

#### **Calvert City Church of Christ**

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## A Sibling Story

Once upon a time, there was a family . . . within that family were four children: two boys and two girls. They, of course, grew up together and shared the usual family things. They were close. As they matured, they saw each other only at regular family gatherings. Even then, they were glad to see each other and kept in touch with each other. They helped each other with problems and regularly had discussions about the important matters of life.

Over the course of time however, they became more distant. Actually, two of them became distant—one of the boys and one of the girls. The other two remained close and connected. Even though they all lived in the same general area, the only times they all were together were Thanksgiving and Christmas (and occasionally, Mother's Day and Father's Day).

What really hurt the two close siblings was that they had done nothing (at least as far as thy knew) to cause the breach in their relationship. In fact, they had tried numerous times to mend it. Birthday cards, "Get Well" cards, "Thinking of You" cards, were all sent, with an occasional acknowledgement. For the most part though, the encouragement "fell flat." The close siblings also tried the personal approach—going to the house of their brother and sister, talking personally about their love and concern. They also invited them out for meals. Once again, even though there was some hint of recognition of a problem, no real effort was made to correct it.

In fact, the real problem was that they were not interested in the family. They had their own lives and interests and those interests did not include their family. They were nice and congenial, but remained distant.

The two connected siblings discussed the matter and became even more concerned about their brother and sister because they saw time slipping away, when ties would be cut for eternity. Their opportunities to connect with their siblings would be gone forever. They wondered how they could make one final effort, one final try to win their brother and sister back to the family. They were looking for the right words, the right occasion . . . They needed help.

I can't finish the story, because I don't know what happened. You see, the family is the church and we have brothers and sisters we have tried to reach in order to restore them to our family. But we have thus far been rejected. Maybe you are one of those . . . Do you want our help? Is the Lord important to you? The Father waits (Luke 15:11-32) . . . We wait.

What will you do?

-Lance Cordle

Elders Dennis Driver (270) 205-5625

**Gayle Hall** (270) 395 - 7388

Randy O'Bryan (270) 205-6185

#### 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

#### Preachers

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#### **Dates to Remember:**

September 10—Caring Cooks				
September 14—Monday Night for the				
September 18-20—Teen Week Retreat	at WKYC			
September 20-23—Gospel Meeting with Bryan				
McAlister	-			
September 24—Caring Cooks				
September 27—Youth Devo				
September 28—Monday Night for the	Master			

### A Pause . . . And Reflection

During our gospel meeting, we will have another early Sunday afternoon service. Bryan is, of course preaching full time back home in Centerville. That Monday of our gospel meeting, he will be teaching a class for Freed-Hardeman at their satellite school in Dickson, TN before rejoining us for the meeting. Our gathering early on Sunday afternoon, following lunch, will allow him to get back home in plenty of time that Sunday evening. As with the 5th Sunday of August, we will have no 6:00 service that night.

I must say that I was very disappointed in the fact that some did not return for the early afternoon service in August. In addition, I believe some left the premises after the meal and did not return....That was just a few minutes before the afternoon worship. Brethren, we can improve on that...please decide to attend...and *stay*.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

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#### **Membership**

**Ricky** and **Melissa Collins** have expressed to our elders their desire to be identified with this congregation. Their children are **Taylor** and **Sawyer**. Please welcome them among us! Their address is:

2865 Benton-Birmingham Road Benton, KY 42025

#### Area Events:

There are several gospel meetings, ladies' days, etc. coming up in our area. Please check the note board in the lobby for the congregations and details.

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

#### **Birthdays: September 13-19**

• September 13—Barbara Glass

Wanda Thompson

September 14—Teresa Owen

Becky Walker

Ramona Walker

- September 16—Ashley Appleton
- September 17—Katie Roberts
- September 18—Riley Medley
- September 19—Mary Smith

#### WORD SEARCH Isaiah 53

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#### **BULLETIN DIGEST**

#### **Remember in Prayer:**

Billie Breeden—Lourdes, 412

Susan Floyd (Joan Bradford's daughter)— Lourdes, 536

At Home:

Nelda Beth, Kenneth Counce, Judy Moore, Jon Sievertson, Danny Sloan, Wanda Thompson

Nursing Home/Assisted Living: CCC—Betty Clark, Nell Dobesh, Eedra Dossett, Sue Owen Brookdale (Emeritus-Paducah)—John Main, Mary Deane Swann Lake Way Nursing & Rehab—Dora Davis Oakview Manor—Billie Breeden Stilley House—Ed Odell, Ralph Steury

#### Military: Cory O'Bryan



Gospel Meeting at Calvert City September 20-23 Speaker: Bryan McAlister

# Record: Week of September 6, 2015

	179
Mid-Week (9/2)	171
Sunday Bible Study	244
Sunday Morning Worship	148
Sunday Evening Worship	\$8,773

## Upcoming Youth and Family Events

#### September 18-20 – WKYC Teen Week Retreat

Last call to sign-up for Teen Week Retreat! The cost is \$35 per person and the registration form can be found on the Teen Week Retreat (WKYC) Facebook page.

The registration form needs to be filled out and mailed along with payment to Ryan Scherer at Seven Oaks before the retreat weekend. Seven Oaks address is 290 St. Rt. 97, Mayfield, KY 42066.

This retreat is meant for 13 and up, but I checked with Mr. Scherer and he said we can bring 12 year olds as long as they are with an adult from the congregation (me), so I hope to see as many as possible signed up for a great weekend!

#### Sept. 27 – Youth and Family Devo

This will be our first youth and family devotional of the fall! We will be at the Drivers' home after evening services and all youth, young couples/singles, and parents are invited to come enjoy food, fun, fellowship and a time of devotion to our Lord.

Thank you for all the support you have given to Sara and me, as it is such a great blessing to us! If you have any questions about these events, feel free to contact me in any way.

Hope to see you all out at these events!

- Jared



PEW PACKERS Sunday, September 13 5:45 p.m.

# schedule of Services

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, September 13, 2015 10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Gayle Hall Opening Prayer: Jared Hall Closing Prayer: Kevin Hunt Convalescent Ctr. William Smith Ben Leonard

#### 6:00 P.M.

Song Leader: Jared Higginbotham Opening Prayer: Ben Leonard Closing Prayer: Jamie Leonard

#### Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Announcements: Nick Darnell Song Leader: Ben Leonard Prayer: Randy O'Bryan Prayer: Evan Owen