

Ken's Pen...



Whose Church Is It Anyway?

We often hear people speak of “our church” or “my church” as they refer to a particular religious group. The trouble with such terminology is that it may suggest to some that the church really belongs to them, and is subject to the changes that they deem necessary or prudent. People are urged to join the church of their choice with the implication that all churches are equal. They suggest that there are no real distinctions except as defined by mere personal preferences.

Why do various denominations exist, each one different in one or many ways from the others? Why do some worship one way, and some another? Carefully consider this: Jesus said, “I will build My church” (Mat. 16:18).

Because of our sins, He voluntarily went to the cross of Calvary and shed His blood to cleanse us. The church He built was “purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). The question of ownership and design are settled...the church belongs to Christ. Jesus Christ is “the head of the body, the church (Col. 1:18), in whom ALL authority rests (Mat. 28:18).

Has God left us to our own devices with regard to the church? The apostles answer clearly: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16f); and “His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue” (2 Pet. 1:3).

If we build a church that is purposed and planned by man, then we have every right to decide what that church will do; but, if we want to be in that church which Jesus built—that church which He purchased with His own blood—then we must acknowledge His Lordship by following His directions.

The truth is that no one has the right to decide matters pertaining to the Lord’s church except the Lord Himself. Let us have a mind to accept His directions, enter His church, and live and worship as He instructs. He still asks those who are not in His body, “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).



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Sundays

Worship9:30AM
Landmark Nursing & Rehab. ... 4PM
Bible Classes. 5:00PM

Tuesdays

Ladies Bible Class. 9:30AM
Caring Cooks. 10:30AM
Landmark Asst Living. ... 1:30PM

Wednesdays

Midweek Bible Study. 7:00PM

ELDERS

Tommy Baragona, Jim Estes,
Aaron Foster, Buster Green,
Larry Morgan, Todd Swinney

MINISTER

Ken Forrest,
INVOLVEMENT MINISTER
Doug Smith,
YOUTH COORDINATOR

Drew Bruce
EDUCATION MINISTER
Steven Hodgins
COLLEGE MINISTER

Beau Gross
MISSIONARIES, GUYANA
Danny Ramdial and Glen

SECRETARY

Jimmie Timbes
BOOK KEEPER
Andrea Barrett
CUSTODIAN
Dee Whirley
MAINTENANCE
James Hester



DEACONS and Their Primary Assignments:

Jerry Barrett – SALT Team Leader
J. T. Beard – Food Pantry/Jail Ministry/ Mission Team
Myrl Crowe – Widows/Widowers
Brandon Elliott - Youth
Todd English- SALT Team Leader
Guy Gardner - SALT Team Leader
Ricky Green – Attendance Tracking
Beau Gross – College Ministry
Steven Hodgins- Education Director/SALT Team Leader
Jeremy Jones – Budget Development/Tracking
Ronny Johnson – Local Disaster Relief Team
Cameron Jumper - SALT Team Leader
Dale Kendrick - Security/Visitation/Mission Team
Chris Langley– Worship Assignments/Congregate
Jody Long - SALT Team Leader
Billy Martin - Treasurer
Randy Moore – Medical Support/Fire Protection
Luther Moorman – Mission Team
Jonathan Pharr – Lads to Leaders

From My Heart To Yours

Getting Involved in the Lord’s Work. What Can I do?

Ladies Bible Class, Caring Cooks, Lads 2 Leaders, Golden Circle, Food Panty/Clothes Closet, Teaching a Bible Class, Assistant Teacher for Bible Class, encouraging someone by sending a card, an email, or texting, Visitation, participation with a S.A.L.T. team, welcoming folks to worship with a smile and friendly greeting, consistently attend worship and Bible classes, College Ministry, Youth Group Activities, Mentoring another person, Benevolence, Transform Ladies Conference, Ladies programs, Men’s Breakfast, Junior Leaders, assisting with showers, Jail Ministry, Bible Correspondence Program, Encouraging new converts, Visiting and restoring the wayward, Family Retreat, Leadership role in worship, Inviting someone to services, VBS, Trunk-n-Treat, Personal Evangelism, Working for Unity in the Lord’s Church, Always speaking a word for Jesus, Meal Train, Using your talent in a way pleasing to God, Nursing Home and Assisted Living worship services, Faithfully giving to God, Worship enthusiastically, Being other-person centered, Setting the right example for your children and grandchildren, **grasping the opportunities** that come your way each day, AND SO MUCH MORE! Have a great week! Doug

May we always get along, love one another, look out for each other, and follow the Will of the Father together.

Remember In Prayer

- Dale Kendrick (home following knee surgery)
- Clay Thomas Wigginton (UAB Children’s Hospital CVICU, Birmingham, Forrest’s grandson)
- Nellie Barrett (at home on hospice care, Cincinnati, Ohio, Jerry Barrett’s mother)
- Melody Woodruff (home following surgery)
- Delores Coats (at sister’s home in Tennessee)
- Sue Gregory (Dale Kendrick’s sister)
- Amy Dicks (injuries resulting in paralysis, Montgomery, AL)
- Ann Stevens (Landmark Nursing & Rehab)

On-going Treatments:

Becky Nelms, Jeremy Owens, Austin Wentz, Larry Lauderdale, Emma Lovell, Erik Hamilton, Amanda Conlee, Jennifer Beasley, Terry Green, Jerry Livingston, Eli Johnson, Justin Mauney, Teresa Burcham, Chuck Farris, Gretta Hills Binion, Loxlee Eaton, Larry Muse, Dawson Trout, Justin McCoy, Keri May, Rhonda Lansdell, Monique Fields, Allen Brown, Rickey Neaves, Andrew Dunaway.

