



Calvert City Church of Christ

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Renewal

Can you hear it? It is the sound of birds chirping. Can you see it? The daylight last longer. Can you feel it? The days are warmer. After an unusual year, where the temperatures have been slow to rise and we have experienced snow and sleet in April, spring has finally arrived!

Spring is God's season of renewal. The flowers bloom and the grass becomes green. The earth and the animals seem to come back to life! Many people enjoy springtime greatly because of the feelings of rejuvenation and encouragement that comes from seeing and experiencing the renewal of nature.

God also knows the value of the renewal of a person. The new birth is necessary because God wants men and women who are new in purpose and spiritual life (John 3:3, 5). Just as people rejoice over the birth of a baby and watch with anticipation as they grow, angels and God rejoice at the birth of a Christian (Luke 15:7, 32).

The life of a Christ-follower is a new life! The person who comes forth from the "grave" of baptism has a new life to live (Romans 6:4). "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV). The possibilities are fresh and ready to be pursued!

God's emphasis on renewal is even clearer when one considers Paul's challenge in Romans 12:2a: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." As is the case of springtime, spiritual surroundings bring about a renewal of thinking. In springtime, people put on lighter and brighter clothing, walk in the sunshine and consume foods that are associated with warmer and brighter. Renewal in our minds transforms us into people who are godly and holy. We should not shrink away from those two description anymore than we would avoid the labels of spring-time person or summer-time person.

Everybody needs renewal. The need for renewal is what God has put behind our longing for rest and sleep at night. Just as sleep brings forth reinvigoration and rejuvenation, spiritual renewal transforms us. Take some time to renew your mind: 1) Read and delight in God's word (Psalm 1:1-3); 2) Fix your focus on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-3); continue to walk in the light (1 John 1 :7). God will bless you and you will be renewed and refreshed.

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

April 14-15—Summer Intern, Caleb Boggs visits
April 18—WNES Speaker: Jody Apple
April 21—Summer Giveaway
April 26—Blood Drive
April 27-29—Evangelism University
April 29—5th Sunday, Speaker: Austin Johnson
May 5—Golden Age Banquet

Stateside Mission Trip

The time is drawing closer for our Stateside Mission trip to Mankato, MN July 13th – 19th. In order to finalize our travel arrangements we are requesting that all those interested in attending commit no later than May 1st. Please contact Brent Fortner if you have any questions and/or to sign up.

Area Events

- “*Growing Sprouts*”, Elementary Age Youth Rally at Walnut Grove church of Christ on April 21 at 9 a.m. Speaker: Chris King RSVP: 270-703-6803.
- Spring Gospel Meeting at Northside church of Christ in Mayfield, KY. April 22-25 Speaker: Mike Johnson



WNES Speaker Profile: Jody Apple

Jody Apple is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University (B.A.) and Tennessee Bible College (M.A.). He has done additional work at West Chester University. He did local preaching in the greater Philadelphia area for 25 years. He currently teaches in *the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies*. He is one of the speakers for the **International Gospel Hour**. He is the director of thebible.net and The Video Bible School.

Jody is married to **Evelyn** and they have two sons. Jody has spoken here before and we look forward to his return.

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Youth/KFC Activity

Caleb Boggs, our summer youth intern for 2018 will be here April 14 and 15. There will be a Youth/KFC Hangout at the activities building on Saturday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Parents & Elders Meeting

There will be an important meeting of the parents of our youth and the elders following the 6 p.m. worship service, April 15.

Summer Community Give Away

Our congregation will be hosting a **summer clothing, toy and houseware give away** on Saturday, **April 21**. Just as we did last fall, we are counting on our members to donate items. Please ensure that the clothing and other items are clean and in good condition and working order. **Donated items can be brought to the activities building April 19.**

Golden Age Banquet

Our annual Golden Age Banquet in honor of those 60 years and older will be held Saturday, May 5th at the activities building beginning at 11 a.m. Since it is Derby Day all ladies are invited to wear “derby hats” and men can wear bright “derby jackets.” If you plan to attend please sign the list in the lobby by April 22.

Birthdays: April 15-21

- ◆ April 15— Danny Walker, Brittany Wyatt
- ◆ April 18—Sawyer Collins
- ◆ April 19—Conner Copeland
- ◆ April 20—Heather Arant
- ◆ April 21—Jo Nell Dawes, Hannah Mabry

Blood Drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at our activities building **Thursday, April 26, 2018, from 12:30-5:30.**

**Remember in Prayer:
Marshall County Students, Staff & Families**

Nelda Beth, Norman & Joan Bradford, Mason Brandon (Kerry & Debbie Brandon's grandson), **Richard Darnell, Ethel Davis, Glenn & Robin Davis, Jimmy & Karen Davis, JoNell Dawes, Robert Driver, Cindy Grubbs, Clay Hale, Jeff Hall, Imogene Hulsey, George & Hedia Mabry, Fritz Metzger, Fay Stewart** (Kim Copeland's mother), **Amy Strait, Brenda Williams**

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—**John Main,**

Jim & Barbara Story

CCCtr—**Betty Clark, Hazel Demery,**

June Tarkington

Jackson Oaks—**Betty Burkeen**

Stilley House—**Raymon Cordle, Ed O'Dell,**

Ralph Steury

Military: Cory O'Bryan—Ft. Campbell

WNES 2018

***"12 Things Spiritually
Strong People Do"***



April 18, 2018

***"They Continue to Participate
in Public Worship"***

Speaker: Jody Apple

Record:

April 8, 2018

Mid-Week (April 4)	130
Sunday Morning Bible Study	159
Sunday Morning Worship	217
Sunday Evening Worship	133
Contribution	\$10,131

Don't Stand Up Too Soon

In 1957 Willie Shoemaker was one of the best young jockeys in the world of horse racing. Having already won one Kentucky Derby, that year he was riding one of the favorites, Gallant Man. He was leading the race until passing the sixteenth pole, he mistook it for the finish line. Standing up in the stirrups for just a moment slowed the horse enough that Iron Liege defeated him by a nose.

The ability to finish strong is a virtue in school, business and sports. There are times we must push through adversity and even failure in order to achieve real success. The baseball pennant is not won in the first month of the season, but after all 162 games are played.

Even in living for the Lord, we can "stand up too soon". Many people give up their godly dreams, because of worldly setbacks. Just because your friend has resisted your invitation to follow Christ, don't give up or stop finding new ways to highlight the Gospel. We must not grow weary in our own faithfulness. The devil desires that we become discouraged and stop living for the Lord. If we slow up, he will take advantage.

Two great passages should always be in our minds. The first is Jesus' conditional promise in Rev. 2:10, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." The second is a part of the apostle Paul's great victory speech in II Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all who have loved his appearing." Let's be faithful to the finish line.

—Don Loftis

**Pew Packers
Sunday @ 5:45 p.m.**

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.

Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.*

*On the last Sunday of each month, the evening service will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Morning

Song Leader: Gayle Hall

Opening Prayer: Leslie Bean

Closing Prayer: Ricky Collins

Convalescent Center: Randy O'Bryan

Gary Smith

Evening

Song Leader: Dale Roberts

Opening Prayer: Reese Fortner

Closing Prayer: Ronnie Cox

Wednesday April 18, 2018

Announcements: Dennis Driver

Song Leader: Jeff Mabry

Opening Prayer: Don Whirley

Closing Prayer: Larry Wynn