

October 6, 2024

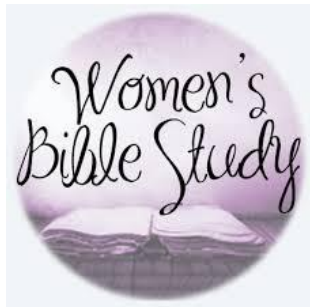
OUR FAITH IN ACTION

September 29, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	74	Sunday morning Live feed views	10
Attendance at the building	136	Post-Sunday sermon online views	40
Bible Hour Attendance	36		
		J.O.Y. Bus Attendance	
Sunday night Bible Class	46	Riders	2 Workers
Sunday night Small Group	13		
Wednesday night Bible Class	52		
Budget	\$ 5,500		
Contribution	\$ 4,362		



Potter's Silver for Children Cans are going to be picked up the week of October 13th. If you have a can out, please have it to the office by Sunday, October 13th.



The Ladies Bible class will meet this Saturday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. Every lady is welcome to come and join your sisters in learning more about God's word.

Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.



Trunk set-up at 5:45 p.m. Sign up sheet in the foyer. If you have questions please contact Linsey Colvin.



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“Serving others as we serve Jesus.”

Keith Jones
Family Life Minister

Sunday

Wednesday

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

Worship.....10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Class....6:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Sherry Lallathin – Mon – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Elders

Deacons

Jeff Bettinger
Bob Burrow
Keith Jones
Duane Landefeld

Ronnie Beardmore
Eric Carothers
Dan Christman
Shawn Howell

Brent McConnell
Jeff Seidler
Howard Spengler
Jesse Stalder

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bonnie Cline broken foot; Lois Kenney, lower back compression fracture; Susan Kenney, upcoming tests; Bev Jones health issues; Marvin & Becky Hickenbottom (Kyle Hickenbottom's parents); Todd & Krista Bommer family – house fire; Jim & Joy Yontz's grandson -heart issues: Dan Fussell; Christy Chaplin; Caleb Bush; Ruth Allen heart cath Oct. 5th; Jason Clutter, back issues; Sharon Leasure, lump in her chest and bone spur with arthritis in left shoulder; Angela Smith (Gary & Bev Jones' daughter), heart issues, spleen aneurysm and a spot on a lung; Tiffany Comstock (Gary & Bev Jones's daughter), epileptic seizures; widows and widowers of the congregation.

Please pray for Doug Stimpert as he's struggling with his faith.

Those battling cancer – Jim Keevert: Bob Kenney; Brian Ady; Mark Ady; Gene Rothenbuhler; Charity (Harris) Boothe; Davey Landefeld; Mike Jones (son of Roger Jones); Cathy Kirk (Jeremy Beardmore's mother-in-law); Raelynn Kruthaup (Merna's sister-in-law); Connie Brown; John Whitacre (Dan & Sue Fussell's nephew); Parker Miley, leukemia; Lisa Jones, stage 3 lung cancer; Logann Kehrer (a friend of Bob Burrow's co-worker), diagnosed with terminal cancer; Andy Copley; Donna Hughes (friend of Naomi Ault); Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman)

Pregnancies

Please keep Haylee Carothers in your prayers for her pregnancy and the child she is carrying.

* **Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

October Sunday Morning Speakers

October 13th Woody Biggs October 20th Jermey Powell October 27th Jason Daugherty

Elders & Deacons Meeting

There will be an Elders meeting Sunday, October 20th at 4:00 p.m. in the library

There will be a Deacons meeting Monday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship building.

Basketball and Jesus?

by F. LaGard Smith

Did you watch any of this year's NBA finals? Not me. The closest I get to basketball is collegiate, thanks to neighbors who, being avid supporters of our local MTSU teams, kindly invite us each year for a game and hot dogs. So, the Boston Celtics' win over the Dallas Mavericks could have passed over unnoticed were it not for a couple of articles that caught my eye.

In one, the writer said, "Sure, they were driving for dunks rising to block shots, and launching 3-pointers, but really they were solving a math problem." Math, you say? Seems the Celtics are obsessed with data, hunting the highest-percentage shots — mainly open 3-pointers. Boldly playing the odds, they were content to let Dallas' superstar, Luka Doncic, run up his stats, while five clearly-talented but less-recognized Celtics played "mathball." That meant not necessarily making 3-pointers, but attempting more 3-pointers. Percentages being key, it's system over superstar.

Reminds me of the film, "Moneyball", about the Oakland Athletics' incredible 2002 season and their record-breaking 20 consecutive wins. Ignoring traditional thinking, General Manager Billy Beane takes improbable advice from a young Yale economics graduate whose system of metrics leads to trading big-name stars and acquiring undervalued players playing "mathball." Angry seasoned scouts and livid manager Art Howe thing the math is crazy...until it works!

The other article catching my attention was about Celtics coach, Joe Mazzulla — an outspoken man of faith. When asked if he'd met members of the British Royal Family who attended one of the Celtics' games, he quipped, "You mean Jesus, Mary, and Joseph? I'm only familiar with one royal family." Refreshing! I wonder if he's ever considered how Jesus played "mathball"?

When it comes to "superstars", it doesn't get more "super" than Jesus. By no means in the same league, there's Peter, Paul, and half a dozen of the apostles we know something about. But what of those other apostles about whom we know virtually nothing? Ignoring traditional thinking, Jesus chose "undervalued" fisherman and tax collectors to get his message out. It wasn't about individual superstars, but a divine system of ordinary folks evangelizing the world.

What a contrast to today's church that loves its superstars — the ones so good at 3-pointers...as in sermons with those compulsory three points (cleverly alliterative), and, of course, dunking...in the baptistry! To draw a crowd, you need a superstar. Someone spectacular for a spectacular church. And we wonder why evangelism is on such a long losing streak today.

Instead of "team church" going everywhere preaching the Word, it's now all about inviting your friends to church to hear the superstar. (If even that!) Which isn't the purpose of weekly worship to begin with. Gathered worship is not about one man preaching, but about Christians being mutually edified in their faith, then going out to take as many 3-pointers as possible at lost souls, some of whom can be reached only by the undervalued believer, not pulpit superstars.

It's not about how many we actually convert, but how many we TRY to convert. Even more so, it's about how many ordinary Christians care enough about lost souls to take those long shots. If, in basketball, five good players are better than one superstar, it's no different when spreading the gospel. Say you're not a superstar Christian? On God's winning team, you're the MVP.