

CARING FOR THE KINGDOM

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
Matthew 6:33

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PLAN of SALVATION

Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus is God's Son Acts 16:30-31, Hebrews 11:6
Repent of Sin Acts 17:30-31
Confess Jesus is God's Son Acts 8:36-37, Matt 10:32, Rom 10:9-10
Be Baptized Acts 2:38
Live Faithfully 1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader	Eddie Nuckols
Announcements	Rick Brown
Opening Prayer	Brandon Maurer
Lord's Table	Tom Davenport
	Scott Tesh
	Jered Markman
	Craig Stroud
	Rick Brown
Preacher	Matt Langfield
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Snow

SUNDAY EVENING

Opening Prayer	Scott Tesh
Preacher	Matt Langfield
Lord's Table	Eddie Nuckols
Closing Prayer	Matt Koontz

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader	Eddie Nuckols
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Class 10am, Worship 11am and 6pm
Wednesday Bible Class 7pm

To have information included in the bulletin, email cblegolas@yahoo.com or text 336-816-5993

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A Friendly Church with a Vital Message September 17, 2023

The “Lost” Parables

Jesus chose to teach with parables for several perfect reasons. At times, He was trying to explain a new or challenging principle; at other times, He was trying to carefully reveal teachings only to his disciples (Matthew 13:13-15). Jesus also chose to teach with parables to defend Himself from false accusations.

In Luke chapter 15, Jesus responds to being accused of sinfully associating with openly sinful people. Jesus interacted with sinners throughout His ministry, but He never sinned (Hebrews 4:15). To explain and defend His actions, Jesus taught using three similar parables.

He told of the lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7). Jesus reminded His accusers of how even they would rejoice in finding one of their sheep who had been lost. This was to explain how important every soul is to God.

He told of the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10). Jesus described how diligently a woman would search for something of value. She would search her house from top to bottom for what was lost and rejoice with her friends once it was found. This was to explain how precious and sought-after every soul is to God.

He told of the lost son (Luke 15:11-32). In this parable of The Prodigal Son, Jesus perfectly painted a picture of a sinfully rebellious son who eventually returned to a forgiving father. With this parable, He described the loving arms of God, which are extended even to sinners.

With each of these perfect parables, Jesus taught and defended His loving decision to “seek and save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

Matt Langfield

WELCOME VISITORS!

You are our honored guests! We hope you are enriched by the service. Please fill out a visitor card and put in the collection plate.

UPCOMING NORTH MAIN EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 17 SUNDAY CHILI BOAT FELLOWSHIP

following evening service. There is a sign up sheet posted.

SEPTEMBER 19 TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ 6:15PM

SEPTEMBER 22 FRIDAY CEC MEAL

will be on Friday this month (instead of Thursday) at noon
and will be hosted by Matt & Terri Maurer

SEPTEMBER 26 TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ 6:15 PM

OCTOBER 19 THURSDAY CEC MEAL

OCTOBER 29 5th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND SINGING

NOVEMBER 16 THURSDAY CEC MEAL

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The congregation wishes to express their deepest sympathy to the family of **Mildred Phelps**. She passed away Tuesday September 12.

May God comfort Nancy, Teresa and all the family members and loved ones of Mildred during this very difficult time of loss.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY **Grace & Phil Forrest**
Monday September 18

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Steve Anderson fell and injured his leg.

Patsy Boyd has bronchitis and pneumonia. Also, pray for **Ortie Boyd**.

Amber and Jasper Brown are struggling to deal with Steve's passing. Please continue to lift them up in prayer.

Logan Davis is in need of prayers.

James Gaddy continues to recover from recent surgery on his hand.

Patrick Murphy, Rebecca Murphy's brother, experienced a stroke.

Belinda Nuckols has been diagnosed with Hashimoto's disease in which the immune system attacks a gland in the thyroid .

Please continue to pray for: Glenda Barber, Randal Burton (prostrate cancer), Brent (ATV accident) and wife Tina Gobble, Betty Godbey, Bob Lankford (heart issues), Mark Leland (back issues), Brandon Markman (cancer), Belinda Nuckols, Candy Smith (knee/wrist), Diana Smith (heart issues), Doris Tesh, Morgan Truesdale (pancreatic cancer)

SHUT-INS Robert Cole, Estelle Kluttz, Teresa Maurer, Wanda Scott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! **Kaileigh Johnson** Wed Sept 20
Phil Forrest Friday Sept 22
Julia Midgette Friday Sept 22