



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

Worship Guide

AM Song Leader: Steve Croslin

PM Song Leader: Steve Croslin

Wednesday Song Leader: Steve Croslin

Bible Study

230 *I Want to Be a Worker* (all verses)

Prayer: Greg Barrick (Charles Bolton)

AM Worship

Call to Worship: Jerry Stahl (Greg Sandidge)

168 *Heavenly Sunlight* (all verses)

682 *Church in the Wildwood* (all verses)

Prayer: Ryan Barrick (Jerry Willis)

Scripture Reading: Gabe Willoughby (Bret Barrick)

617 *We Shall See the King Someday* (v. 1, 2 & 4)

Message: David Eadens

692 *Softly & Tenderly* (v. 1, 2 & 4)

696 *There's a Fountain Free* (v. 1)

Communion Thoughts: Ryan Barrick

Josh Hicks (center) (Steve Croslin)

Barry Basham (Gabe Willoughby)

Steve Lyons (Guy Idol)

Jimmy Myers * (Jeff Evans) *

Hunter Simpson * (Delane Pippin) *

* denotes silent on Lord's Table

119 *Farther Along* (v. 1 & 4)

Prayer: Brad Young (Greg Sandidge)

Attendance & Security: Steve Lyons (Greg Sandidge)

Communion Prep. & Cleaning: The Sandidge's

Supplies Inventory: Greg Barrick

Door Greeting: The Sandidge's

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

Today's Message:

I Was Afraid

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:24-28

- Afraid to study
- Afraid to obey
- Afraid to live
- Afraid to stand up

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

- Nursery (infant-3 years) - Hallie Willis
- First Start (4 & 5 yr.) - Kylie Basham
- Primary (1st-3rd Grade) - Misty Simpson
- Intermediate (4th-6th Grade) - Gabe Willoughby
- MTZYG (7th-12th Grade) - Ryan Barrick
- Adult Class (all-purpose) - Bret Barrick
- Adult Class - David Eadens

Wednesdays

- First Start (0-4) - Lynn Barrick
- Beginners (K-2nd) - Michelle Willis
- 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

Happening This Week...

WED. **Ignite** Pizza & Bible trivia over "Chains, Cords & Thread" beginning at 6:30 pm. Trivia hints include; 2 Peter 2:4-9, 2 Timothy 2:8-10, Genesis 38:24-30, Joshua 2:1-21, Judges 16:20-21, Luke 8:26-29.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 17 **L2L Kickoff**
Breakfast in the fellowship hall beginning at 9:15 am.
 Sept. 24 **Song Service & Men's Membership Meeting** at 6.
 Oct. 14 **Prime Timers** at Loveless Cafe in Nashville.
 Oct. 21 **Hayride & Hotdog Roast** at the Willis'.
 Nov. 18 **Prime Timers** at Patti's Restaurant. 49 are signed up and reservations only allow for 60.
 Dec. 17 **Christmas Caroling**
 June 25-28 **VBS 2018** -- A four night VBS.

MTZYG Events

Oct. 29 **Youth Sunday Night** at Mt. Zion beginning at 6 pm.
 Nov. 3-5 **Fall Youth Retreat** -- Theme: "It's not about me, it's about Him".
 Feb. 23-25 **Challenge Youth Conference** in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Bus Driver Rotation

- **Sept. 3:** Josh Hicks; **Sept. 6:** Ryan Barrick

True Confessions of a Church

Have you heard about the preacher who packed up his family and belongings and moved so that he could preach for a perfect congregation? Neither have I! Sometimes, I think Christians, and especially preachers, forget that there are no perfect churches, and when that imperfection manifests itself, we act surprised and are left reeling. But imperfection in a church is not in-and-of-itself a good reason to "bolt." Rather it may just be the very reason you need to stay. If you've ever been frustrated with your congregation; if you've ever thought about leaving your church family and trading them in for another; if you've ever been hurt by the church that is supposed to be in the business of helping, then may I share a few "true confessions" with you about the church?

