

The Messenger

Testing Positive

What first crossed your mind when you saw the title of this article? Covid, right? We look at a positive covid test as bad news! Of course, it's possible to have certain symptoms (fever, chills, cough, etc.) when the cause is something other than covid. Putting that lovely mile-long swab up your nose lets you know if it really is covid.

Not all positive tests are bad things. Peter and James wrote about the testing of our faith (James 1:3; 1 Peter 1:7). Now there's a case where testing positive is the best of news! So, is your faith genuine, or is it a mere pretense?

Rapid covid tests are looking for the presence of certain proteins characteristic of the virus. If the test finds those proteins, you test positive – you're infected!

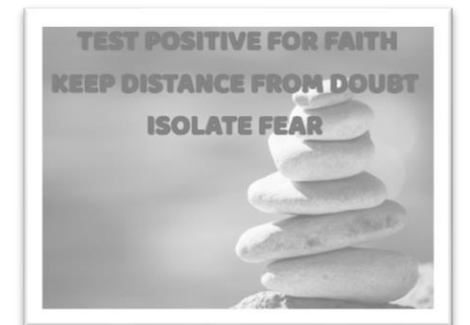
Genuine faith also has characteristics distinguishing it from the pretend variety. For example, Biblical faith works. *“What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but does not have works? . . . Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead”* (James 2:14, 17). Obviously dead faith isn't genuine faith!

In 1 Thessalonian 5:8 Paul illustrated spiritual warfare by urging us to put on *“the breastplate of faith and love.”* Yes, love characterizes genuine faith. In fact, Galatians 5:6 commends *“faith working through love.”* 1 Corinthians 13:13 adds *“hope”* to the mix. And Paul urged Timothy to *“pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love patience, gentleness”* (1 Timothy 6:11).

Some of Paul's detractors wanted to examine his apostolic credentials. Paul told them, *“Test yourselves!”* (2 Corinthians 13:5). That's not bad advice for all of us.

Test yourself. Do you test positive?

Author: Joe Slater



Schedule of Services

| Sunday | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Bible Class | 9:00 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Worship | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | |
| Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. |
| Elders | |
| Richard Eubanks | 270.792.3050 |
| Greg Isenburg | 270.202.4609 |
| Brian Martin | 270.576.2936 |
| Chris Young | 270.202.2252 |
| Denver Young | 270.799.8559 |
| Deacons | |
| Perry Cole | 270.202.6214 |
| L.W. Jackson | 270.996.1451 |
| Michael Runner | 270.535.5906 |
| Adam Warren | 270.980.2548 |
| Matt Williams | 270.779.7733 |
| Mark Young | 270.791.0140 |
| Evangelist | |
| W. Tom Hall | O: 270.777.1828 M: 270.792.2132 |

We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:45

Fall Quarter Classes

| Sunday Morning | | Wednesday Evening | |
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| Nursery (Under 2) | Summer Basham | Nursery (Under 2) | Tina Hall |
| 2-3 years old | Claire Young | 2-3 years old | Amy Raymer |
| 4-5 years old | | 4-5 years old | Karli Rager |
| 1 st -2 nd Grade | Donna Wheeler & Hannah Miller | 1 st -2 nd Grade | Kami Howard |
| 3 rd - 4 th Grade | Lenora Isenberg | 3 rd - 4 th Grade | Lenora Isenberg: <i>Pearls</i> |
| 5 th - 8 th Grade | Matt Williams | 5 th -12 th Grade Girls | Amanda Barrett & Tammy Miller: <i>Pearls</i> |
| 9 th - 12 th Grade | Jason Kelton | 5 th -12 th Grade Boys | Brian Martin: <i>Pearls</i> |
| Twenty Somethings | Adam Warren: Why We Do What We Do | Alternate Adult | Chris Young: Revelation & Heaven |
| Alternate Adult | Tom Hall: Misconceptions Concerning Christianity | Auditorium Adult | Tom Hall-First Thessalonians |
| Auditorium Adult | Willard Raymer: James | | |

Announcements

December 4th Elder, Deacon, & Preacher Planning

December 4th Bible Bowl Practice at 5:00 P.M.

December 11th Teachers Meeting After Evening Services In Preparation For The New Quarter Starting In January

If you would like to host a Youth Devo in your home, please see Adam Warren for details.



Four Schools
87 Families
One Community

The area schools wish to express their appreciation for the partnership and continuous support of Mt. Pleasant, and each member who contributed to blessing families in need this Thanksgiving season.

