

August Events:

August 6: Young at Heart Meeting

August 10: Ryan and Lucianna's Wedding

August 10: 21st Annual Golf Benefit for WVCYC

August 17: Ladies' Planning Meeting at FOP 2:00 p.m.

August 18: Dairy Queen after Sunday Night Service

August 24: Birthday Party for Theo Seyler

Today's Announcements:

- ◆ Thank you to everyone who participated, planned, and supported our Back to School Get Together yesterday. Let's remember our youth of the congregation and encourage them often during the upcoming school year.
- ◆ Tuesday, August 6, the Young at Heart group will be meeting at the building at 11:30 a.m. Please bring food to share. The group will be making plans for a Fall outing. If time permits, the group will play some games.
- ◆ Look who is turning One! A birthday party for Theo will take place at Compton Park at 12 noon on August 24. Phill and Natalie are inviting anyone who would like to attend to help them celebrate Theo's birthday. If you plan to attend, please let Phill or Natalie know so they can plan accordingly.

Notes of Interest:

- ◆ *A special "Thank You" to Cheryl Kelch for the beautiful flower arrangements in the front of the building.*
- ◆ *Wayne Hartman had some testing done last week. He asked for prayers on a good outcome.*
- ◆ *Mark has started a new study of I Corinthians on Sunday night.*

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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Behold, the Lamb of God

Sin has a way of demanding our attention. Whether it is a sin someone has committed against us or our falling prey to our own evil desires (James 1:14), sin has a way of becoming our focus. All sin is against God and carries with it the spiritual death sentence demanded by God's holiness (Rom 6:23b; 7:11-12). This makes sin in our lives and in our world a truly important fact to be understood. We must let God's word point out sin so that we are conscious of it (Rom 3:20). However, sin, regardless if it is committed by us or against us, should not be the thing we behold or fix our eyes upon. When we behold something, we fix our eyes, also our mind's eye, upon it, so that it becomes our focus. The problem is that we tend to gravitate toward our focus. We cannot journey north focusing and beholding what is to our south.

Perhaps this is part of why God continually tells us to fix our eyes on Jesus, and consider Him (Heb 12:2,3). John, the disciple whom Jesus loved (John 13:23; 19:26), knew Jesus well and knew how important it was for the church to focus on Him and His work at the cross as the Lamb of God.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29).

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world (1 Jn 2:1-2).



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

This week, even if sin abounds, let us remember who is the object of our journey, and keep our eyes fixed upon Him, behold Him and His work.

Jay Don Poindexter
Merkel church of Christ
Merkel, TX

Bible Quiz: The Lost Sheep: *Read Matthew 18:10-14*

1. "Take heed that you do not _____ one of these little ones..."
2. "The Son of Man came to _____ that which was _____."
3. How many sheep did the man in the parable have?
4. How many had to go missing in order for the shepherd to go in search?
5. "Even so it is not the will of your _____ who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. *BulletinDigest.com*

August Card Distributor: Kristina Riffle

August Greeters:

Baptismal Garments: Rachel West

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark’s Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Summer Events 2024

August 10: Ryan and Lucianna’s Wedding Day

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August 17: Ladies’ Planning Meeting

August 18: Dairy Queen after Sunday Night Service.

August 19: First Day of School for Harrison County Schools (Grades 1-12)

August 24: Theo’s Birthday Party.

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

75

Sunday Bible Class

40

Sunday Evening

31

Wednesday Bible Study

26

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$4630

August Birthday /Anniversary List:

1-Helen Potts; 6-Terri Vilain; 8- Blair Kolar; 10-Gene & Joyce Wright (A); 10- Allison Eskew; 12- Dale E. Lee; 18-Kaitlyn Vilain; 25-Jonathan Hartman; 25-Alan Shreves; 28- Nathaniel Harper & Theodore Seyler: & 31-Cindy Buffington

Prayer Requests:

For Our Congregation:

Shut-in Members: Helen Potts, Ken Fortney, Judy Gardner, and Becky Britton

- **Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth:** Health issues.
- **Lois Jenkins:** Having a difficult time.

- **Becky Britton:** Health issues.
- **Alice (Leah Sleath’s Mother):** Mobility issues.
- **Hannah Epler & Baby Judah:** Baby is due in September.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Ernie Parson’s (Hannah Epler’s father).**
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross’s friend).**
- **Raymond and Debbie’s neighbor:** Having cancer treatments.
- **Jerida Floyd (Rex & Cheryl’s Brother-in-Law).**
- **Mark Stephenson (Preacher in Etowah, TN):** Detached Retina Surgery.

- **Burlin Strange (Angie Collins’ Uncle).**
- **Tammy and Mark Wise.**
- **Barbie McDonald (Mark’s friend).**
- **Ray Custer (Member at Whitehall):** At Ruby in critical condition.

If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.