

Welcome

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Welcome to our worship service. We are honored that you have joined us, and we hope that your time spent with us is spiritually uplifting. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor's card located on the back of the pew in front of you and place in the collection basket in the foyer so that we will have a record of your visit. We hope to see you again soon.

EVANGELIST:

Hunter Melott

SERVICES:

Sunday Morning:
Bible Class 9:30
Worship 10:30

Wednesday Evening:
Bible Study 6:30

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 10: Men's breakfast here at the building @ 8:30am (We will be hosting)
January 14: Soup Supper here at the building @ 5:30pm

BIRTHDAYS

December 29: Steve Laber
December 31: Patty Hiscox, Marit Rance
January 1: Glenn & Marie VanAcker♥
January 3: Bill & Kelly Bartels♥

UPDATES TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Keep the McVehil's in your prayers.
Eugene May: Had another treatment last Sunday
Mary Ellen Macioge: Does not have breast cancer but does have a mass that needs removed.

Congratulations to Deana Fick on placing membership here with us!

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Please remember to silence your cell phones before worship.

Remember in Prayer:

Nancy Affinito (Friend of Kelly Bartels)
 Mike Arnatto
 Bob Baker
 Andy Beaman
 Sarah Boyer (Anita Clark's mother)
 Sandy Brewer
 Ron Brewer
 Madison Bowser-Seitzinger
 Sandy Buttermore
 Celeste Carroll
 Jerry Connor
 Carson Cooper
 Jessica Crouse's family
 Ann Cummings (Donann's mom)
 Allison Dobro
 Amy Grissman
 Loretta Hartley
 Bill Hopkins
 Jaxson (Crestview student)
 Sophia Kale's family (Crestview student)
 Wayne Kinard (co-worker of Kelly Bartels)
 Donna Kyler (Gary Bailey's sister)
 Steve & Judy Laber
 Ron Laufry
 Caleb Liance
 Willie & Dinie Linthorst
 Mary Ellen Macioge
 Anthony Mamonis
 Joe Mamonis
 Molly Mardanny
 Krew Martino (Sandra Brewer's grandson)
 Eugene May
 Bonnie McDade
 Herman McHan
 Bob McVeihl
 Nick (Bonnie McDade's Grandson)
 Bob Milhoan
 Gene Miller (Micah Marshall's Grandfather)
 Janet Mong
 Carol Nelson
 Dale Pancake
 Stephanie Perez
 Larry Pierce
 Rose-Marie Rodrigues
 Jan Shears
 Chris Shodd
 Mary Shodd
 Kathy Rose & Jeff Spencer (Amy Timmins Friends)
 Emma Timko (Friend of Mya Fullerton)
 Glenn VanAcker
 Bob Wells
 Susan Williams
 William (Friend of Pacella's)
 Ray and Dee Wilt
 Roland James Yelton (Debbie Hoffmaster's great nephew)
 Carol Yohn
 Amanda Young (Lilli's mom)

Our Shut ins:

Joyce Bennett
 Dallas & Marilyn Gallagher
 Peg McVehil
 David Shears
 Mary Vorkapich

TODAY'S SERMON:**Guest Speaker****FAMILY RECORD**

Contributions	\$ 5,035.00
Previous 4-week average	\$ 5,061.31
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,828.75

**If you know someone on the
prayer list that is doing better,
please see Lilli!**

A Part or Apart?

Do you want to be a part of the Lord's church or apart from it? There seems to be an increasing number of those connected with it in some fashion who would like to have all the blessings connected with being a part of the church, yet who by their language and actions indicate that they would rather be **apart from it**. It is one thing to call attention to the shortcomings and failures of those who are or claim to be members of the Lord's church, and it is another thing to ridicule the Lord's church. If one determines what is the Lord's church or even determines who is a Christian simply in terms of how well it or he functions in all respects, there is no church or Christian on earth today, and in fact, there never was. I have been in a class where the teacher pointed out what the Lord's church was doing in Jerusalem. For example, Acts 2:46-47 reads, "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people..." (NKJV). The teacher made the point that they taught daily from house to house and did various other things that we apparently were not doing. His conclusion was that this thing of which we are members is not the Lord's church. He could have just as easily pointed to verses 44-45 where we find, "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need" or dozens of other verses. Must we have all things in common and sell all our possessions to be the Lord's church? I raised then and now the question, "Did the church of God at Corinth cease to be the church of God because it was not functioning perfectly? Does one cease to be a Christian every time he or she fails to act as a Christian should?" The answer should be apparent to anyone who thinks and knows anything about the Bible. Each of us needs to know the difference between sin and apostasy or between breaking a law and rebellion against the government. If a lawn mower ceased to be a lawn mower just because the blade needed sharpening, we would have more than a semantic problem [understanding language and the meaning of words]. Part of the thrust of this article is to suggest that those who want to be a **part of** the Lord's church should do at least two things: First, learn what the Lord's church is in its most basic sense. Second, learn how to criticize our failures, shortcomings and sins without denying the nature or the value of the Lord's church. **If you do not want to be a part of it, then declare yourself apart from the church for which our Lord died to establish, instead of trying to destroy it from within.** If you **do** want to be a part of the New Testament church, you must believe on Jesus as the Son of God, who possesses all authority in Heaven and on the Earth. You must be willing to submit to that authority in all things. You must demonstrate that willingness by repenting of every sin and being baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins. Then, you should continue to do everything Christ wants Christians to do. However, the fact that you will fail to do that from time to time does not mean that you have ceased to be a member of His body, the church. It simply means that you are not functioning properly, and if you do not care enough to try to change, you will be lost.

-T. Pierce Brown