

The past week has been a wonderful period of fellowship and biblical learning for the Montrose congregation with the messages delivered by Todd Elliott from the Berea Church of Christ in Lebanon. Jeff Crockett did an exemplary job of directing the song services and to Cartwright Catering for providing a delicious meal for us at The Barn.

The week had a total of four responses requesting prayers for strength dealing with issues of life. Kerri Halliburton, Gavin Spurlin, Kimberlea Bush, and Rachel Bush requested prayers, while Mitchell Halliburton was baptized into Christ on Sunday evening after many years of faithfully attending with Kerri.

It was a lectureship that seemed to be uplifting to everyone in attendance. Also, we would like to express our appreciation to the Bagdad congregation who dismissed their services early to be with us Wednesday night.

Our soon to be new minister, Sam Willcut, was present Wednesday evening for the services and Friday, November 2nd, will be located in the minister's home with us permanently. And lastly, we would remiss if we did not express the appreciation of the men of the church and to all the wonderful ladies who provided a meal before each service.

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Gavin and Jason Spurlin for the loss of their grandmother and caregiver, Mrs. Idella Spurlin, who died Sunday evening. Larry Cole officiated at the funeral services in Kempville and burial followed in the Defeated Creek Memorial Gardens. Also to the family of Mrs. Pearl Anderson for whom services were conducted Sunday afternoon in Carthage with burial also at Defeated. She was the grandmother of Kelly Edens and Steve Anderson. And lastly, sympathy extended to the Carolyn Hill family whose services were conducted Saturday at Sanderson's in Carthage by Edward L. Anderson. Mrs. Hill was a member of the church in Carthage and was the sister and sister-in-law of Gaye and Scotty Yeaman and the aunt of Mrs. Brian (Misty Yeaman) Smith. May the peace of God which passes all understanding rule the hearts of all those affected by these losses.

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—The Eldership

## **Cancelling Church**

Dan Williams tells the story of two preachers who were visiting over a cup of coffee. The first preacher said to the second, "I cancelled our Sunday night services about five months ago." "You did?" the second preacher replied, "What do your church members think?" The first preacher said, "I suspect they'll be pretty upset if they ever find out about it."

The meeting times for worship, study and edification are not meant to be arbitrary requirements that test the spiritual discipline and commitment level of Christians. Rather, these opportunities are intended to be functional to encourage, inform and strengthen those who are trying to walk worthily in an ungodly world. Why is it that some people will say with exasperation, "Oh no, we have church services tonight, and I've had such a bad week," instead of saying, "Thank goodness we have church services tonight because I've had a bad week"?

The difference in the two is the difference between “form” and “function.” If one views church services simply as a “form” that must be checked off our “to-do list,” he will see that assembly differently than the one who acknowledges the “function” and purpose of the assembly. Maybe church members need to reevaluate the way they view these assemblies and to see them not as an arbitrary requirement, but as opportunities. Maybe church leaders need to reevaluate the function of these assemblies to insure that the assemblies fulfill their intended purpose.

—Steve Higginbotham, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 11/16

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## Pulling on Both Oars

An old Scotsman operated a small rowboat for transporting passengers. One day a passenger noticed that the old man had carved on one oar the word, “Faith,” and on the other oar, “Works.” Curious, the Scotsman asked the meaning. The old man replied, “I’ll show you.” He dropped the “Faith” oar and pulled the “Works” oar. The boat went around in circles. Then, he dropped that oar and pulled the “Faith” oar. The little boat went in circles the opposite direction. After the demonstration, the old man picked up “Faith” and “Works,” and he began pulling both oars together. The boat sped swiftly over the water.

The old man explained, “You see, that is the way it is the Christian life. Dead works without faith are useless, and faith without works is dead also, getting you nowhere. However, faith and works pulling together make for safety, progress and blessing (James 2:14-26).”

—Brett Petrillo, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 07/17

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM  
November 04, 2018**

Coordinator.....Mitchell Brooks  
Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.  
Scripture Reading.....John Leonard  
Song Leader.....Glen Reece  
Opening Prayer.....Steve Anderson  
Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett  
    Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,  
    Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin  
Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith  
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell  
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne  
Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie  
    .....Kaleb Bush  
AM Sermon— Travis Thomas  
PM Sermon— Travis Thomas

**WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.  
Song Leader.....Glen Reece  
Scripture Reading.....John Leonard  
Opening Prayer.....George Clay  
Lord's Supper.....Mitchell Brooks  
    .....Dallas Eddie  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Draper

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY — 7:00 PM**

Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.  
Song Leader .....Glen Reece  
First Prayer.....Roger Draper  
Opening Prayer.....George Clay  
Invitation(11/7).....Jacky Carver Sr.  
Closing Prayer.....Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **NOVEMBER**  
Linda Hackett

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,

Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Ramelle Cole, Linda Phillips, Rita Lankford, Joyce Williams (Athens, TN), Mary Massey

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

10/28/18

Wednesday.....101  
Worship Sunday AM.....86  
Bible Study Sunday AM.....82  
Daily Bible Readers.....36  
Worship Sunday PM (10/21).....60

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Nov. 4th-** Elders and Deacons Meeting

**Pantry Item:** Can of Beef Stew

**BIBLE READING FOR NOVEMBER**

01 John 2-4	11 Acts 13-17	
02 John 5-7	12 Acts 18-20	21 I Cor. 3-5
03 John 8-10	13 Acts 21-23	22 I Cor. 6-8
04 John 11-15	14 Acts 24-26	23 I Cor. 9-11
05 John 16-18	15 Acts 27-28	24 I Cor. 12-14
06 John 19-21	Rom. 1	25 I Cor. 15-16
07 Acts 1-3	16 Rom. 2-4	II Cor. 1-2
08 Acts 4-6	17 Rom. 5-7	26 II Cor. 3-6
09 Acts 7-9	18 Rom. 8-12	27 II Cor. 7-9
10 Acts 10-12	19 Rom.	28 II Cor. 10-12
	13-15	29 II Cor. 13;
	20 Rom. 16;	Gal. 1-2
		30 Gal. 3-5

