



385 Mt. Zion church Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Serving in Worship

Bible Study Prayer: Greg Barrick (David Eadens)

Welcome: Greg Sandidge (Ryan Barrick)

Prayer: Charles Bolton (Jerry Stahl)

Scripture Reading: Bret Barrick "Ephesians 6:13-17"

Message: David Eadens "The Whole Armor of God"

Communion:

Steve Croslin (center) (Jerry Willis)

Steve Lyons (Bret Barrick)

Jeff Evans (s) (Josh Hicks)

Conner Hurd (Jimmy Myers) s

Prayer: Richard Arnold (Barry Basham)

Attendance: Steve Lyons (Greg Sandidge)

(s) denotes silent on the Lord's Table

He Wants You!

Making the decision to become a Christ follower is one of the biggest and most important decisions one will make in their life. It is not a decision to take lightly. Jesus warns us to count the cost before following Him. The cost is your life. A christian's life is no longer their own, but is for Christ. For one to be saved, added to the Lord's church and identified as a Christian, the Bible tells us one must:

- Hear the Word of God ([Rom. 10:17](#)).
- Have faith in God ([Heb. 11:6](#)).
- Repent of your sins ([2 Cor. 7:10](#)).
- Confess your faith in Christ ([Rom. 10:9,10](#)).
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins ([Acts 2:38](#); [Mark 16:16](#)).

After one becomes a Christian, they must continue to live faithfully to God. Your salvation can be canceled if the costs were not counted before becoming a Christian. Some keys to living faithfully include:

- Regularly attend the services of the church ([Acts 20:7](#); [Heb. 10:25](#)).
- Worship God in spirit and in truth ([John 4:24](#) [Col. 3:17](#)).
- Pray frequently ([1 Thess 5:17](#); [James 5:16](#)).
- Develop good qualities of your character ([Gal. 5:22,23](#); [Eph. 6:13-18](#); [Phil. 4:8](#); [2 Pet. 1:5-8](#)).

Church Information

Assemblies:

Sunday Bible Study	10 am
Sunday Morning Worship	11 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6 pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7 pm

Leadership:

Elder: Greg Barrick	270-991-4521
Elder & Pulpit Minister: David Eadens	270-777-3786
Elder: Greg Sandidge	270-202-8466
Deacon: Jerry Stahl	270-777-8978
Deacon: Steve Croslin	270-202-6315
Deacon: Steve Lyons	270-991-2495
Youth Minister: Ryan Barrick	270-991-4520

Praises for Him

Leader: Ryan Barrick

PPT The Battle Belongs to the Lord (all verses)

405 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing (all verses)

573b Alleluia (all verses)

PPT Lamb of God (all verses)

675 I am Resolved (v. 1, 2 & 4)

633 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 3 & 4)

PPT Sanctuary (v. 1 twice)

Leader Next Sunday: Conner Hurd

Today's Message: The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:13-17

1. Contrast Jesus to Peter
2. How the Sword Relates to Us
3. Our Reluctance to use the Sword

Why Christianity is So Offensive

The real reason so many people find Christianity offensive, and why they want nothing to do with it may not be what you think.

I'm convinced the one thing so many people find offensive about Christianity is "LOVE." Yes, "love."

- You see, it's because of love that Christians must be willing to forgive ([Matthew 18:21-22](#)). But many people don't want to do that.
- It's because of love that Christians must bless and treat their enemies with kindness ([Romans 12:20](#)). But many people don't want to do that.
- It's because of love that Christians must rid their lives of racism and prejudice ([James 2:1,9](#)). But many people don't want to do that.
- It's because of love that Christians confront sin and sinners ([Proverbs 27:6](#); [Ephesians 5:11](#)). But many people don't want to do that.
- It's because of love that Christians practice church discipline ([1 Corinthians 5:4-5](#)). But many people don't want to do that.
- It's because of love that Christians make great monetary sacrifices for the kingdom's sake ([Acts 4:32-37](#)). But many people don't want to do that.
- It's because of love that Christians give others the benefit of the doubt and don't judge their motives ([1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#)). But many people don't want to do that.
- It's because of love that Christians commit themselves to absolute allegiance and obedience to all that Jesus commands ([John 14:15](#)). But many people don't want to do that.

Do you see my point? It's not that Christianity is too harsh, too narrow, too judgmental, too irrelevant; it's because Christianity commands "LOVE" and love is hard to obey. That's why Christianity is so offensive to some people. It's because the two greatest commands of Christianity, which undergird all of it, are to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves...and many people just don't want to do that.