Continuing Prayers:

Brian Rowland, Ray Miller, Ben and Joann Roberts, Billy Taylor, Cassie Stewart, Debbie Gillentine, Irene Baker, Tina Anderson, Leah Bishop, Betty Vincent, Otis & Erika Davis, Martha Smith, Cecile Robinson, Cody Reynolds, Sterling Phillips, Steve Morgan, Mac Cooper, Cheryl Hoffman, Steven Wold, Leista Horn, Allison Wade Perrigo, Glenn Newton, Benji Yates, Marjorie Hester, Christy Nash, Wade Davis Family, Delores Griffin, Ruth Staley, Brad Sloan, Billy Deaton, Mary Sullivan, Jim Thomason, Jackie Lambert, Sam Haskins, Ann Gardner, Eloise Kendrick, Pat Ross, Betty Bramlett, Lexie Aycock, Addison McGuire, Jason Elliott, Chip Nanny, Martha Yates, Wayne & Carla Johnson.

Homebound/Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

At Home: Dorothy Hester, Sue Glenn, Roger & Connie Mauney, Francis Jennings, Mike Timbes, Ruemell Palmer, Ann Stevens, Rachel Daniels, Margaret Googe.

Landmark: Shelby Owens, Audrey Cook, Flora Wanner, John Wroten, Barbara Beard, Marvin Christian, Rachel Daniels, Joyce Morris, Martha Eaton, Ann Stevens.

Landmark Assisted Living: Jane Allen, Kathryn Floyd Montgomery Gardens, Starkville: Quitman Wigginton Baldwyn Nursing Facility : Delma Sanchez, Paralee Aycock.

Oak Tree Manor Amory: Ann Young

Ruleville Nursing and Rehab: Gabe George

MEN'S
BREAKFAST



THIS Sunday8:00AM



ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT

Junior Leader will begin an *Adopt-a-Grandparent* program to connect a senior member of the congregation with a younger person. The “*adoptee*” will be expected to connect with their adopted grandparent at least once a month - examples include: a phone call, visit, sending a card or note, drawing them a picture or just giving a hug at worship service. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer through May12th for those willing to be an adopted grandparent, as well as those in pre-k—5th grade wanting to participate as an “*adoptee*”. Pairs will be assigned and given out a meeting at the end of May, along with additional details. We hope everyone will participate in this fun and encouraging activity (reminder you do not have to be registered with L2L to participate). If you have questions please see Sallye Bowlin.

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THE GOLDEN CIRCLE will be going to the *Bay Tree Council For The Performing Arts* in Red Bay, Alabama TOMORROW, Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, for a dinner and a play. The bus will leave from the annex at 4:30.

CARD SHOWER

Dale Kendrick (get well)  
P.O. Box 732  
Booneville  
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Wendi Long and Family (sympathy)
102 Suburban Drive
Booneville
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Tyler Reed (sympathy)  
Carson & Ryleigh Kaye  
203 Woodlake Circle  
Pontotoc, MS 38863  
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Kim Bedford (sympathy)
119 N Magnolia Place
Pontotoc, MS 38863

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Wendi Long in the unexpected death of her niece, Meaghan Bedford Reed, of Pontotoc. Her funeral service was this past Saturday in Pontotoc.

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LADIES. . . TLC MEETING

Ladies who are going to Transformed Ladies Conference September 5 - 8 are asked to meet in the little chapel following worship service this coming Sunday. This meeting is VERY important. If you are planning to go or even think you may want to go, please attend.

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“LEGACY”
Youth and Family Retreat
Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5, 2023
Lake Lajoie Group Camp
(former location of Booneville Bible Camp)



Guest Speaker:
Matt Cook

This is a special weekend retreat for the teens and their families. We will have spiritually uplifting lessons, classes, and singing. We will also have fun activities, games, and good food, as well as some leisure time to just relax and enjoy the amenities of the camp. We hope your family can join us!

\$35.00 per person
Sign in the foyer to attend

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

9:30 Morning Assembly

Song LeaderJoe Garrett
Opening Prayer..... Todd Swinney
Scripture ReadingMichael Dooley
John 17:20-21

LessonKen Forrest
“Simply the Church”

Lord’s Supper..... J.T. Beard
Collection: Preside: Jerry Barrett, Cameron Jumper,
Assist: Drew Galloway, Chris Parson, Drew Gordon,
Jamie Hutchens

Announcements/Closing Prayer..... Randy Moore
Ushers: Chris Beard, Ralph Williams, Ken Scott
Security Team: D
A/V: Bobby Brasel, Asher Sappington, Todd English
Nursery: Amelia & Lottie Gardner

5:00pm Assembly

KidSing

Classes for all ages

Adult classes - auditorium - Doug Smith
The Five Acts of Corporate Worship
Annex - Ken Forrest - Isaiah - Daniel

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024

Song Leader..... Thomas Long
DevotionalTommy Baragona
Lead Prayer..... Myrl Crowe

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2024

Song Leader..... Brandon Elliott
Devotional Toy Pharr
Lead Prayer..... Guy Gardner

SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024

Worship AM 327
Classes PM 210
Contribution\$15,718.00
Wednesday 4/17 280

If you cannot help lead in worship please contact Chris Langley prior to Sunday Morning/Wednesday night. Call or text 610-2201.

Food Pantry / Clothes Closet
Open May 9 & 16
Monthly food pantry item: canned soup (pull-top)