Teachers Meeting
after evening services **December 11th**
in preparation for the new quarter starting in January



Pulpit Preview

Sunday 10 AM Boundaries

Sunday 6 PM Specific Role

Bible Bowl Practice at 5:00 pm
December 4th
Ezra Chapters 7-8

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| Prayer Requests | • Carolyn White | • Billy & Pauline Gross |
| | • Richard Prater | • Nancy Stewart - Stage 4 breast cancer (E. Kemp's mother) |
| | • Jessie Wilson | • Lunell Upton |
| | • J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999 | • Ronnie Cosby |
| | • Gerry Utley | • Pat Grimes |
| | • Kurt Butcher | • Bobby Neal – Heart Attack (Friend of Shawn Hudson) |
| | • Jennifer Kelton | • Dickie White |
| | • Terrill Elkins | • Curtis Wheeler |
| | | • Betty Grimes |
| | | • Hilda Jones |

Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship & Johnnie Young

Sympathy to the family of Danny Jones who passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

God's Plan of Salvation

| God's Part | Man's Part |
|---|--|
| Great love of God for man John 3:16 | Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17, John 8:32 |
| Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior Luke 19:10 | Believe the Gospel Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31 |
| Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide John 16:13 | Repent of past sins Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30 |
| The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation Romans 1:16 | Confess faith in Jesus Christ Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32 |
| Provided atonement by the blood of Christ Romans 5:9 | Be Baptized Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38 |
| | Be faithful unto death Revelations 2:10 |

Bible Trivia Challenge

This Week's Question
What Judge of Israel was the younger brother of Caleb?
Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

November 27th Who was the mother of John the Baptist?
(Answer: Elizabeth; Luke 1:13)

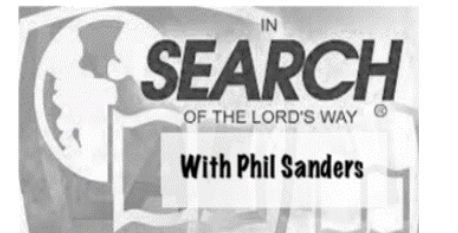
Bobby & Darlene Pruet, Tammy Puckett-Goss, Fred Heath, Judy McBride, Logan Barrett, Luke Isenberg, London Isenberg, Cooper Cyphers, Nathan Warren, Jace Clemmons and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

| Sunday Morning Services | December 4 | December 11 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Announcements | Chris Robison | Joshua Barrett |
| Security 1 | Gordon Harlow | Dillon Rager |
| Security 2 | Gary Basham | Grant Cole |
| Security 3 | Joshua Barrett | Jeff Morrison |
| Security 4 | Tommy Flora | Eddie Windham |
| Audio Video Controls | Andy Wagoner | Brian Raymer |
| Song Leader | Jason Kelton | Adam Warren |
| Opening Prayer | Richard Eubanks | Greg Isenberg |
| Welcome | Brian Martin | Chris Young |
| Worship Service Prayer | Paul Isenberg | Victor Davis |
| Communion Prayer | Mark Young | Chris Robison |
| Scripture Reading | Nathan Warren | Hunter Barrett |
| Closing Prayer | Mason Miller | Zach Martin |
| Sunday Evening Services | | |
| Security 1 | L.W. Jackson | Willard Raymer |
| Security 2 | Daryl Lowe | Fred Heath |
| Security 3 | Cody Basham | Michael Runner |
| Song Leader | Shed Johnson | Andy Wagoner |
| Opening Prayer | Willard Raymer | Gary Basham |
| Scripture Reading | Anderson Young | Jacob Williams |
| Lord's Table | Doug Depp | Brian Martin |
| Closing Prayer | Denver Young | Joshua Barrett |
| Wednesday Night Bible Study | December 7 | December 14 |
| Security 1 | Mark Young | Brian Raymer |
| Security 2 | Richard Eubanks | Fred Heath |
| Security 3 | Matthue Harmon | Perry Cole |
| Song Leader | Reagan Young | Hunter Barrett |
| Opening Prayer | Nathan Warren | Jeff Morrison |
| Closing Prayer | Kane Barrett | Hunter Barrett |
| Monthly Assignments | December | |
| Lock Building | L.W. Jackson | ----- |
| Baptismal Laundry | Amanda Barrett | ----- |
| Assist with Men's Baptisms | L.W. Jackson | ----- |
| Assist with Women's Baptisms | Melissa Young | ----- |
| Bread Distribution | Bake | Give Out |
| December 4 | Loretta Simpson | Kathy, Thelma, & Jordan Williams |
| December 11 | Noemi Davis | Judy Young & Rita Runner |

**** If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner at 270.535.5906 ****

For The Record Week of November 27, 2022

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| Bible Class | 130 |
| AM Worship | 196 |
| PM Worship | 100 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 77 |
| Contribution | \$5,705 |



Watch Search on the following stations

- WBKO DT 33 - Sun 6:30 am
- WNKY TV 40.1 - Sun 7:00 am
- Spectrum Cable Channel 184 Mon 9:30 am/Thurs 6:30 am



If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and fill out a visitors' card and place it in the collection plate located in the foyer. We are delighted that you're here to share in our worship service and hope that you will please visit us again real soon!

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