



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

## Worship Guide

**AM Song Leader:** Gabe Willoughby  
**PM Song Leader:** Gabe Willoughby  
**Wednesday Song Leader:** Steve Croslin

### Bible Study

514 *The Glory Land Way* (v. 1 & 3)

**Prayer:** Charles Bolton (Steve Lyons)

### AM Worship

**Call to Worship:** Ryan Barrick (Gabe Willoughby)

584 *To Canaan's Land* (v. 1, 2 & 5)

657 *Won't it Be Wonderful There* (v. 1, 2 & 3)

**Prayer:** Greg Barrick (Greg Sandidge)

**Scripture Reading:** Conner Hurd (Brad Young)

345 *Love Lifted Me* (v. 1, 2 & 3)

**Message:** David Eadens

685 *Lord, I'm Coming Home* (v. 1, 2 & 4)

623 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (v. 1)

### **Communion:**

Ryan Barrick (center) (Jerry Willis)  
 Jeff Evans \* (Jerry Stahl)  
 Hunter Simpson \* (Barry Basham)  
 Richard Arnold (Delane Pippin) \*  
 Bret Barrick (Guy Idol)

\* denotes silent on Lord's Table

**Announcements** Steve Croslin (Ryan Barrick)

525 *The Last Mile of the Way* (v. 1 & 4)

**Prayer:** Josh Hicks (Jerry Basham)

**Attendance & Security:** Jerry Stahl (Greg Barrick)

**Communion Prep. & Cleaning:** Josh, Brittany, Ryan & Bret

**Supplies Inventory:** Jerry Willis

**Door Greeting:** Ryan Barrick

## Today's Message: What Ye Out For to See?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:7-10

- The Bible
- God
- Fellowman
- Religion
- Salvation
- The Lord's Supper
- Attendance

## Want to Follow Him?

Making the decision to become a Christ follower is the most important decision one will make in their life. It is not to be taken 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 informs us to:

- 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](#)).

## Bible Study Opportunities

### Sundays

- First Start (3 & 4 yr.) - Allison Sandidge
- Elem. (1st-3rd Grade) - Michelle Willis
- Intermediate (4th-6th Grade) - Greg Sandidge
- MTZYG (7th-12th Grade) - Ryan Barrick
- Adult Class - Bret Barrick
- Adult Class - David Eadens

### Wednesdays

- First Start (0-4) - Lynn Barrick
- Beginners (K-2nd) - Misty Simpson
- Elem. (3rd-5th) - Greg Barrick
- MTZYG (7th-12th) - Ryan Barrick
- Adult Class - Bret Barrick
- Adult Class - David Eadens

### Year Round

- Read the Bible through in 2017

## 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:

Greg Barrick (elder)	270-991-4521
David Eadens (elder & pulpit minister)	270-777-3786
Greg Sandidge (elder)	270-202-8466
Jerry Stahl (deacon)	270-777-8978
Jerry Willis (deacon)	270-392-1073
Steve Croslin (deacon)	270-202-6315
Steve Lyons (deacon)	270-991-2495
Ryan Barrick (youth minister)	270-991-4520

# Happening This Week...

- TONIGHT **Song Service & Men's Membership Meeting** at 6.  
 WED. **Ignite** Pizza & Bible trivia over "Battles & the Bible" beginning at 6:30 pm. Trivia hints include; Joshua 7-8, Judges 7-8:21, 1 Samuel 4:1-11, 1 Samuel 15, 1 Samuel 17.
- THURS. **TNT** at Richardsville Park 6:30-8:30 pm. We'll be playing kickball.
- SAT. **Kayaking** at Drakes Creek (high schoolers and older)

# Upcoming Events

- August 12 **Prime Timers** will depart from RES at 10:30 am and head to 5 Chef's Restaurant in Portland, TN.
- August 20 **Breakfast** in the fellowship hall beginning at 9:15 am.
- June 25-28 **VBS 2018** -- A four night VBS.

# MTZY9 Events

- July 30 **Youth Sunday Night** beginning at 6 pm. Gabe Willoughby will be speaking.
- Sept. 2 **Youth Devotional** for Mt. Zion youth and friends.
- Nov. 2-5 **Fall Youth Retreat** tentative dates.

