

The Encourager

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 Isenberg 270.202.4609
 Brian Martin 270.792.1513
 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 h: 270.777.0861
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Associate Minister

P.J. Hicks 270.881.2100

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.

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

Forgiving



I appreciate the time Tom is taking to speak to us on the subject of forgiveness. Forgiveness is not a topic that many of us like to think about, as 'letting go' and forgiving ourselves and others can be challenging. Even asking for forgiveness when we have wronged someone is easier said than done. Our human condition can often let our pride get in the way of asking for forgiveness, and at the same time, our stubborn will can keep us from letting go

of the past. But asking for forgiveness and forgiving others is vital to our Christian walk. In so many passages, we are reminded of our need to forgive.

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:2)

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:14-15)

Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. (Colossians 3:13)

We are blessed by the forgiveness that God has offered us. Forgiveness that is undeserved yet freely given. Our mortal minds cannot grasp how this is possible or how Jesus so freely forgave those who so brutally scourged Him, mocked Him, and hung Him on the cross to die for our sins. Yet, that serves as such a powerful example of why we should forgive.

I found it interesting that in an online search on forgiveness, one of the first articles that showed up on my screen was by John Hopkins Medicine. The article emphasized the importance of forgiveness from a health perspective. "Studies have found that the act of forgiveness can reap huge rewards for your health, lowering the risk of heart attack; improving cholesterol levels and sleep; and reducing pain, blood pressure, and levels of anxiety, depression, and stress. And research points to an increase in the forgiveness-health connection as you age." This article accentuates that what is good for our spiritual health is also suitable for our physical well-being. But how do we go about doing that?

I know it is difficult to understand how to turn off the negative thoughts and feelings brought about by unresolved conflict. Here are some suggestions I came across.

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Lads to Leaders



Roy Johnson, Executive Director of Lads to Leaders will be here on Sunday, August 22 and will be speaking at both the Bible class and worship hour. Roy was one of the first young lads trained by Dr. Zorn in L2L in the summer of 1968. He will be here to share more information about Lads to Leaders and can answer any questions you may have.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes is the oldest and largest leadership training program used by the churches of Christ today. It is a tool that can be used to help prepare youth and adults for service in the Kingdom of God and help develop their overall leadership potential.

Wednesday Evening Classes

Last week normal Wednesday evening classes resumed. See the list of teachers below.

Babies: Lil Warren

2 & 3 years old: Donna Wheeler

Pre-K - Kindergarten: Amanda Barrett

1st - 2nd Grade: Amy Raymer

3rd - 4th Grade: Linda Raymer

5th - 8th Grade (Jr. High): Matthew Williams

9th - 12th Grade (Sr. High): P. J. Hicks

Adult (Auditorium): Chris Robison

Pulpit Preview

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Sour Taste of Unforgiveness

Sunday - 6:00 p.m.
More on Forgiveness



Bible Trivia

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God"



This Week's Question What Never Fails?

Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

August 1 Question: Who said that they were the Bright and Morning Star (Answer: Jesus, Revelation 22.16). Great job Bobby & Darlene Pruitt, Tammy Puckett-Goss, Fred & Tommie Heath, David & Nathan Warren, and others who did not want to be listed, for answering correctly!

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How do I reach a state of forgiveness?

- Recognize the value of forgiveness and how it can improve your life
- Identify what needs healing and who needs to be forgiven, and for what
- Consider joining a support group or seeing a counselor
- Acknowledge your emotions about the harm done to you and how they affect your behavior and work to release them
- Choose to forgive the person who's offended you
- Move away from your role as victim and release the control and power the offending person and situation have had in your life

(Mayo Clinic)

Along with the suggestions offered above, prayer is a vital ingredient in the process of forgiveness. Among the many nuggets of advice, my mother-in-law gave me, one was to pray for those you are struggling to forgive. When this advice is applied, it is remarkable how turning that hurt into asking the Lord to help that person helps you let go. If you are struggling to forgive, I encourage you to pray about it and others to pray for you. It is so easy to hold on to the past and to remember the hurt others have caused us. Yet, we do not have to be bound by the scars in our life. ~PJH



- August 8** Post-VBS meeting in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service.
- August 8** Youth Devo for 7th Grade and up at the Barrett's house following the evening worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- August 13-15** Lonnie Jones will be conducting a meeting at the Mars Hill church of Christ in Hadley. Details are on their Facebook page.
- August 13-14** Elders & Preachers Retreat
- August 21** Shine Youth Rally at the Three Forks church of Christ.
- August 22** Roy Johnson will be here to share information about Lads to Leaders during Bible class and worship.



Our sympathy is extended to the Silvano family at the passing of Isidro's mother Maria Silvano.

