

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES 9 A.M. / FB LIVE 9:05 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M./SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 5 P.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS 6:30 P.M.

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Ken Collins	Larry Keener	Cub Scott
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Brian Calvert	David Kernodle	Chris Quattlebaum
William Clark	Daniel Lance	Rick Quattlebaum
Sawyer Deakins	Ron Lenderman	

**OFFICE
HOURS:
Mon – Fri
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

SERVICE & WORSHIP HELPERS September 27
Sunday Service 9 a.m. / Bible class 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

SERMON: Steve Powers

PRESIDE OFFERING PRAYER: Winston Bruce

SCRIPTURE: Jason Fouraker

CLOSING PRAYER: Larry Keener

SUNDAY & WED. USHERS: David Presley, Dave Tomlinson

SERVERS: Floyd Cox, Roger Cunningham, Kyle Fancher, Jason Fouraker, Heath Gipson, Hutch Gipson, David Presley, Dave Tomlinson

GREETERS: Jim & Lisa Johnson, Rain Wilson

SONG LEADER 9 a.m. David Bell **5 p.m.** Small Groups

TECH BOOTH: Clint Howard **STREAMING AV:** Makayla Howard

NURSERY: Willmott Family

COUNTRYSIDE ASSITED LIVING WORSHIP SERVICES 1 p.m.

Mark Ivaska & Chris Quattlebaum Families

WEDNESDAY, September 30

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: Daniel Lance (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim Johnson

SONG LEADER: Ron Lenderman

ATTENDANCE:

WED 9/16 145 SUN 9/20: am 262 BC 211 pm 184

CONTRIBUTION: 9/20: \$8,847

COMMUNION AND BUILDING: Chris Quattlebaum

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: Sawyer Deakins

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Larry Keener

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Vine and Branches

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener" (John 15:1).

Jesus was the master at using everyday life to illustrate spiritual realities. He used wedding attendants, shepherds and sheep, seeds, weeds in a field, fishing, lamps, salt, a lost son, pearls and many other illustrations to teach eternal truths. Today we will consider The Vine and the Branches.

Bearing fruit

The whole image of the vine, the branches and the work of the 'husbandman' (KJV) is fascinating. The entire discourse is very well known, and so some details may pass us by, because we are so familiar with them. Notice that Jesus does not say He is a place (the vineyard itself) but rather He is the growing entity within the vineyard, the growing vine. In this metaphor, Jesus is not a lifeless object. Rather, he is a life-giving vine: giving eternal life and vitality to disciples who remain in him. This is a dynamic relationship: the gardener, God, takes care of the vine (Jesus), doing all that is necessary (see the pruning paragraph), in order that the "sap" of life courses through the vine stem and into the branches. We are those branches, and it is our charge to stay connected to Jesus' life-giving stem. Without Jesus, we branches are fit only for the fire. Staying connected to Jesus means that we produce the fruit which is the product: God's love. Continuing the metaphor, we branches are but the bearers of the fruit which matures on us - we bear the Fruit of the Spirit, we help others, we care, we nourish, we love and give of ourselves. Other people may be spiritually nourished by "eating" our fruit - as we are spiritually nourished by participating in the emblems of the Lord's Supper. To stay with the picture, Christ's love causes us, the branches, to bear the fruit, the great gift of love, and in denying ourselves and giving of ourselves to others, the great cycle of production - consumption - renewal - rebirth is kept alive. When Jesus says 'I AM THE TRUE VINE', the whole image springs to life and instructs us in one memorable phrase where God, Jesus and the power of the Spirit all concentrate on us, the ones who act out God's love in the vineyard which is the world.

Pruning and Abiding

Pruning is a necessary part of healthy gardening. It seems counterintuitive to our minds that cutting something makes it thrive. But such is true of many plants. Pruning is important because it redirects the plant's limited energy and resources toward the parts that are most useful for growth. It removes dead or diseased parts, encourages new growth, improves flower and fruit production, and shapes and strengthens the plant. In Jesus' metaphor, the Father is the gardener. He prunes. He cuts off the vines that produce no fruit. He prunes the deadness off of the productive vines so that they will be more fruitful. For our part Abiding is the key word. Disciples are to remain, to abide. And by abiding in Jesus we bear the fruit of love that Jesus both enables us and has commanded his branches to do (John 15: 9, 12, 17).

