make this point?** The local church where you are a member has a

fellowship hall. Let me say that again. The local church where you are a member has a fellowship hall. When you are assembled together with the other members share together in worshipping God and studying God's word, you are in it! We must learn that this is the kind of fellowship that the Bible talks about.

**Is there a place for social activities?** Indeed. But let me — **as an individual** — provide for hospitality. Let me — **as an individual** — provide for social events. And if others want to join with me in that, that's fine. But let not the church be charged or burdened (cf. 1 Tim. 5:16) with providing for social activities, so the church can do the things God has told His church to do. It's just that simple. And nowhere in the Scriptures is there anything to indicate that the church is to provide materially and plan for social activities. That is the issue. That is where the truth lies!

- Bill Hall

### *The People in the Pew*

They are parents burdened because of their prodigal children...

They are grandparents raising grandchildren because if they don't...

They are caregivers wondering if anyone understands...

They are single parents facing double duty...

They are brethren struggling with secret sins and failing again...

They are smiling faces hoping to hide their depression...

They are a childless couple facing disappointment (again)...

They are folks facing both cancer and fears...

They are parents who have had to do the unthinkable: bury a child...

They are parents struggling to raise a special needs child...

They are brothers and sisters who have done everything they know to keep their marriage going, but failed...

They are widows who sit down as one at a table for two...

They are sisters who harbor the secret of being a battered wife...

They are stepparents who seem to be on the outside looking in...

They are the lonely, the scared, the hurting...

Etc.

But they come. They come to the Table to share their grief with the One who gave His all. They come to lift up their voice in song while brushing away a tear. They come to pray and connect with their only hope. They come to encourage someone else while hoping someone will encourage them. They come to hear the Good News and hope to take something away that will heal their hurt.

These are the people in the pew. Funny, they look a lot like you...and me. At least we come.

- Wilson Adams