



## Calvert City Church of Christ

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### *The Last Invitation*

On October 25, 2015, Darrell Holt, gospel preacher in Los Angeles, California, extended his last invitation. Among his words were: "You've heard the word. Believe it. Confess Christ, be baptized." Moments later he became unresponsive and was pronounced dead later at a local hospital. (Source: *The Christian Chronicle*, November 4, 2015.)

Those who have been associated with the church for many years probably don't have any idea how many formal invitations they have heard. They recall the passionate pleas of preachers conducting gospel meetings. They remember the habit of the local preacher to extend the invitation at the end of Sunday morning and evening sermons. And just maybe, they think of the memorable moments when some of the men of the congregation gave brief devotional messages and then extended the invitation.

This year, the last Wednesday night of the year will be December 30th. With most congregations there will come a mid-week service; and along with that service will like be a formal invitation for participants to either become Christians or rededicate themselves to the Lord. So, the 30th of December will bring the last formal invitation of 2015.

With it comes the reflection upon a year spent on this earth. Some people hearing that invitation will have attended worship and Bible study (maybe for years) without becoming a Christian. They have come with a mate, or other family member, simply out of good will. Others may agree with the message and intent of the congregation, but have seen no real need (or more likely, have been unwilling or afraid) to make the commitment. There also those who hear the invitation, knowing that they are living a lie—claiming to be Christians, yet living like the world.

It may not be this year, or even the last Sunday or Wednesday of a year, but some day you will hear the last invitation in a church service. Even then, it will not necessarily be your last invitation, because Jesus still calls, "Come unto me" (Matthew 11:28-30). The Spirit and the Bride still say, "Come" (Revelation 22:17). As long as there are breath and reason within you, you can respond to the Lord and be baptized or restored at any hour of any day. When will you hear your last invitation?

Only God knows.

—Lance Cordle

### **Elders**

Dennis Driver  
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Gayle Hall  
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Randy O'Bryan  
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### **Deacons**

Leslie Bean  
Ronnie Cox  
Nick Darnell  
Larry Davis  
Mike Dougherty  
Ross Dougherty  
Kyle Farris  
Jeff Hall  
Mark Hart  
Kevin Hunt  
Jamie Leonard  
Brad Parker  
Dale Roberts  
Gary Smith  
Barry Travis  
Jackie Travis

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## Dates to Remember:

**December 28**—Blood Drive  
**December 31**—New Year's Eve Fellowship  
**January 11**—MNftM  
**January 14**—Caring Cooks  
**January 15-17**—Evangelism University

## *A Pause . . . And Reflection*

So many things fill our minds! We think of the gifts we are going to give and the events we will attend. We think of the people we will see and the places we will go. The holidays are full of satisfying moments. However there are also moments we don't cherish: the ache of missing a loved one; the disappointment with ourselves and/ or others. Remember to try to balance your life during the holidays. Keep Christ at the forefront of all your thoughts and actions (Colossians 3:1-4). Begin the new year with him at the center and you will be blessed!

Laura and I thank God for our association with you for these many years. You continue to love us and bless our lives in so many ways! Thank you for every act of kindness, whether in the middle of the summer, or here at the end of the year. You are Special!

May God continue to bless you!

I hope you have a great week!—Lance

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## Reminder

Please turn in Information and Involvement sheets as soon as possible. We need to update our files and help more of you to use your talents and be involved in the work of the Lord in Calvert City. There are boxes in the lobby for you to return these forms..

## *Ancient Truths for Modern Times*

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

## Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Ernestine Riley** who passed away Sunday, December 20. Her funeral was held Tuesday, December 22 at Sharpe Church of Christ. Ernestine was the widow of **Pat Riley**.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Cory O'Bryan** for his graduation last week from Army MP training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Cory is home until January 3.

## New Year's Eve Fellowship

The congregation's annual New Year's Eve Fellowship will be Thursday, December 31 at the Activities Building beginning at 6 p.m. Please bring finger foods, desserts and 2 liter soft drinks. Don't forget to bring your card and board games too!