~ Stephen Powers



**NURSERY WORKERS
ARE NEEDED
PLEASE SIGN UP!**

**Come watch our sweet
"pumpkins" grow!**



**The small group
meeting at
Northside will
begin at 5 p.m.**

Announcements

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

October 4th - 7th

Bergman church of Christ

Kevin Rhoads

"Authentic Discipleship"

Sun: 10 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Mon. - Wed. : 6:30 PM

Curry St. church of Christ

Matthew McBrayer

"Spiritual Questions with
Biblical Answers"

Mon. - Wed. 7 PM

111 South Curry St.
West Plains, MO

Neighbor Connections
Card Ministry teams will
meet in the upstairs
classroom immediately
following Bible classes.

Sept.27 Team 2

Oct. 4 Team 3

Oct. 11 Team 4

Oct. 18 Team 5

Oct. 9th - 11th

Northside
Family Retreat
@ Camp Caudle

Please join us in honoring
Rachel & Aaron Burlsworth
as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of

A Little Girl!

September 27th 1:30 - 3:00

@ the home of
Lisa Martin
3579 Savannah Dr.

Rachel is registered
@ babylist.com

Prayer Requests

CURRENT

Anita Beedle, Larry Keener's cousin's mother-in-law,
has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Judy Coble requests prayers for her husband George. He
is not doing well. They attend Hilltop.

Donna Crow, Ashley Johnson's mother, is undergoing
treatment for breast cancer.

Chris Davis met with the specialist for interstitial lung
disease last week. More testing will be completed in
November to determine treatment.

Heather Epperly is recovering at home.

Mario & Marsha Garza: Mario's sister passed away on
Sunday; Marsha had outpatient surgery on Monday.

Jimmy & Lorretta Hilliard, Spree Ragland's
grandparents, are having health difficulties.

Kimberly Hinson, the wife of Heath Taylor's cousin, has
been pre-diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Jacky Holmes, Kathryn Myers' father, is home and
improving daily!

Jerry & Bettye Honey in the recent passing of their
daughter, Sherria Honey Burk.

Eric Jones' MRI came back okay. He is waiting for more
test results.

Karalene Jordan, Jeff Jordan's mother & Twig McKinney's
sister, fell and fractured a vertebra.

Rusty & Alicia McMillan and the work in Honduras.

Connie Middleton, Chris' mother, will have a procedure
to seal the fistula on Oct 14th in KC.

Wilma Ohler, Staci Prewitt's mother, is having some
health issues.

Teresa & Nathan White's 3-year-old granddaughter
recently fell and had a head injury.

ONGOING

Maxine & Stan
Bridgeman

Debra Craig

Joan Drewry

Marsha Garza

Bettye Honey

Beverly Johnson

Spring Martin

Allan McAnnally

Kay Mason

Barbara Mathis

Melina Moats

Drew Morlen

Beatrice O'Neal

Malia Parkinson

Jerry Peters

Lester Sims

Stephanie Taylor

Mickey Whited

Jillian Willis

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING

Sharon Ballard

Mary Brown

Ann Cash

Dawn Greer

Shirley Jordan

Margie Malone

Faye McLaughlin

Kathleen Mullen

Carol Murphy

Mary Rogers

Family News

Children's Home Fall Food Run

We will be collecting the following items until **September 28th**.

non-perishable fruit juice:

apple, orange, grape

fruit cups

snack crackers

Saltines & Ritz

raisins

soups

salad dressings

cereal

popcorn

cake mixes

ketchup & mustard

tomato paste

velvetta cheese

jelly

chili powder

garlic powder

garlic salt

black pepper

rotel / salsa

steak sauce

white gravy mix

paper plates

paper towels

napkins

laundry detergent

fabric softener

bleach

dryer sheets

shampoo

conditioner

body wash

face wash

dusting spray

CHILDREN'S
HOMES, INC.



Nursery workers
are needed

Come watch our sweet
"pumpkins" grow!



Food Pantry
October 2nd
10 am - Noon



Volunteers are needed
Please arrive by 9:30

At Home



Herb Gipson

Dawn Greer

Ralph Hill

Faye Kisner

Kathleen Mullen

Beatrice O'Neal

James Reddell

September Funeral Meal

Coordinators:

Carolyn Seesengood

Elaine Murphy, Mary Ann Presley

October Funeral Meal

Coordinators:

Lisa Martin, Luann Howard,
Becky Fancher, Hope Mosley

Happy 55th
Anniversary!

Don & Faith Mosley

September 24th

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