



## Calvert City Church of Christ

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### *A Grudge Report*

Matt Drudge is in an interesting position—He is in the news business and many journalists and politicians “hate” (deeply dislike him and disapprove of him). However, many of those same people read his website, because they believe it is current and relevant to their world. Most of the news he carries is not “from” him. His site basically is a black and white page filled with links to articles and videos from around the Internet. He does not comment on the links, but does include headlines or teasers that are often clear indications of his stance on the matter. Most of those who pass judgment on him would say he “leans right” or “conservative.” His site is called the Drudge Report. So much for the background of this article . . . Because, basically, I wanted to get your attention and lead to some spiritual thoughts.

All of us have dealt with disappointment or disagreement with other people. Most of us have been tempted with, and have given in to feelings of bitterness and anger. Let me ask you this: What if there was a “Grudge Report?” What if someone were to look at your life and provide “links” to the names of the people you continue to resent? Further, what if those “links” not only contained names, but also included a background of the problem, with a detailed listing of the way that person “wronged” you? Of course, it might be that those people did not really do anything wrong, they just happened to be those who disappointed you.

Do you already have a list like that? It may not be on the Internet. In fact, it may not even be written down. However, the “report” can be very real. The tendency to remember the hurtful things people have done to us is one with which we all struggle. With such being the case, it is no surprise that there are numerous exhortations within the New Testament to mend relationships and refrain from holding grudges (Matthew 5:21-26; 6:14-15; Romans 12:17-19; Ephesians 4:32). We are also instructed concerning the dangerous fruit of holding grudges—bitterness (Ephesians 4:31; Hebrews 12:15).

So, what shall we do with our “Grudge Report?” Recalling the Drudge Report, we can see that his links are deleted once the news is old. There is no need to keep “rehashing” old news.

Let me make two suggestions about our “report.” 1) “Read” it. Let us examine our hearts and see if there are “links” that come up. Let’s ask ourselves about the problem and why that person is being resented and maybe even mistreated by us because of something from the past. 2) “Delete” it. We need to take steps to resolve the problem either by dealing with our disappointment, or by going to them, if they are responsible (Matthew 18:15-18). Once we have forgiven a person, we must move on. We cannot live faithfully before God and continue to hold grudges (Matthew 6:15).

—Lance Cordle

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### Dates to Remember:

**October 26**—KFC Hayride  
**October 27**—Monday Night for the Master  
**October 30**—Blood Drive  
**November 1**—Chili Supper & Trunk or Treat

***Ancient Truths for Modern Times***  
**WCKK, FM—95.7**  
**Sundays 9:00 a.m.**  
**Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles**

### Golden Agers Trip

The Golden Agers will be going to Grand Rivers on Friday, November 7. The group will meet at Pattie's at 4:30 p.m. for dinner and will then go to the Badgett Playhouse for the show. This trip is the rain-check for the trip that was missed last year due to bad weather. Everyone should already have their tickets for the show.

## A Pause . . . and Reflection

Once again, we thank **Stephen Rogers** for his work among us in our gospel meeting. His passion for God and his kingdom were very evident. We want to let you know that we have purchased Stephen's books for the church library. We already had several copies of his book on evangelism, but we added the following: **Christian Living Made Simple**; **How to Study Difficult Texts of the Bible**; and **Jesus, Our Example, Volumes I-IV**. (Volume V of that set will be available later, according to Stephen.) Give us a little while to have these books processed into the library catalog. They should be available for check-out within the next few days.

We are quickly moving toward the holiday season! The Red Cross reminds us that the season is a time of great need for donations. Whether the cause is a spike in the number of accidents or a dip in the number of donations, the need is real and ongoing. If you are able to give blood, we would greatly appreciate you being a part of the blood drive this month (October 30th) and in December (the 29th).

The time of the season also reminds us that the official time change (moving *back* one hour) will take place soon: November 2nd. So keep that in mind. We will have another reminder in next week's bulletin.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance



**Pew Packers**  
**October 26**  
**5:45 p.m.**

**Know the 12 Apostles**

### Blood Drive

Our congregation will host a Red Cross Blood Drive at our Activities Building on **Thursday, October 30** from 12:30—5:30 p.m. There are sign up sheets in the lobby for donors and volunteers for registration and snack tables.

