

<b>SUNDAY AM</b>	<b>February 14, 2016</b>	<b>February 21, 2016</b>
ANNOUNCE	Wes McIntyre	Wes McIntyre
SONGLEADER	Mike Carpenter	Mark Vaughan
READING	Roy Clark	JR Flinn
PRAYER	Tom Black	David Lamp
COMMUNION	David Lamp	Tom Black
ASSIST	Paul Lemon	Paul Lemon
ASSIST	John Stephens	John Stephens
ASSIST	Doug Stephens	Doug Stephens
ASSIST	Adam Carpenter	Adam Carpenter
PREPARE COM	Helen McIntyre	Helen McIntyre
POWER POINT	Anne Galbreath	Anne Galbreath
<b>SUNDAY PM</b>		
SONGLEADER	Mike Bungard	Zach Rominske
READING	Noah Carpenter	Elijah Clark
PRAYER	Mark Vaughan	Roy Clark
COMMUNION	Roy Halstead	Ben Rominske
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 17, 2015</b>	<b>February 24, 2016</b>
Invitation	Mike Carpenter	Zach Rominske

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### How to be Saved

Hear: Romans 10:14  
Believe: Hebrews 11:6  
Repent: Acts 17:30  
Confess Jesus as Savior: Acts 8:36-37  
Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

### Website Helps:

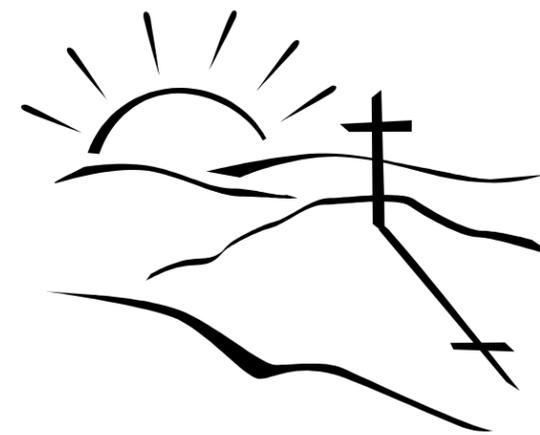
<http://thecolleyhouse.org>  
<http://apologeticspress.org>  
<http://gbntv.org>  
<http://focuspress.org>  
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### Sunday February 7, 2016

**Bible Study** 59  
**Morning Worship** 81  
**Evening Worship** 63  
**Offering** \$1549.00  
**Wednesday Study (2/10/16)** 37  
**Attendance Goal** 120

### Meeting Times:

**Sunday Bible Class** 9:30AM  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 10:30AM  
**Sunday Evening Worship** 6:00PM  
**Wednesday Bible Class** 7:00PM



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## Do You Know About The First Valentine?

This month we will celebrate the holiday referred to as Valentine's Day. It is a time when we show others that we care for them. Small gifts of cards, candy, and flowers are part of the tradition.

But it might surprise you to find out that this holiday started out as a day to remember a Christian hero. According to the history books, Valentine was a 3rd century Christian preacher who lived near Rome. At this time the Roman Emperor Claudius II was ordering all young men not to marry. He thought they made better soldiers if they were single. No man could marry until he was too old to serve in the military. He also commanded that all people worship the false gods of Rome.

Valentine was arrested for performing Christian marriages and preaching that there was only one true God – the God of the Bible.

Valentine knew that no man – even the king – had the right to stop Christians from marrying (1 Corinthians 7:8-9). You see, while Romans 13:1-7 tells us that we are to respect and obey our leaders, Acts 5:29 tells us that when man's law contradicts God's law, we should obey God. And that's what Valentine did ignoring the king's orders. Claudius commanded Valentine's arrest.

While in prison, many Christians threw little notes of encouragement through Valentine's prison window. These were the first valentines.

In the end, Claudius had Valentine beheaded for his faith. It was because he loved the Lord and his fellow humans so much that he was willing to risk his life to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

This gives us pause when we think of Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day represents much more than romantic love. It is a day that honors God and those who love Him ... and obey Him.

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## Upcoming Events

[February 14: Pearls Test: during teen class.....CYC Meeting after Morning Worship](#)

[February 14: Men's meeting after evening worship—notice date change](#)

[February 15: Monday Night Merge Rosemar church of Christ 7:00pm](#)

[February 19: The first Friday Night Sing of the Season @ Hopewell church of Christ 7:00pm](#)

[February 21: Pot-Luck after morning worship—what a wonderful time to bring friends](#)

[February 22: Monday Night Merge North End church of Christ 7:00pm](#)

[February 23: Ladies Digging Deep Bible Study Podcast online 8:00pm](#)

[February 26: Friday Night Sing Mineral Wells church of Christ 7:00pm](#)

[February 26-28: CYC Pigeon Forge Tennessee](#)

[February 29: Love and Care Sing 7:00pm](#)

[February 29: Monday Night Merge Camden Ave 7:00pm](#)

