



## Calvert City Church of Christ

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**Jeff Hall**

**Jon Hart**

**Mark Hart**

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**David Lineberry**

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**Gary Smith**

**Jimmy Smith**

**Jackie Travis**

### Preacher

**Lance Cordle**

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### *Waiting and Working*

I recently heard a fact about an actor that interested me greatly. The actor was preparing for a role in which would be both star and director. The role would also require that he sing, and sing well, throughout the movie. He was already an accomplished musician, but he needed more training to become an adequate singer. In order to become that singer, he spent eighteen months—a year and a half, taking voice lessons. One can only imagine the patience and focus it took for him to do that for a single movie role.

Eighteen months is a relatively long period of time and is a large “slice” of a person’s life. The priority implied by such sacrifice hints at the importance of the goal of the one devoting such an extended period of time to waiting and working.

The kind of discipline displayed by the actor described above seems rare in our day and age. When we have fast-food, on-demand TV shows, etc. Indeed, people have come to expect instant gratification in almost every aspect of their lives.

It would do us well to remember the lives of followers of God through the ages of the Bible. Abraham was called by God and given the promise of many descendants, at the age of seventy-five. However, Isaac was not born until his father was one hundred years old. Moses was called by God, to lead his people, at the age of eighty, but did not get to see (yet not enter) the promised land until just before his death, at the age of one hundred and twenty. David served Saul for several years following his own anointing as king. Finally, Jesus began his ministry at the age of thirty—He was thirty-three when he died.

All this simply underscores the importance of patience. Marriages must pass through the trials of the early years to reach the latter years. Those first years (probably more-so, the middle years) may require much hard work and patience. Children must be raised and trained before parents can truly reap the benefits of “honor your father and mother.” It is not a surprise to any parent that those years of training will be marked by the endurance of hard times. Likewise, experience in an occupation must be gained by **experience**.

Enjoyment of God’s blessings by his follower will be enhanced by the discipline and suffering required to reach them (1 Peter 1:7-9). Truly, those “who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength...” (Isaiah 40:31).  
—Lance Cordle

### Dates to Remember:

March 13—WNES Speaker: Chris Kemp  
March 14—Caring Cooks  
March 16—Leadership Workshop at Briensburg  
March 17—Youth Devotional  
March 20—WNES speaker: Ralph Gilmore  
March 24-27—Gospel Meeting with Dan Jenkins  
April 12-13—Spring Giveaway

## A Pause . . . And Reflection

For twenty-one years, **Laura Cordle** has served this church as secretary. She has done that job well. In recent years she has seen the need to devote her time to some other things. With her decision has come the need for someone else to fill the role of secretary. We are thankful that **Kensey Hall** has consented to do that. She has recently begun the transition and is now in place to receive phone calls, requests, announcements, and prepare the bulletin in the office-work of the church. So, “Thank you, Laura!”.... And, “Welcome, Kensey!”

One reminder concerning announcements: we ask that you get them to the office by phone or writing in a timely manner. For announcements to be published in the Encourager, please have them to us by Tuesdays at noon, for the coming week’s issue. For oral announcements, for Wednesday nights, please have them to the office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. For Sunday announcements, please try to have them to the office by 5:00 p.m. Fridays. We ask that you not hand a new announcement directly to an announcer unless it is “breaking news” about sickness, death, or something that is a genuine priority for that time.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

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### Care Bags

For anyone you know who is in need. These bags contain basic personal care items and are available in the old fellowship hall.

## Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

### Area Events

- West Kentucky Leadership Workshop  
“*Linking the Chain: Connecting the Generations in the Church*,” **March 16**  
Briensburg church of Christ.  
Registration begins at 8:00 am.  
Lunch will be served.  
RSVP by March 14 to (270) 527-8691.
- Gospel Meeting with Dan Jenkins  
“*Messages from Heaven*”  
**March 24-27**  
Central church of Christ  
For more info: 270-908-1215  
paducahcentralcoc@gmail.com

### Birthdays: March 17-23

- **March 19**-Jamie Leonard
- **March 20**-Jimmy Barrett, Graham Riley
- **March 21**-Georgia Adams
- **March 23**-Ellie Hall

“This is a thank you to all of your wonderful loving members who sent such sweet cards and made such sweet and caring calls.