### Thank You

Dear Church family,

I wanted to thank you for the beautiful flowers and sympathy during my time of loss. It is comforting to know you are thinking of me as I grieve my mother's passing.

Warm regards,

Mark Lavender (son of Dot Lavender)

### Congratulations/Gift Card Shower

Congratulations to **Brittany Harrington** and **Andrew (Drew) Johnson** who were married Friday, October 17. If you would like to give towards a gift card from the congregation please see Cheryl Hall by November 5.

### Birthdays: Oct. 26-Nov. 1

- ◆ October 27—Taylor Cothran
- ◆ October 29—Ellie Steele
- ◆ October 30—Wanda Whirley
- ◆ October 31—Inez Darnell
- ◆ November 1—Scott Cunningham  
Kay Inman

## Remember in Prayer:

**Edna Adams, Earl & Stephanie Atnip, Patsy Atnip, Sandy Barlow, Nelda Beth, Winford Claiborne** (Bettie Bean's uncle), **Brent Cope** (Nick Darnell's nephew), **Betty Hall, Imogene Hulsey, Dave Lineberry, Ernestine Noles, Ruth Orr** (Maxie Fortner's friend who takes little dresses on mission trips), **Tony Pierce** (Mary Jane Sanderson's son-in-law), **Lexie Ray, Jace Riley** (great grandson of Galon & Nancy Riley), **Susan Sanderson, Joe Smith, Roy Vasseur, Todd Walker**

### *Nursing Home/Assisted Living:*

*Calvert Convalescent Center*—**Nell Dobesh, Eedra Dossett, Mamie Hamilton, Sue Owen**  
*Emeritus—Rm 208:* **Mary Deane Swann**  
*Oakview Manor*—**Nancy Hall**

## There's a Job for Everyone !

**Monday Night for the Master**  
**October 27th, 6 p.m.**  
**@ Activities Building**



## Record: Week of October 19, 2014

Mid-Week (October 15)	168
Bible Study	196
Sunday Morning Worship	252
Sunday Evening Worship	145
Contribution	\$9,822

## Classic Brain-Teaser...

“If God can do anything can he create a rock so large and heavy that he cannot pick it up?”

Do not think about it too long because your brain will hurt. Also, it is a ridiculous question that means nothing. Can God do anything? That's a loaded question—but, yes. Can God accomplish anything that he desires to accomplish? Once again, this question is loaded, but yes. So think about this with me, **why is he so interested in us?** If God has all the ability he needs to do anything and accomplish anything he desires then why does he need us? Well, in my opinion, **God does not need us. God chose us.** Listen to the words of Peter ...

*“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men **but in the sight of God chosen and precious**, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a **holy** priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God **through Jesus Christ.**”* (emphasis added, ESV, 1 Peter 2:4-5)

*“**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* (1 Peter 2:9)

How incredible are these verses! A God who can do and accomplish anything that he desires *chose us* as his possession, as his children. This message should excite us to no end and yet, have another overwhelming effect on us...

*“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”* (1 Peter 5:6-7)

We ought to continually humble ourselves to his will and change our lives whether we like it or not, because *at the proper time* he will exalt us and bring us to Heaven, which we are guaranteed to like! So instead of thinking of that silly brain-teasing question, focus on God's election and allow it to fcontrol your life.

—Austin

# **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, October 26, 2014**  
**10:00 A.M.**

*Song Leader:* Gayle Hall  
*Opening Prayer:* Dennis Driver  
*Closing Prayer:* Stan Gautney  
*Convalescent Ctr. Devo:* Larry Davis  
Gary Smith

### **P.M.**

*Song Leader:* Ben Leonard  
*Opening Prayer:* Dale Roberts  
*Closing Prayer:* Glenn Davis

**Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

*Song Leader:* John D. Whirley  
*Opening Prayer:* Gary Smith  
*Closing Prayer:* Casey Counce