

SHEPHERDS

Barry McDowell
Jimmy Neatherlin
J. R. Stroble
Our Door is Open
Anyone wanting to meet
with our Elders is en-
couraged to contact any
of the elders to set up a
time.

DEACONS

Travis Crandall
Johny Harris
Larry Mitchell
Mike Owens
Virgil Smith
Glenn Wells

Ministry Team:

Jill Crandall
Bruce Daughtry
Tammy Frintz
Brian McGonagill
Glen Moore
Eleanor Nelson
Mark Schinnerer
Charlie Weatherford

Sunday Services

Sunday Bible Class
9:00 am

Morning Worship
10:00 am

Evening Worship
5:00 pm

Wednesday

Fellowship

Ladies Bible Class
10:00 am

Wednesday Night
Meal
6:00 pm

Bible Class
7:00 pm

Welcome to
Sunset Church of Christ



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Good Intentions Sometimes Produce Bad Results

Sometimes in our zeal to “help” other people, we say things that hurt them or drive them away. Often as Christians, we have good intentions when saying things, but the way the message is delivered can cause it to be received completely different. Sometimes, the other person or persons that the message is intended for, are influenced by their life and emotions at that point-in-time. So, if you want people to receive the message you intended, then pay close attention to your delivery and plan your delivery ahead of time (like proofreading something you write before you send it). By now in reading this, you may be wondering “what is intended in this message?”

In Romans, the apostle [Paul wrote](#):

*Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. **Romans 14:13 NIV***

God expects us to truly be kind and gentle to all other people regardless of who they are or where they come from. **So, when you intend to encourage someone who does not currently follow Jesus don't assume anything about their past or their personality.** Such an approach may on occasion work with people you know or that know you, but it rarely works with others. Begin by asking them a question such as “what does the word faith mean to you?” Then, **just listen** to what they say and seek to understand their perspective.

Take for example, sharing a video with others about how people in the Church of Christ family are going to heaven and people in other religious families such as Baptists are not is divisive ammunition. In our zeal to “save” people, we create division with Christians and we drive off those who do not follow Jesus. Some have argued that they are “only telling the truth” or that “we are God's church”. However, **it is often not what you say but how you say something that upsets people.** If we truly care, we will allow people to decide on their own and be accountable to God on their own and we would stay out of their business. If we are genuine, and after we get to know them well, we may **simply ask them (not tell them) in a one-on-one private conversation (not with others around)** to seek the full meaning of scripture on the topic of salvation and pray to God for clarity in the decisions they have made in their lives. Then, let it go. By doing so, we genuinely share our concerns with someone we care for without alienating them and others don't see us as being nose-y or pushy and mean towards other Christians.

Paul also wrote:

*I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. **1 Corinthians 1:10 NLT***

Using that same example, others perceive us as being self-righteous and divisive if we promote sermons, videos and other media where we (Church of Christ) say or even imply that followers in any religion that do not follow God's Word (as we see it) are not saved. As stated above, that's between them and God. If you want to help someone you care for see the truth in God's Word, then always **speak in private.** This is not to “hide” our beliefs, but keeping those conversations private will avoid providing the evil spirit ammunition to be used against us. **Public debate with other religions only gives the evil one a stage to use the world to divide us.** Some people in the church are so determined to be right about the truth they alienate other people – and that, in-and-of itself is wrong.

In His Service, J. R. Stroble

Prayer List:



Ernestine Bryan remains in the local hospital. She is doing physical therapy.

Becky Cunningham has been admitted into the hospital in Albuquerque to get her stomach healed.

J.C. Cunningham started radiation this week here in Carlsbad.

Jan Groom continues to heal from her foot surgery.

Jeannie Houchin was flown to Albuquerque last week.

Peggy Moore has been released by her doctor.

Bryan Thompson was injured in a car accident.

Peggy Titus had surgery on Monday, May 7th to remove some skin cancer.

Remember the following as they continue to heal: Tim Brumfield, Bruce Daughtry, Kay Oakley, Sally Stade, Maureen Thompson, Eileen Tidwell, and Erma Waldrop.

Home Bound: Grace Autry, Bob and Velma Brown, Durees Carriaga, Vallaree Cherry, Audrey Fisher, Vivienne Garner, Enid Gates, Kay Oakley, and Richard Titus.

Prayer Connection Cards: The Family of Tommy Cureton, Rodney Halford, Emma Harrington, Sammi Harrington, and The Massey Family.

Brian's Corner

A Secret Faith Is a Shallow Faith

“Jesus asked him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man answered, ‘Teacher, I want to see’ ” (Mark 10:51 NCV).

Go public with your goals in life! Announce your intention, the change you want to make in your life, what you’re asking God to do. Clarify what you really want, and then state it publicly. You need to tell everybody, because a secret faith is a shallow faith.

Mark 10:51 says, “Jesus asked him [Bartimaeus], ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man answered, ‘Teacher, I want to see’ ” (NCV).

Question: Why in the world did Jesus ask this? He walks over to a blind beggar who’s sitting on the ground by the road and asks, “What would you like me to do for you?” Didn’t he already know what the guy needed? Couldn’t Jesus read his mind? Didn’t he know what the guy’s problem was? Absolutely. So why in the world would Jesus look at him and ask, “What do you want me to do for you?”

