



## Called To Be A Witness

As followers of Christ, we are called to be a witness of what Jesus did and has done for us. In Luke 24: 44-48, Jesus gave this command: “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Each of us has experienced the love and joy of being a Christian. We know what a difference Christ makes in our life. To never share that with others is a shame. We would never keep wonderful news like a newborn child, a raise at work or other such good news to ourselves; would we not immediately tell our friends or relatives of something good that happened in our lives. To point people to Christ, we don’t need to be able to explain every theological issue or answer every question. What we are called to do is to live the Christian life, befriend and love others as Christ did and then share the message of what a difference knowing Christ can make in a person’s life. How we share the message can be done in many ways. Whether it’s explaining what Christ means to you and then inviting them to go with you to Church where they can hear the word, or teaching them through a bible study in your own home, or sharing a Bible tract where the plan of salvation is presented or many other ways. We must find the method that works for us and our friend. Then loving share the message. And let us not forget: WE ARE WITNESSES TO THESE THINGS! EACH AND EVERY OF US!

Beginning in December on Sunday nights, we will begin a study from the book: “The Gospel Made Simple”. It is a study designed to teach the basics of what we believe. Simple truths such as “How do we know God exists”, “Who is Jesus”, “The New Covenant of Christ” and “God-Ordained Worship” are presented in a 13 week course. You can take part in the study yourself or you can invite a friend to go through the course with you. Each student will have their own book. Let me encourage you to please prayerfully consider participating in the course.

Bruce Rothell

November 27, 2016

### ELDERS

**Bobby Hill**

**Bill Path**

**Keith Riggs**

**David Tenison**

### PULPIT MINISTER

**Benjamin Williams**

### YOUTH INTERN

**Haden Brill**

### PRISON MINISTER

**Bill Hamrick**

### DEACONS

**James Hamilton,**  
**WORSHIP**

**Thomas Hallsted,**  
**FINANCE**

**Todd Khoury**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**Johnny Riggs,**  
**MEMBER SERVICES**

**Bruce Rothell,**  
**MISSIONS**

**Zac Tenison,**  
**YOUNG FAMILIES**

**Edwin Whittlesey,**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

### SECRETARY

**Karen Brown**

**Belong. Learn. Serve.**

From Bill Hamrick's November/December Prison Ministry Newsletter

### **Struggles While In Prison**

One of the biggest struggles for me has been to be away from family. It is not being able to be with them as they grow old and go through challenges of their own. It is losing loved ones (parents) and not being able to grieve with other family members or to be able to be at their funeral services without shackles and cuffs. Anyone with a medium security status is unable to attend even a funeral home viewing. Saying goodbye to your loved one is important to moving forward.

Another struggle I've dealt with has been the family members and friends who though still living, have ceased or greatly diminished their communication with me. This has left me feeling isolated and alone.

Having ministry teams come to the prison, encouraging and giving hope to us when we feel hopeless makes a real difference. (Members of the Church of Christ come to most of the prisons to conduct church services.)

Correspondence courses are a big help. I've been ministered to through New Life Behavior courses and it has helped greatly to change my thinking and has showed me a better way through Christ—a way no one else had shown or tried to teach me.

I feel it takes someone using their strong mind and determined will to get up and carry on every day when they have a lengthy sentence. God gives me the strength I need and prison ministry gives me the encouragement to never give up and to keep believing.

Lanita Bateman

(Lanita was willing to write this short article on struggles of inmates. She has been locked up since she was 19 and will not be eligible for parole until 2040. She was baptized into Christ on January 31, 2009 and is an outstanding young Christian.)



#### **5th Wednesday of November**

We will have regular services and classes

#### **Sunday, Dec 4**

Parents of our youth, meet with Haden after morning services  
Christmas Party after evening services

#### **Sunday, Dec 11**

Corporate Leadership meeting at 2:45  
Leadership meeting at 2:45  
Young Families dinner after evening services

#### **Wednesday, Dec 21**

Young men will lead devotional

#### **Sunday, Dec 25**

Merry Christmas

#### **Sunday, Jan 1**

Happy New Year!

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Please continue to keep baby Piper Pence and her family in your prayers.
- Pray for our country and its leaders
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear;

**Long Term Prayer List:** Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Stephanie White (pain); Dolores Scherman; Alan Trimble (ALS); Wayne Morgan; Rosalie O'Neal (kidneys); Ruth Henry; Shelby family;

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 4 after evening services. Please bring finger foods and or desserts, along with a wrapped ornament (if you wish to participate in the ornament exchange). Group Riggs is responsible for setting/cleaning up.



## REMINDER

Please remember to let the office know if your phone number has changed. When there is an important message for the congregation a recorded message will be sent out by phone. (example, services cancelled because of snow or ice) This is the fastest way to contact everyone. Thank you.

*7 days without prayer makes 1 weak*

*Christians, keep the faith...but not from others!*

*People want Jesus to be their Savior, but they don't want Him to be their Lord.*



## PARENTS OF OUR YOUTH

Parents, Haden Brill would like to have a meeting with you after the morning service on Sunday, Dec 4 at the front of the auditorium. This should be about a 10 minute meeting. Thank You.

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you would like your name added to or deleted from the communion preparation schedule, give Susan Yeager a note before Dec 11.

## BUDGET

The budget for 2017 will be brought before the congregation on Sunday evening Dec 11th.

## OUR CORPORATE LEADERSHIP

The laws of our state require we have a yearly meeting where we need to elect a president, vice-president , etc to serve as our legal leaders. This brief meeting will take place on Sunday, Dec 11 at 2:45 and any and all members are welcome to attend. Please contact one of the elders if you plan on attending or if you have any questions. **Elders, Deacons, Ben and Haden are asked to be here at 2:45.**

## LEADERSHIP MEETING

The monthly Leadership meeting will be Sunday, Dec 11 at 2:45.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Earline Lierly, Nov 27

Jerry Morgan, Dec 12

Randy & Karen Brown, Dec 16

Oliver Tuggle, Nov 27

Henry Lack, Dec 12

Hadley Senn, Dec 18

Topper & Melissa Causby, Dec 1

Steven Wetzel, Dec 14

Ben Williams, Dec 18

Zac Caldwell, Dec 5

Keith Riggs, Dec 15

Selene Williams, Dec 20

Karen Brown, Dec 5

Alma Moctezuma, Dec 15



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## SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Bill Path, Sr
Table	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Steven Wetzel</li><li>2. Keith Riggs</li><li>3. Bill Path</li><li>4. Johnny Riggs</li><li>5. Devon Prescott</li><li>6. Dennis Robinson</li></ol>
Scripture Reading	Joseph Whittlesey
Closing Prayer	David Tenison

## SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer	Todd Khoury
Table	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bill Path</li><li>2. Keith Riggs</li></ol>
Closing Prayer	Thomas Hallsted

## WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Joseph Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Devotional	.
Closing Prayer	Bruce Rothell

## SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Classes / 9:30 am  
Worship / 10:30 am

## SUNDAY EVENING

Devotional & Classes / 5:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Devotional & Classes / 7:00 pm

**Sunday Series: “The Peaceable Kingdom”**  
“Swords Into Plowshares”  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Benjamin J. Williams

**Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 116**  
**Sunday Evening Classes:**  
“Evangelism” (Bruce Rothell)  
“Prayer” (Benjamin Williams)