1 Churches, like individuals, need grace too! As individuals, we all recognize our need for grace. We fail. We are sometimes foolish. Though our heart is right, our performance is sometimes flawed. So we thank God for grace! May I confess to you that churches collectively need grace too? Sometimes congregations make mistakes. Sometimes congregations, intend well and perform poorly. Sometimes congregations are lacking in wisdom. Will you be willing to extend to the corporate body the same grace, patience, and forgiveness that is extended to you as an individual?

2 Churches are filled with immature Christians. I am unapologetic when I state the church is filled with spiritually immature people. In fact, I'm glad for it! Where there are no spiritually immature people, there are no spiritual births taking place in God's family. A healthy church will always have a mixture of weak and strong, immature and mature, carnal and spiritual people. So may I ask that you be patient with the weaknesses you see in your church family? We may not all be where you are on the ladder of spiritual maturity. May I further ask that you not measure the entire church by its weakest member? For every immature Christian whose conduct, attitude, or speech frustrates and even angers you, there are countless others who have attained to a level of spiritual maturity and Christ-likeness that is worthy of your imitation. Maintain perspective.

3 Church-Hopping is a frequent form of conflict resolution. Though it is one of the poorest forms of conflict resolution, it's one of the most frequent ones employed by preachers, elders, and members. Instead of stretching and developing our spiritual muscles of forbearance, kindness, forgiveness, and mercy, many find it easier to simply disappear and reappear elsewhere at a new church. The problem with this "solution" is that all we're usually doing is trading "known problems" for "unknown problems" yet to be identified. Remember, there are no perfect churches. Instead of pursuing "easy," maybe we should roll up our sleeves and do the hard work of reformation.

For every imperfection, flaw, and expression of spiritual immaturity you see in your congregation, there are probably a host of hard-working, spiritually mature Christians doing all they know to do to correct the situation. Rather than running from these church problems, may I challenge you to enlist yourself in the Christ-like work of resolving those problems? (Steve Higginbotham)

Prayer Requests

- **Virginia Davenport** was hospitalized Thursday with a massive kidney stone & infection. A stint was installed Friday & surgery will follow to remove the stone when the infection is gone.
- **Barbara Idol** will be having a biopsy on her liver Wednesday morning.
- **Jeff Zeigler** had successful knee replacement Monday & will go to Sky rehab soon for 5-10 days.
- **Barry Basham** was determined to have low risk heart stress with a minor blockage & will be treated with medication.
- **Carol Sandidge** will have to have shoulder replacement in about 6 months.
- **Toni Arnold** had to leave Wednesday night services with dizziness from inner ear.
- **Frances Stewart's** new eye glasses have helped her & Alan Stewart's new oxygen machine has helped him.
- **Jeff LaMastus** is slowly improving in Sky Rehab.
- **Dallas Hays** returned home this week.

High School Seniors:

Rachel Cheshier, Caleb Eadens, Ty Evans, Kaylee Gray & Hallie Willis

Expectant Mothers:

Jessica Myers

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Barbara Idol
 4 Ashley Parson
 6 Lacey Willis
 9 Josh Walkup
 12 Sue Hudson
 12 Adam Eadens
 15 Jimmy Simpson
 23 Chad Boyd
 23 Harley Kinder
 26 Nick S. Basham
 27 Larry McGonigal
 28 Cynthia Horton
 28 Steve Croslin
 29 Patrick Beck
 29 Raelynn Beck

10 Jerry & Michelle Willis
 23 David & Beverly Eadens
 26 Jimmy & Jessica Myers
 29 Nathan & Peachie Loanman

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

Sunday School Collection as of 8/6/17

Nursery \$4.42
 Beginner: \$34.00
 Primary \$35.00
 Intermediate \$3.00
 Teens \$2.00
 TOTAL **\$74.42**

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.

1 Year Bible

PLAN THIS WEEK...

9/3	Ezekiel 16-17
9/4	Ezekiel 18-20
9/5	Ezekiel 21-22
9/6	Ezekiel 23-24
9/7	Ezekiel 25-27
9/8	Ezekiel 28-30
9/9	Ezekiel 31-33

Song Leader Rotation

- **Sept. 10:** Ryan Barrick
- **Sept. 17:** Greg Sandidge
- **Sept. 24:** Conner Hurd
- **Oct. 1:** Gabe Willoughby
- **Oct. 8:** Steve Croslin