

"I Don't Want To Be Involved"

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In theory, none would deny the importance of the local body of believers. Our participation, however, sometimes belies the true sentiment of our hearts. Much of this discrepancy would be alleviated if we were to truly come to understand the concept of "membership" in the body. Listen to Paul: *"For as we have many members in one body, but all members do not have the same function, we being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another,"* (Romans 12:4,5). Membership in a local church implies much more than simply having one's name and picture in a directory. It acknowledges that we are willing to fulfill the "one another" obligations that are essential to the relationship, i.e. *"love," "serve," "bear with," "admonish," "forgive,"* etc.

What can we do to be better involved in the local church? Let me suggest several things.

First, realize your dependence. No Christian can function effectively by himself. Just as a hand severed from an arm ceases to function and will inevitably die, so also a Christian who does not participate with the others members of the body is destined to decay and die spiritually. Sometimes you hear a brother say, "I don't need the local church. I can function just fine by myself." Really? Then you're saying you know more about spiritual health than the apostle Paul. He taught that one member can never say to another, *"I don't need you!"* (1 Corinthians 15:21).

Second emphasize equality. No member of a local body of believers should feel smug or superior to any other, (Romans 12:3). God designed both the physical and spiritual body so that all the members are important. The applications of this principle are legion. Member of our physical body are quick to aid any injured member, they do not ambitiously draw attention to themselves in order to protect a weaker member of the body. So also in the local church, when we learn to *"bear one's another's burdens"* to *"bear the infirmities of the weak"* -- when we do that, the body as a whole is strengthened.

Third, work for unity. God designed the human body to love harmony and hate discord. In fact, when there is discord in the human body we say that it has a "disease." The principle holds true spiritually as well. That's why Paul encourages us to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," (Ephesians 4:3).

Now, how healthy would the body be if every member functions just like you?



MOUNT ZION
CHURCH OF CHRIST
- SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2008 -
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Honored to Serve

A.M. Morning Worship

Announcements-----**Greg Barrick**
Sub-----Jerry Basham
Song Leader-----**Steve Croslin**
Sub-----Greg Sandidge
Opening Prayer-----**Jerry Stahl**
Sub-----Allen Brian Stewart

Sermon-----**Gary Hays**

Lord's Table

Center-----**David Eadens**
Sub-----John Miller
Assist-----**Greg Sandidge**
Sub-----Barry Basham
Assist-----**Allen Brian Stewart**
Sub-----Ellis Basham
Assist-----**Kelly Hudson**
Sub-----Terry Simpson

Closing Prayer-----**Shawn Hudson**
Sub-----Greg Sandidge

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MOUNT ZION WELCOMES YOU

We welcome you to the worship services at Mt. Zion. We are delighted by your presence this Lord's Day. Mt. Zion is a well known congregation in the community looking to grow numerically and spiritually by studying and praising our creator above. We encourage you to visit with us again soon and pray you will make Mt. Zion your church home. The men's restrooms are located in the foyer on the right as you enter the building, and the women's are located in the back of the fellowship hall on the right. There is an unattended nursery in the back of the fellowship hall on the left.

Schedule OF Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study-----10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship-----11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship-----6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study-----7:00 p.m.

Elders

Ellis Basham-----777-3654
David Eadens-----777-3786
Charles Sandidge-----777-1168

Deacons

Greg Barrick
Steve Lyons

Greg Sandidge
Jerry Stahl

Minister

Gary Hays-----846-4283

Prayers Needed

Ellis Basham was diagnosed with Rocky Mountain spotted fever this past week.

Avanell Simpson returned home from the hospital Sunday night and is doing better.

Charles Sandidge had low blood pressure and medication problems with past week.

Melodye Whalin will be having gastric bypass surgery tomorrow in Florida.

Henrietta Embry is currently at SKY rehab and should be there for about two weeks recovering from a recent hip surgery.

Billie Jean Butler's (Steve Croslin's niece) surgery went well this past week. She is at Norton's Hospital in Louisville.

Remember in Prayer

Dale Bush, Billie Jean Butler, Linda Cox, Judy Davenport, Georgia Eadens, Mary Elkin, Gus Elmore, Joe Elmore, Henrietta Embry, Bobby Floyd, Yvonne Floyd, Myrna Floyd, Nicole Gowin, Tonya Gross, Toni Hayes, Imogene Hightower, Donald Huff, Hilton Jones, Sybil Kloviski, Coleman Larsen, Sondra Lyons, Theo Maddox, Tyler Madison, Cain Martin, Harley Mestas, Hamp Milam, Karen Morrison, Dolores Overton, Iris Rich, Hazel Rucker, Margarette Stahl, Kristy Thompson, Emily Towe, Anita Turner, B.T. Webb, Gary Whalin, Lana Young.

In the Nursing Homes

Medco – Margarette Stahl
Christian Healthcare Center – Georgia Eadens
Rm. 106

JULY ASSIGNMENTS

Building and Lord's Supper Preparation

Jerry & Ann Stahl

Sunday Morning Teachers

Nursery – Debbie Lyons

Pre-School- Anita Sandidge

1st and 2nd Grade – Marilyn Basham

Intermediate – Greg Sandidge

Dates TO Remember

- **TODAY - THURSDAY** – MT. ZION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. nightly.
- **July 20** – Breakfast in the fellowship hall before Sunday Bible Study.
- **July 27** – Fourth Sunday night singing here at Mt. Zion. Men's business meeting following service.
- **Oct. 18** Annual hayride, hot dog roast/TALENT SHOW at Barry & Wanda Basham's. 6:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday

Wesley Davenport – July 15

Ryan Barrick – July 15

Happy Anniversary

Murl & Jacquetta Bush – July 19

Continue to watch for your birthdays and anniversaries on WBKO during A.M. KY Live and Mid Day Editions (Mon. – Fri.).



Pray For Our Troops

Shaun Hays	Chad Stackpole
Bradley Hines	Todd Stewart
Nick LaMastus	Anthony Wilson
Aaron Lynch	
Alden Lynch	
Michael Mestas	

MT. ZION CHURCH OF CHRIST 2008 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Theme: Walking in Son Light

**TODAY, JULY 13, – THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. nightly!**

Classes:

Nursery, Ages 2-3: **Debbie & Sondra Lyons & Danielle Hudson**

Beginner, Ages 4-5: **Wanda Basham**

Primary, Grades 1st & 2nd: **Tami Lyons**

Intermediate, Grades 3rd & 4th: **Marilyn Basham**

Junior, Grades 5th & 6th: **Ann Stahl**

Adult Speakers:

Sunday: **David Eadens**

Monday: **David Hefner**

Tuesday: **Chris Young**

Wednesday: **Jerry Stahl**

Thursday: **David Eadens**

Hope to see you each night!

For The Record



June 29

Sunday A.M. Worship – 64

July 6

Sunday A.M. Worship - 62

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear: Romans 10:17

Believe: John 3:16

Repent: Acts 17:30

Confess: Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

Live Faithful: Rev. 2:10