

The Messenger

SLICER STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"How beautiful...are the feet of those who bring good news..." Isaiah 52:7



Sunday, October 8, 2017

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Assembly Statistics

Sunday Worship Attendance	185
Worship Average Attendance Year to Date	194
Sunday Evening Attendance	96
Wednesday Evening Attendance	110
Sunday Regular Contribution	\$7046
Average Contribution	\$5668
Budget	\$6700

WORSHIP HELPERS

October 8, 2017

Nursery Worker	Dana & Alexa Blankenship
Preside Lord's Table	Rick Gore
Scripture reader	Mike Strother
	Mark 16:15-16
Lobby Attendant	Kent Beck
AM Opening Prayer	Melvin Gerdel
AM Closing Prayer	Marc Blankenship
PM Announcements	Rick Gore
PM Opening Prayer	James Garner
PM Closing Prayer	Bradley Dunlap
Nursery Contact	Dana Blankenship (888-7101)
Prayer Leader Contact	J. Brice (888-3678) or F. Coffey (888-3487)

TV PROGRAMS - CABLE CHANNEL 2

Monday-Friday: 7:00-8:00 pm Sunday: 10:00 am (live worship)
 Sunday: 1:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CLASSES

Tuesday: Dorcas Group (8:30am) & Ladies Bible Class (1:00pm)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY		
Bible Class		9:00 am
Worship		9:50 am
Evening Worship		5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY		
Bible Class		6:30 pm



Reaching UP

Reaching IN

Reaching OUT

Family News

Sick & Prayer Needs

Laura Garner had her first kidney surgery last Monday & will have another on Oct 16; **Stacy Saltzman** has a blood clot in her arm; **Sharon Wilson** is to have more tests in St Louis on Oct 13; **Jon Pruitt**, who use to attend here with his children, is critically ill in the hospital at Cape with pancreatitis & dehydration; **Jimmy Wright**, Martha Wright's son, is having lung problems; **Joy Brown** is now in NHC for physical therapy after her fall.

Remember in prayer: Linda Strother, Joe Ford, Floyd & Florence Coffey, Jim & Barbara Rasberry, Duane Sullivan, Earline Nash, Jerry Sullivan, Stacy Saltzman, Alan Sheckell, Freddy & Letraonna Gentry, Alvin Haywood, Joy Dawn Brown, Travis Davis, Marilyn Caldwell, Jeff Ward, Judy Davidson, Melinda Poindexter, Pat Neal, Judy Parr, Bonnie Rasche, Rosemary Marshall, Lorrie Chafin, Sandy Yale, Tony Smith, Sharon Wilson, David Coffey, Laura Garner, Kim Stevens, Brenda Branum, Cassie Duncan, Erna & Wallace Johnson, Jimmy Smith, Mary Archer,

Nursing Homes & Care Facilities

National Health Care: Dorothy Bost, Allen O'Neal, Patsy Bailey, Hildred Stultz, Gearlene King, Larry Depew, Clea Faulk, Carrie Lewis, Joy Dawn Brown

St. Francis Park Assisted Living: Monette Collmorgen, Dolly Stanberry, Jack Clark (cottage 5)

Southaven Residential: Marilyn Elders, Joe Hoover, Mattie Dale, Geneva Young, Jimmy Smith

Belle Meade Paragould: Ruth West

Safehaven: Kim Stevens

For Wednesday, Oct 11

Speaker: Mike Vance

Prayer leader: Jeff Bridges

Scripture Readers:

Leonard Boggs Oct 15
Matt Hodges Oct 22
Jeff Bridges Oct 29

Devotionals:

Jay Lyles Oct 18
Tyler Bateman Oct 25

Van Driver for Oct :

Freddy Gentry
(870-740-9012)

Security for Oct:

Charles Smith
Boyce Hamlett

Nursery Workers for Oct:

June Beck & Taylor Branum Oct 15
Rebecca Ross & Mary Vance Oct 22
Susan Bridges & Angie Burkman Oct 29

Prayer Leaders when you are assigned to pray, please try to arrive 10 minutes before services begin.

Game Night for kids and adults will be October 20 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please bring board games and \$3 for pizza.

Trunk or Treat will be October 29 before evening services with a chili supper following services. There will also be a bonfire for the youth group on the lot in front of the church building.

Spencer Furby will be holding a gospel meeting at Shady Acres Church of Christ in Sikeston, October 22-25. **Youth Emphasis Night** will be Sunday October 22 starting at 4:00pm with worship at 5:00pm.

In his letter to the church at Ephesus Paul declares, **“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9** Hold on a second Paul! You're telling me that a person is saved by faith? What about obedience? What about good works? Surely you have that one wrong, Paul!

Many people take this passage to mean that we are saved by faith alone, or simply believing in Jesus Christ. Well the question we must ask is what did Paul mean when he said, “you have been saved through faith.” The Greek word for “faith” is “pistis” and it has at its heart not only the idea of belief. To have “pistis” means to believe in, trust in, and have loyalty to something. James picks up this idea in his letter. **“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” James 2:17-18**

In Paul and James, we have two authors writing to two groups of people on opposite ends of the spectrum, imploring both to return to the middle. James' audience was lost in spiritual laziness and he warns them not to rely on their belief to save them if it is does not move them to action. Paul on the other hand, writes to a group of people who were trusting in their own works to save them. This leaves us with a fine line to walk. We cannot avoid our Christian duties and trust in our belief to save us. We also cannot place too much stock into our own works and believe they are saving us. We must trust in biblical faith. Faith is to have devotion to Jesus Christ and to live like it!

In love, Jay