Steve Higginbotham

Prayer Requests

- **Gale Pruett** has been losing blood & had a stress test at VA hospital to determine if his heart can withstand anesthesia for a needed surgery. He is at home.
- **Vicki Floyd** was to have three hours of dental surgery Friday afternoon.
- **Brad & Beverly Joyner** both suffered from heat exhaustion while working outside this week, resulting in Brad being extremely nauseous & sick at his stomach many times.
- **Kelsea Young** has battled an upper respiratory infection.
- **Sid Croslin** had a scope-type procedure that determined his heart is out of rhythm. They are attempting shock methods & medication to correct.
- **Linda Croslin** has experienced voice problems lately, but overall doing well. Both Sid & Linda want to thank MTZ for all prayers & concerns.
- **Chris Conken**, Greg Barrick's 42 year old non-smoking cousin in Mobile, AL, had a petscan that revealed the mass in his lung has doubled in size in the last six months.
- **Linna Stahl** is in a walking boot for six more weeks, while struggling to heal.

Upcoming Events

TODAY **Breakfast** in the all-purpose room beginning at 9:15am
 July 24 **Songs of Praise Service** at 6 pm followed by a men's business meeting.

MTZYG Events

July 21 **TNT** at Richardsville Park - Flag Football from 6:30 - 8:30.
 July 25 **SYS** at South Green St. beginning at 7 pm with Reed Swindle.
 July 31 **Youth Night** at 6 pm. Young men of the congregation will help lead the worship service. Speaker: Randy Wells of Alivaton church of Christ. The young ladies will help serve a meal following the assembly. Meal theme: Italian.
 Aug. 20 **Shine Youth Rally** at Three Forks coc beginning at 9 am with Neil Mathis.
 Nov. 4-6 **Fall Youth Retreat** at Lake Barkley for grades 4th grade & up. Theme: Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly (Micah 8).

Bus Driver Rotation

- **TODAY:** Steve Croslin
- **July 24:** Bret Barrick
- **July 31:** Greg Sandidge

SHINE Youth Rally - Sign-ups

A sign-up has been posted in the Welcome Hall for anyone wishing to attend the Shine Youth Rally on Sat. Aug. 20 at Three Forks church of Christ beginning at 9 am. Sign-up by July 31 in order to receive a free t-shirt. Please do not sign-up for a t-shirt unless you're committed to attending.

Wednesday Bible Study-Cancelation

The elders have canceled Bible study for this week and encourage the membership to attend VBS at Mt. Pleasant church of Christ beginning at 7 pm. Their VBS begins tonight and runs through Wednesday. Please check out the flyer in the Welcome Hall.

SEEK.
 BUT SEEK FIRST GOD'S KINGDOM,
 AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND
 ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE
 GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.
 MATTHEW 6:33

1 Year Bible

PLAN THIS WEEK...

7/17	Proverbs 13-15
7/18	Proverbs 16-18
7/19	Proverbs 19-21
7/20	Proverbs 22-23
7/21	Proverbs 24-26
7/22	Proverbs 27-29
7/23	Proverbs 30-31

Song Leader Rotation

- **7/23:** Conner Hurd
- **7/30:** Brad Joyner
- **8/7:** Gabe Willoughby
- **8/14:** Steve Croslin
- **8/21:** Greg Sandidge
- **8/28:** Ryan Barrick

Sunday School Collection

as of 6/26/16

Nursery \$45
 Beginner: \$39.26
 Primary \$19.44
 Intermediate \$15
 Teens \$2
 TOTAL **\$120.70**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

17 Rachel Cheshier
 18 Owen Rice
 18 Julia Parson
 22 Buddy Bush
 25 Lori Gray
 25 Gina Brandon
 26 Bailey Wahl
 26 Debbie Lyons
 29 Haley Lyons
 30 Lynn Barrick
 31 Bridget Evans

24 Greg & Lynn Barrick

Duties

Building Cleaning & Lord's Supper Preparation: **Gina Brandon & Carol Sandidge**
 Door Greeting: **See bulletin board**

Bible Study Opportunities

- Nursery (Infant - 3 yr.) - Anita Sandidge - **The ABC's thru the Bible**
- Beginners (4 yr. - K) - Crystal Young - **Acts of the Apostles**
- Primary (1st-3rd Grade) - Michelle Willis - **Adventures in Acts**
- Intermediate (4th-6th Grade) - Jerry Stahl - **Being a Christian**
- Youth Group (7th-12th Grade) - Ryan Barrick - **Life of David**
- Adult Class (any adult) - Bret Barrick - **Construction in Progress**
- Adult Class (any adult) - David Eadens - **Acts**

Wednesdays

- Pre-K/Kindergarten - Anita Sandidge
- Youth Group (6th-12th) - Ryan Barrick - **Exodus**
- Adults - David Eadens - **Esther**

Year Round

- Read the Bible through in 2016.

Help Needed

- There remains one vacant month for 2016 for building cleaning and Lord's Supper preparation. Two months remain for door greeting. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in you would be willing.
- 4th Quarter Bible teachers are needed. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.