PRAYER REQUEST

- Jennifer Akins - Reoccurring cancer (coworker of Jeff Morrison & daughter of coworker of Shawn Hudson)
- Sharon Anderson
- John Crisp Sr. - Multiple ruptured discs in his back (coworker of Jeff Morrison & Shawn Hudson)
- Loretta Diccico - Greenview Hospital
- Brenda Gilbert - Cancer treatments
- Billy Gross - Cancer treatments
- P. J. Hicks - Requested prayers
- Victoria Jackson - Health Issues
- Kenny Johnson
- Jennifer Kelton
- Alma Martin - Finished radiation treatments
- Hunter Morrison - Medical tests
- James Miller - Cancer treatment (Jessie Wilson's relative)
- Alexis Ogles - KCIW Alexis Ogles 312280, P.O. Box 337 Ridgeview, Pee Wee Valley, Ky 40056 (White envelopes only, with the senders full name and address)
- Bobby Pruett
- Silvano Family - COVID (Isidro's father & sisters)
- Cora Skaggs - Back surgery
- Steve Stanley - Inoperable brain tumor (friend of Greg Isenberg)
- Janice Stewart (Tommie Heath's sister)
- Nancy Stewart - Stage 4 breast cancer (Elizabeth Kemp's mom)
- Donna Wheeler - Requested prayers
- Carolyn White - Home from the hospital
- Andy Wagoner - Biopsy 8/30
- Cheryl Watt - Lung cancer

Remembering our homebound



- Wilma Blankenship
- Michelle Clemmons
- Charlene Ford
- Marvin Pruett
- Charles Wilson

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO
SILENCE
YOUR PHONE



Masks are only required when assembling in fellowship hall.




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!

If you have any questions about what you see or hear during our services, please do not hesitate to ask us for more information. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have, or to provide a further individualized Bible study for you. Worshiping our God and knowing and understanding His Word is our passion and we want it to be yours too!

Sunday Morning Services	August 8	August 15
Greeters	Dillon & Karli Rager	Richard & Donna Eubanks
Announcements	Andy Wagoner	Brian Martin
Security 1	Michael Runner	Brian Raymer
Security 2	Perry Cole	Tommy Flora
Security 3	Scott Grimes	L.W. Jackson
Security 4	Mark Young	Fred Heath
Security 5	Cody Basham	Shawn Hudson
Audio Video Controls	Chris Robison	Andy Wagoner
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Chris Robison
Opening Prayer	Matt Williams	Mark Young
Welcome	Chris Young	Denver Young
Worship Service Prayer	Joshua Barrett	Greg Isenberg
Communion Prayer	Richard Eubanks	Doug Depp
Scripture Reading	Greg Isenberg	Anderson Young
Closing Prayer	Brian Raymer	Matt Williams

Sunday Evening Services		
Security 1	Michael Runner	Fred Heath
Security 2	Cody Basham	L.W. Jackson
Security 3	Perry Cole	Brian Raymer
Song Leader	Zach Martin	Mason Miller
Opening Prayer	Stephen Clingenpeel	Adam Warren
Scripture Reading	Doug Depp	Joshua Barrett
Lord's Table	Willard Raymer	Chris Young
Closing Prayer	Jeff Morrison	Jacob Williams

Wednesday Night Bible Study	August 11	August 18
Security 1	Jeff Morrison	Joshua Barrett
Security 2	Richard Eubanks	Zach Martin
Security 3	Willard Raymer	Matt Williams
Song Leader	Shed Johnson	Reagan Young
Opening Prayer	Paul Isenberg	Chris Young
Closing Prayer	Andy Wagoner	Matthue Harmon

Monthly Assignments	August	
Lock Building	Greg Isenberg	
Baptismal Laundry	Victoria Jackson	
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Joshua Barrett	
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Amanda Barrett	
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
August 8	Lenora Isenberg	Edith Y. & Loretta D.
August 15	Victoria Jackson	Kathy, Thelma & Jordan

BIBLE READING PLAN August 8 - 15

- Aug. 8 - Ruth 1; Acts 26
- Aug. 9 - Ruth 2; Acts 27
- Aug. 10 - Ruth 3-4; Acts 28
- Aug. 11 - 1 Samuel 1; Romans 1
- Aug. 12 - 1 Samuel 2; Romans 2
- Aug. 13 - 1 Samuel 3; Romans 3
- Aug. 14 - 1 Samuel 4; Romans 4
- Aug. 15 - 1 Samuel 5-6; Romans 5

For The Record Week of August 1, 2021	
Bible Class	114
AM Worship	191
PM Worship	126
Wed. Bible Study	109
Contribution	6,659



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 pm

****If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner (270) 535-5906****

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