

### TIME OF SERVICES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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**THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.**

## StoneRidge Church of Christ

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone  
1 Peter 2:7



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### Our Citizenship

I find it interesting that in the midst of a passage intended to provide comfort for God's people, and in declaring God's greatness, we find this (Isa 40:15, 17, 23): "Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales..."

"All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness."

God "brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness." No nation will stand forever. If Assyria and Babylon were but a drop from a bucket, accounted by God as less than nothing and emptiness, with princes and rulers brought to nothing, so also is the USA, Russia, China, and every other nation. Christians, then, while seeking the welfare of the place wherein they live (wherever that may be), are not to idolize any nation or ruler, for all nations and rulers will come and go. To God, they are as nothing. They will be taken up like fine dust. Do not put your trust in earthly princes or powers.

Regardless of our earthly citizenship, which sometimes can be utilized for the benefit of the spread of the gospel, our heavenly *citiz-enship* overrides all other factors (Phil 3:19-20). We are part of a "kingdom that shall never be destroyed" and will never be "left to another people" (Dan 2:44).

Even so, all the nations are yet invited to partake of the tree of life for their healing (Rev 22:2).

There is, indeed, great comfort in all of this. Have you not known? Have you not heard? – *Doy Moyer*

**When GOD wanted to create fish, HE spoke to the sea.**

**When GOD wanted to create trees, HE spoke to the earth.**

**But when GOD wanted to create man, HE turned to Himself.**

**Then GOD said: "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness".**

**Note:**

**If you take a fish out of the water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die.**

**Likewise, when man is disconnected from GOD, he dies.**

**GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in His presence. We have to be connected to Him because it is only in Him that life exists.**

**Let's stay connected to GOD.**

**We recall that water without fish is still water but fish without water is nothing. The soil without tree is still soil but the tree without soil is nothing.**

**GOD without man is still GOD, but man without GOD is nothing. - author unknown**



**THE REAL TRUTH FOR SOME:**

**FOR SALE: (1) One cross, nearly new. I cannot carry it and keep up with the crowd... (2) One set of Christian's armor, 5 pieces. Needs polishing, but there isn't a scratch on it.**

**THE SICK.** Continue to remember **Kim McCann**, the daughter of **Almon** and **Belva Williams**, and sister to **DeAnne Mundy**, **Joyce Riley** is still dealing with a case of Remember all of these... **Kathy Blackford** has been sick and unable to be out... **Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer... Remember our shutins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home. **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village... **Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

#### **GOSPEL MEETINGS**

**Sept 10 – STONERIDGE – Singing!**

**October 2-7 – STONERIDGE – John Mundy!!!**

**Oct. 21-23 – Raymore, MO – Dick Blackford**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS.** 10<sup>th</sup> – Fran Ramsey; 11<sup>th</sup> – Jywon Green; 12<sup>th</sup> – Brandon Lee; 13<sup>th</sup> – Angie Ellis, Ryan Lands; 14<sup>th</sup> – Mike McFarland; 15<sup>th</sup> – Tyler Morgan; 16<sup>th</sup> – Sidney Cossey; 24<sup>th</sup> – Leon Morgan; 29<sup>th</sup> – Karla Morgan; 30<sup>th</sup> – John Erickson

#### **A MAN MAY GO TO HEAVEN**

**Without Health**

**Without Wealth**

**Without Fame**

**Without A Great Name**

**Without Big Earnings**

**Without Culture**

**Without Beauty**

**Without Friends**

**Without Ten Thousand Other Things**

**BUT HE CAN NEVER GO TO HEAVEN  
WITHOUT CHRIST!**

***“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”***  
***John 14:6***



***If every member were just like you, would we need to build more seats or close the doors?***