# Bus Driver Rotation

- **July 23:** Jimmy Myers; **July 26:** Greg Barrick

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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

**\*\* BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES WILL NOT BE DISPLAYED ON SCREEN IN 2017.**

# 1 Year Bible

## PLAN THIS WEEK...

7/23	Proverbs 30-31
7/24	Ecclesiastes 1-4
7/25	Ecclesiastes 5-8
7/26	Ecclesiastes 9-12
7/27	Song of Solomon
7/28	Isaiah 1-4
7/29	Isaiah 5-8

# Help Needed

Sign-ups for building cleaning and Lord's Supper preparation are posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Hall. Please consider helping in these efforts. We appreciate all those who have diligently helped in the past.

# Prayer Requests

- **Steve Lyons** is suffering with excruciating knee pain & will receive a steroid shot Wednesday. Surgery will likely be necessary in upcoming months.
- **Jeff LaMastus** is in ICU 4D04 at the Medical Center with bleeding on the brain due to a recent fall & hit to the head. Surgery could be needed, but doctors are trying to repair & avoid surgery as his blood thinning medication makes it far more dangerous to proceed.
- **Debbie Lyons'** doctor has given her the green light to start rebuilding the muscle strength in the knee & leg area, hopefully building back to 100% strength.
- **Ben Conken** had surgery this week in Alabama, removing the remainder of the stage 2 tumor. He will be closely monitored by doctors to determine if any further procedures are needed.
- Please continue to remember the **Doanld Eadens, Lisa Davis & Sherry Barker** family's in their time of loss.

# Sunday School Collection

as of 6/25/17

- Nursery \$4.42
- Beginner: \$31.00
- Primary \$22.00
- Intermediate \$3.00
- Teens \$2.00

# Song Leader Rotation

- **July 30:** Steve Croslin
- **Aug. 6:** Ryan Barrick
- **Aug. 13:** Greg Sandidge
- **Aug. 20:** Conner Hurd
- **Aug. 27:** Gabe Willoughby

# For What Would You Pray?

If you found yourself imprisoned overnight in chains for no reason other than your religious beliefs, and before your release the following day, you were severely threatened to never speak about Jesus again, what would you do? What actions would you take upon release?

Well, I can imagine the first action you might take would be to contact a lawyer. After all, you have rights! You can't be treated like that! Next, you would probably get on the phone and tell as many fellow-Christians as you could...and they'd help spread the word...and before you know it, your entire church family would know of your harrowing experience.

When Sunday eventually rolls around, I'm sure your situation would be a priority in prayer. No doubt, the congregation would lift up your situation before the throne of God in prayer, but what would they pray? I can imagine the church would be praying that:

- 1 We would return to a time when we could worship without "fear of molestation."
- 2 We would pray for changes in our government.
- 3 We would pray that these secular inroads into the "American way" would be defeated.
- 4 We would pray for God's favor upon political candidates who promised to protect religious freedom, etc.

While up to this point, we've just been "imagining," but the above scenario actually happened to Peter and John in Acts 4. Peter and John were arrested for their faith in Jesus, severely threatened to never speak of him again, and then released. Once released, they met with the church and prayed. But do you know what they prayed for? They didn't pray for a better government. They didn't pray for the removal of current politicians for more sympathetic leaders. They didn't pray for a more tolerant cultural climate in which to live.

Do you know what they prayed for? They prayed for "boldness!" ([Acts 4:29](#)). The text doesn't say they prayed for God to make their circumstances easier, the text says they prayed for boldness to stand up to, and face their ungodly culture.

Today, as we witness our religious freedoms eroding, I'm not suggesting it's wrong to pray for change. I am saying the change we probably should be praying for is within us and not without. You see, the world will always be the world. Praying to God to make the world adhere to Christian values is probably unreasonable, but praying to God for boldness to face our culture is far more profitable.

Let's not allow our circumstances to dominate our focus. Whether our government is sympathetic or hostile toward Jesus is not nearly as important as the need for boldness in the lives of Christians.

Steve Higginbotham