He was doing it for Bartimaeus’ benefit. By asking that question, he allowed Bartimaeus to publicly announce his faith. Bartimaeus said, “I want you to heal me!” You don’t ask a guy to heal you unless you believe and have faith that he can do it. Bartimaeus was saying that he believed Jesus was who he said he was, that Jesus had the power to change him, and that Jesus would do just that. It was a statement of faith.

Here’s the amazing thing. Jesus asks you the very same question right now: “What do you want me to do for you?” He asks it every day, every morning. If Jesus Christ were to come to you right now and ask that question, how would you answer? God wants to use you. He wants to bless you. He wants to do incredible things in your life. But you have to ask in faith.

Did you know that every time you set a goal, it is actually a statement of faith? There is one qualifier: When you set a goal and say, “I’m going to do ‘this’ with my life,” you need to add the phrase “if it is God’s will,” because you don’t know the future.

So announce your goal publicly. The more people who know, the more support, encouragement, prayer, and accountability you’ll have.

- What steps might you need to take to publicly declare your faith in Christ?
- What goals will you set today that are a step of faith? How will you announce them publicly?

*Anniversaries & Birthdays

May 8th-Cynthia Herrera, Esteban Ortiz, *Don & Denice Peterson

May 9th-Eileen Tidwell

May 10th-*Aaron & Kim Lotz, J.O. Patton, Jeremy White

May 11th-Charla Grice

May 12th-Aspen McIlwee, *Orlando & Melody Ortiz, *Andrew & Gabby Sims

May 14th-*Claude & Josie Tabor



Announcements



Please welcome **Mackenzie King** to the family! She was baptized on **Wednesday, May 2nd**. Mackenzie is the daughter of Craig Schinnerer and is Mark and Linda Schinnerer's granddaughter. Welcome to God's family Mackenzie!

Shining Stars Preschool would like to invite you to their end of year program held on **Thursday, May 10th** at **6:00 pm** in the auditorium.



Men: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 12th**. We will be having our monthly **Men's Breakfast** at **8:00 am**. Men of all ages are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Baccalaureate services will be held this **Sunday, May 13th** during evening services. Our **2018** graduating seniors are **Krista Allison, Kylie Allison, Monet Calderon, Jeffery Carr, Caleb Giblin, Jordin Molina, Cody Oliver, Machaon Shoemaker, and Michael Sims**. Congratulations on a job well done!



It's VBS Time!

- Dates: June 4-8, 2018
- Times: 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Ages: 3 years old – 5th grade
- Volunteers needed!

Volunteers and participants, please register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/sunset2018>

Registration for **Mountain View Christian Camp** is open! Sign up early to reserve your spot. Here are this year's sessions:

July 1-7 Session 1 (age 8-15) Leland Mallett

July 8-14 Session 2 (age 13-18) Bruce Daughtry

July 15-21 Session 3 (age 8-13) Bruce Daughtry

July 22-28 Session 4 (age 13-18) Ray Young



Family Camp is **July 30th thru August 2nd** this year. **Taylor Robles** from Sherwood Church of Christ in Odessa, Texas will be the speaker. Registration will open on **Monday, May 14th**. There will be more details to follow soon.

Thank You

Our Grand Opening for the Benevolence Room was a success! Thanks go to quite a few who have helped prepare for it and who helped on the day of. Thank you, Kristy Allison, Todd Allison, Irene Campos, Summer Daughtry, Tyson Frintz, Reba Gifford, Charlie Weatherford, Kelly Weatherford, and those whose names I wasn't aware of! Plus, thank you to all who have donated clothing for this cause!

We will continue to need donations of clothing as we go forth with this effort!

Thank you, again! ~Eleanor



I want to thank the Church, my brothers, and sisters for the prayers and cards.

With Love, Emma Orozco

To Sunset Ladies Bible Class;

I thank each of you for your thoughtfulness, love, and kindness! In my dad's entire life he never experienced the love and attention that was shown to him after he was baptized and worshiped with you all at Sunset. My phone connection to him has been cut off and that I miss. My dad and I were very close and my heart is full of good memories. I'm so glad he was finally willing to study the Bible together and asked to be baptized at 94. Thanks so very much. Yours In Christ Ed Merkel



The meal is at 6:00 pm and Bible class starts at 7:00 pm. Volunteers for Wednesday night meals are needed. Sign up on the calendar in the kitchen or call the office at 887-1278.



*Contribution For
Sunday, May 6, 2018*

Checks \$8,799.15	Average \$10,936.92	Wednesday, May 2	
Bills \$454.00	Weekly Budget \$11,166.00	Ladies Bible Class	18
Change \$3.50	Weekly + or (-) \$(229.08)	Evening	123
Online Giving \$2,590.00	Kid's Cash \$216.00	Sunday Morning	
Total \$11,846.65		Bible Class	130
		Morning Worship	249
		Evening Worship	

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Men to Serve for Sunday, May 13, 2018

Speaker: Brian McGonagill	Men To Serve	Greeter & Nursery	Communion Talk
Worship Leader: Mark Schinnerer	Communion: Brady Henry Karson Henry Kelly Henry Jim Hughes Aaron Irving Marty Jamieson Mark Johnson Phil Lairson	Schedule	Schedule
Welcome: Barry McDowell		Greeters: Blue Team	May 20th -J.R. Stroble
Scripture: Joel Kirkes		Welcome Desk: Peggy Moore	May 27th -John Tigert
Communion Service Mike Sims		Nursery Attendant: Marisa Deanda	June 3rd -Mike Veilleux
			June 10th -Charlie Weatherford
			June 17th -Cameron Wells
			June 24th -Rodney Williams