## Family & Friends In Need of Prayer

Gretchen Lawrie	Jeremy Harris	Bill Taylor	Wanda Vaughan
Mary Kupfner	Ricky Hill	Bryan Taylor	Mike Vaughan
Bill Spears	Roberta Piggott	Bob Thomas	Christie Stitzlein
Chuck Boston	Waylon Kirby	Eric Plotitz	Roselee Stanley
Dan Carpenter Sr.	Brenda Jones	Linda White	Helen McIntyre
Richard Johnson	Kathy Lovitt	Arlene White	Doris Smith
Donnie Piggott	Mary Manzo	James Piggott	Beverly Phillips
Davy Dye	Linda Nixon	Jonathon Neely	Shiva Mead
Phyllis DeLancey	Karen Metz	Melody Melrose	



- † Phyllis DeLancey, it getting better, her medication is working. The doctors want her to stay in until February 17th.
- † Bryan Taylor is now at home and on hospice please pray for him, his family and friends.
- † Doug Thomas will have an colonoscopy February 16th and additional appendix and intestinal surgery February 23rd. Please keep Doug and Myla in your prayers.
- † Anna Halstead is now at Ohio Valley Health Care on Nicolette Road. She is not eating very much.
- † Beverly Phillips, Tammy's mother-in-law restarted her chemo Wednesday.
- † Remember Tom's brother Howard Black as he is going through his cancer treatments.
- † Please keep praying for the Kimes adoption process.
- † Ruth Ann Lemon has be under the weather.
- † Connie Stephen's grandson Isaac has been sick with an ear infection, pink eye, and an upper repertory infection.



## Birthdays

Myla Thomas 2/16

Sam O'Dell 2/17

Janice Weaver 2/18

Roy Clark 2/20

## Anniversaries

None



## 'Go Ye' Means

## 'Go Me'

I read recently, that when asked how often Christians had shared their faith in the past year, 95% of the respondents replied they had not shared their faith! Not even once. Really? Can that possibly be true? I have asked audiences around the country that same question, and received with few exceptions, the same approximate percentage. Sadly, it is not only true, but even more alarming, in some congregations, it has become the acceptable norm. Clearly, the culture of evangelistic fervor and zeal found in the book of Acts, has yet to be restored in too many congregations!

So, on the face of it, this simple fact explains why most congregations are not growing. Haggai asked a very good question, "Is the seed yet in the barn" (Haggai 2:19)? In most cases today, the answer is "yes." Obviously, we can't sow the seed, if we keep it to ourselves! And if we sow sparingly, we cannot expect to have a bountiful harvest (2 Cor. 9:6)!

The major problem is the seed is not being sown regularly by most Christians. Many churches are asking the question: "Why aren't we growing?" Their answer is often to fire the existing preacher and hire a "go-getter." Certainly a minister who is "soul concerned" can help. But instead of just complaining about not growing, each member must be convicted in his or her heart to be a part of the solution.

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## OBEDIENCE-MARRIED TO CHRIST

Yielding to our new master's \_\_\_\_\_, we are obligated to maintain a state of "\_\_\_\_\_."

1) An "\_\_\_\_\_ " Romans 7:1-4

Romans 7:2, For the woman who has a \_\_\_\_\_ as long as he lives. But if the \_\_\_\_\_ dies, she is released from the law of her \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 7:4 \_\_\_\_\_, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be \_\_\_\_\_ to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

On \_\_\_\_\_ occasions, Paul used marriage to illustrate the \_\_\_\_\_ between Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ are to obey Christ but, they are to boy Christ the way a wife \_\_\_\_\_ submits to her husband.

2) An "\_\_\_\_\_ " Romans 7:5-25

Romans 7:7, What shall we say then? Is the law \_\_\_\_\_? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sins except through the \_\_\_\_\_. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

Since we are to \_\_\_\_\_ him from the heart and not just go through the \_\_\_\_\_ of obeying the rules, is the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ rules wrong?

Romans 7:8, But sin, taking \_\_\_\_\_ by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil \_\_\_\_\_. For apart from the law sin was \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 7:11, For sin, taking \_\_\_\_\_ by the commandment, deceived me, and by it \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Hebrews 3:13, but \_\_\_\_\_ one another daily, while it is called "\_\_\_\_\_" lest any of you be \_\_\_\_\_ through the deceitfulness of sin.

In other words, "Is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God \_\_\_\_\_?"

Ephesians 2:1, And you He made \_\_\_\_\_, who were dead in \_\_\_\_\_ and sins.

Ephesians 2:3, among whom also we all one conducted ourselves in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our flesh, fulfilling the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of \_\_\_\_\_, just as the others.

Romans 7:19-20, For the good that I will to do, I do not do; by the \_\_\_\_\_ I will not to do, that I \_\_\_\_\_. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but \_\_\_\_\_ that dwells in me.

Romans 7:22 For I \_\_\_\_\_ in the law of God \_\_\_\_\_ to the inward man.

Romans 7:25, I \_\_\_\_\_ God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with me mind I myself \_\_\_\_\_ the law of God, but with the flesh the law of \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 119:11, Your \_\_\_\_\_ I have hidden in my heart, That I might not \_\_\_\_\_ against You!

James 1:14, But each one is \_\_\_\_\_ when he is drawn away by his own \_\_\_\_\_ and enticed.

Acts 17:30, Truly, these time of \_\_\_\_\_ God overlooked, but now commands all me \_\_\_\_\_ to repent.

First Corinthians 16:13, Watch, \_\_\_\_\_ fast in the \_\_\_\_\_, be brave, be strong.