

# Lakeland Hills Leader

**Lakeland Hills  
church of Christ**

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**Schedule of Services**

*Sunday*  
9 AM Bible Stud  
9:50AM Worship  
6 PM Worship

*Wednesday*  
7:30 PM Bible Study  
Singing each 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

**Gospel Meetings - 2017-18**

**Fall 2017** Oct. 15-20, 2017  
**Speaker:** *Joseph Casimier*

**Spring 2018** Apr. 1-4, 2018  
**Speaker:** *Justin Lewis*

**Annual Sing** Aug 31, 2018

**Fall 2018** Oct. 21-26, 2018  
**Speaker:** *Leon Mauldin*

**Elders**

Larry Hicks  
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**Deacons**

Robert Marschall  
Michael Sadler  
Moses Stevens  
David Williams

**Evangelist**

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## The Demands of Unity

The word of God pleads for unity among the people of God. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:10: *“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”* Jesus prayed for unity among His disciples upon the basis of the word of God: *“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;”* (John 17:20).

## The Unity of the Spirit Demands that Brethren Agree

The basis for unity is the word of God (John 17:20–21). All of God’s people are to walk in truth ( II John 4). Jesus said truth can be known: *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...”* (John 8:32). He also said that truth can be identified: *“Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth...”* (John 17:17). The Apostle Paul said that truth can be understood: *“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is...”* (Eph. 5:17). Truth is always consistent because God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). When we know the truth, understand the truth, and walk in truth, we will *be of the same mind and the same judgment* (I Cor. 1:10) – *we will agree*. All who appeal to truth for their standard in religion will come to the *same conclusion*, when we understand what the will of the Lord is (Eph. 5:17).

## Unity Demands that We Speak the Same Thing

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## Unity Demands Effort

The Apostle Paul said that Christians must endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit: *“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”* (Eph. 4:3). The word “endeavor” means to give diligence; to put forth effort; to try. This means that brethren are to work at being united on truth rather than doing and teaching things that divide them. *We must all endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

## Unity Demands that Brethren Stand for the Truth

God’s people are to stand together against all evil. Paul said, *“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...”* (Eph. 6:11). In Philippians 1:27, he said: *“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;”* (NRV)

## Weekly Assignments

### Wednesday, Sept. 27

<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Brown
<b>Invitation</b>	
<b>Announce</b>	Leon Miller
<b>Open. Prayer</b>	Jerry Williams
<b>Clos. Prayer</b>	Mike Sadler
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Sadler
<b>Sound Room</b>	Bob Marschall

### Sunday Morning, Oct. 1

<b>Announce</b>	Leon Miller
<b>Song Leader</b>	Larry Wisdom
<b>Open. Prayer</b>	Larry Hicks
<b>Clos. Prayer</b>	Ronnie Henderson
<b>Preside Lord's Supper</b>	Nick Ross Bucky Day
<b>Serve Lord's Supper AM</b>	Ed Lawson Jim Abrams
<b>Usher</b>	Gus Johnson
<b>Sound Room</b>	Clay Sadler

### Sunday Evening, Oct. 1

<b>Announce</b>	Leon Miller
<b>Song Leader</b>	Bob Marschall
<b>Open. Prayer</b>	Eric Stevens
<b>Clos. Prayer</b>	Colby Sadler
<b>Serve Lord's Supper PM</b>	Nick Ross
<b>Usher</b>	Gus Johnson
<b>Sound Room</b>	Keith Marschall

### Wednesday, Oct. 4

<b>Song Leader</b>	Colby Sadler
<b>Invitation</b>	
<b>Announce</b>	Bob Marschall
<b>Open. Prayer</b>	Leon Miller
<b>Clos. Prayer</b>	Jerry Williams
<b>Usher</b>	Leon Miller
<b>Sound Room</b>	Keith Marschall

### Count Contribution (Oct)

David Williams  
Paul Lloyd

### Clean Building (Oct)

Hicks Family

### Prepare Communion (Oct)

Rice Family

## Unity Demands Oneness

The unity of the New Testament has at its foundation the word of God (John 17:20–21). This unity eliminates all error (2 John 9–11; Rom.16:17) and prohibits division (1 Cor.1:10). Paul said in Ephesians 4:4–6: *“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all...”* It is the dwelling together without differences ( I Cor. 1:10; Phil. 3:16).

In conclusion, let us consider Paul’s question to the Corinthians: *“Is Christ divided?”* The answer is *“NO!”* Christ is not divided in *authority* (Eph. 4:5; Matt.28:18), in *message* (Eph.4:5; Heb.1:2), in *body* (Eph. 4:4; 1:22–23) nor in *plan* (Eph.4:3–6). Let us all be alert to the difference in *Bible unity* and *“unity-in-diversity”* that is so popular among so many today. This false unity is the devil’s compromise and is destroying the church of the Lord in many places. We must all work for the unity that is based upon the will of God. *D.T.*

### News of the Sick as well as Family and Friends for Whom to Pray

- **Karen Berry** (Recovering from Accident)
- **Margaret Blackburn** (Pancreas and Hip)
- **Joe Brown** (Cancer)
- **Marian Church** (Neck and back)
- **Mildred Church** (Shut in)
- **Charles Goodall** (Recent passing of his sister Anita Nix)
- **Chuck Goodall** (Charles and Vernita's son - Cancer)
- **Nell Goodall** (Charle Goodall's aunt = Blood clot, on-going medical)
- **Linda James** (On-going medical)
- **Paul Lloyd** (Back, on-going medical)
- **Ahrea Miller** (Recovering from hip surgery)
- **Neil Miller** (Back)
- **Butch Morgan** (On-going medical)
- **Dottie Reynolds** (Back, on-going medical)
- **Colton Sadler** (Possible Reflux - Pending results of tests)
- **Martha Smith** (Broken Hand, recent passing of her granddaughter)
- **Suzette Stevens** (On-going medical)
- **Ken Turner** (Blood Clots, kidneys, on-going medical)
- **Ned Hicks** (Larry Hick's father - on-going medical)
- **Brian James** (Cancer)
- **Wayne Ryland** (On-going medical)
- **Ardis Tucker** (Paula Sullivan's sister-in-law - on-going medical)
- **New Mothers** (and their babies)
- **Remember and Encourage** others who are struggling with problems

### News and Notes

- **4th Sunday Night Service** will be this Evening.
- **1st Wednesday Night Singing** - Next Singing will be October 4th
- **New Quarter** - Begins next Sunday Morning - Oct 1st
  - Nursery** - Terrell Lawson
  - Age 2-4** - Emilee Ross / Steph Marschall
  - Grds K-2nd** - Diana Jordan
  - Grds 3rd - 6th** - Ruth Miller
- **UpComing Gospel Meeting** - Begins Oct.15-20 with Joseph Casimier