## Breakfast on New Year's Day

On Friday, January 1 we will have the opportunity to have breakfast together at the Activities Building at 9 a.m. to begin the new year! Several of our men will cook and all you have to do is come and eat. There will also be a time of devotion to begin the new year as well. If you plan to attend please sign the list in the lobby by Wednesday, December 30.

## Birthdays, December 27– January 2

- ◆ December 27—Addison Dougherty  
Debbie Green  
Jerry Hall  
Chris Martin
- ◆ December 28—Stan Gautney
- ◆ December 29—Randy O'Bryan  
Mitch Sievertson
- ◆ December 31—Richard Darnell

## Daily Bible Reading Schedules

Daily Bible Reading schedules are available in the lobby.

### Remember in Prayer:

Noah Adams, grandson of Georgia and Johnny Adams is in the burn unit of Mercy Hospital, St. Louis, MO.

Andrea Atnip (Stephanie Atnip's daughter), Sandy Barlow, Nelda Beth, Kenneth Counce, Raymon & Joy Cordle (Lance's parents), Billie Davis, Ruth Davis, Brent Fortner, Lloyd Glass, Norman Gulley, Ruth McDaniel, Rudell & Ernestine Noles, Jon Sievertson, Danny Sloan, Joann Will, Brenda Williams

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

CCC—Betty Clark, Eedra Dossett, Sue Owen  
Brookdale (Emeritus-Paducah)—John Main  
Lake Way Nursing & Rehab—Dora Davis  
Morningside (Paducah)—Bobbie Travis  
Stilley House—Ed Odell, Ralph Steury

Military: Cory O'Bryan—Home on leave

## Final Blood Drive of the Year!



Monday, December 28, 2015  
at Activities Building  
12:30-5:30 p.m.

Record:  
December 20, 2015

Mid-Week (12/16)	186
Sunday Bible Study	175
Sunday Morning Worship	258
Sunday Evening Worship	128
Contribution	\$8,894

## Are you Ready?

William and Frieda wanted to do something very impressive for their twentieth wedding anniversary. They decided to spend ten days in Paris, France. For six months they talked about the trip and worked overtime in order to have money for the plane tickets. They told all their friends about their dream vacation and their wonderful marriage. Finally, William and Frieda boarded the plane for their once in a lifetime transatlantic flight.

However, things took a surprising turn, when they landed. They had never reserved a car or made a reservation at a hotel. Neither could speak any French. They had no tickets for the venues they wanted to visit and no money to use for food. Simply put, Bill and Frieda had planned to leave but not to arrive.

Sadly, this is the picture of most folks in regards to their eternal destiny. We work hard, raise our children, and dream about better days ahead. We talk about the Lord, purchase a Bible, and promise to "get started" soon. However, death comes and our arrival on the shores of eternity reveal our utter unpreparedness. Friends, the time to prepare for heaven is not at our funeral.

In Matthew 25 Jesus shared a parable about ten young ladies who were invited to use their lamps to illuminate a wedding celebration. Five of these ran out of oil, but the other five brought extra. They prepared for the event, not just to await the event. Reminding us of His coming for final judgment, the Lord added, "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour." Are we ready for the most important part of our lives?

—Don Loftis

## December 27

PEW PACKERS 5:45 p.m.

Also, Girls' L2L Speech practice, Room 10

# Schedule of Services

## Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.  
Worship — 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

## Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

### Bible Classes For All Ages

### Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, December 27, 2015

10:00 A.M.

*Song Leader:* Ben Leonard

*Opening Prayer:* Mike Dougherty

*Closing Prayer:* Jamie Leonard

*Convalescent Ctr.* Robert Hall

Mike Dougherty

6:00 P.M.

*Song Leader:* Dale Roberts

*Opening Prayer:* William Smith

*Closing Prayer:* Cory O'Bryan

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

*Announcements:* Jared Higginbotham

*Song Leader:* Dale Roberts

*Opening Prayer:* Ronnie Cox

*Closing Prayer:* Jake Hall