In Christian Love,  
**Margaret Robertson**”

## Wednesday Night Enrichment Series 2019

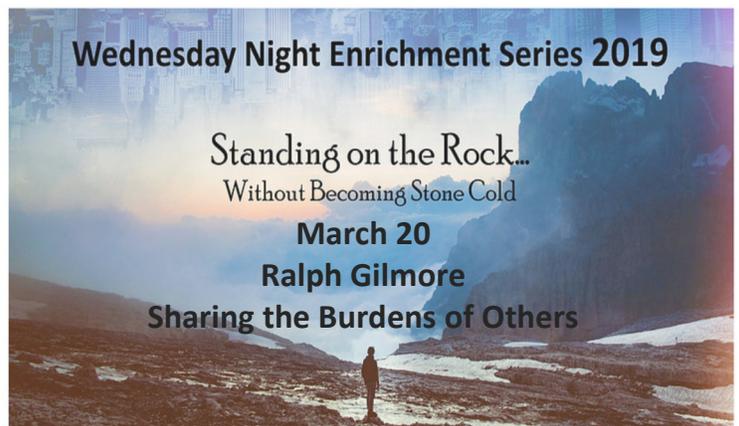
Standing on the Rock...

Without Becoming Stone Cold

March 20

Ralph Gilmore

Sharing the Burdens of Others



## Remember in Prayer:

**Eric Boner**—complications from surgery  
**Wanda Whirley**—recovering at home  
**Jacob Langston**—recovering at home  
**Tim Mabry**—recovering at home  
**Conner Copeland, Richard Darnell,  
Robert Driver, Von Fortner, Cindy Grubbs,  
Ryan & Janna Beth Hunt,  
Kirt & Brittany Hunt, Haley Lilly,  
Fritz Metzger, Doug Newsome,  
Randal O'Bryan, Cavan Riley, Mitzi Roberts,  
Nick Thomas**

### *Nursing Home/Assisted Living:*

*Brookdale (Paducah)*—**Jim & Barbara Story**  
*CCCCtr*—**Betty Clark, Jo Nell Dawes**  
*Misty Meadows, in Metropolis, IL*—**Betty Burkeen**  
*Oakview Manor*—**Norman Bradford**  
*Stilley House*—**Raymon Cordle, Norman Gully,**  
**Carl Hamilton, Ed O'Dell**  
*Superior Care*—**John Main**



## Mission Spotlight: Zambia School of Biblical Studies

Brother Jerry Sullins spent most of July and August 2018 in Zambia. While there, he visited the preacher training school in Busia, Uganda. He taught, preached and encouraged the students. This is a school that we have helped support periodically since its beginning in 2001. Jerry also attended the graduation of 16 graduates at EASOBS in November 2018. They have graduated 63 students since their beginning in 2003. There is a fast growing church plant by the students on the school property. The work continues to expand throughout Africa by training preachers to reach out to the world with the gospel to the 130 million people in East Africa. **-Jackie Travis**

## Record: March 10, 2019

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| Mid-Week (Mar 6)           | 166         |
| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 171         |
| Sunday Morning Worship     | 265         |
| Sunday Evening Worship     | 151         |
| Contribution               | \$10,539.05 |

## Changing Times

In chapter 19, Luke records Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He describes a joyful crowd who honored the Lord's entry by spreading palm leaves and garments along the roadway. They recalled His miracles and praised God by shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Yet in less than one week, Jesus will have been arrested, fraudulently convicted, and executed on the cross. In experiencing the emotional transformation of those 5 days, two reminders are very important.

First, we should never forget that things in life can change quickly. We see it in the weather day by day (this week Amarillo, TX dropped from 80 to 17 in just over 24 hours). Health can be lost due to an illness or accident and apparent financial security can be wiped out by a stock market downturn or an uninsured business fire. The loss of one player to an injury or ineligibility can alter expectations for a tourney championship. Popularity in the polls today is not even a predictor of next week's popularity. The fortunate thing is that today's sickness and setback is quite likely not permanent. Things will always be changing, and we need to see the future as well as the past.

Secondly, the only opinion that really matters is that of God. To hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." will offset all the failures and disappointments our lives bring. If the Lord is on our side and is pleased with our efforts, the complaints and criticisms of others can be consistently deflected. Our joy is not determined by the crowd but by our relationship with the King of kings.

—Don Loftis, March 3, 2014

## Sunday, March 17



Prayer Session at 5:40



Pew Packers at 5:45

# 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, March 17, 2019

#### Morning

*Song Leader:* Dale Roberts

*Opening Prayer:* Leslie Bean

*Closing Prayer:* Robert Hall

*CC Center Devo:* J. Hall, G. Smith,  
D. Lineberry

#### Evening

*Song Leader:* Brent Fortner

*Opening Prayer:* Jared Hall

*Closing Prayer:* Ben Strait

### Wednesday, March 20, 2019

*Announcements:* Aaron Cox

*Song Leader:* Sawyer Collins

*Opening Prayer:* Don Thompson

*Closing Prayer:* Youth