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**May 7, 2023**

## ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GUESTS ...

- Please pick up an information packet from our welcome table in the lobby. We also have a small gift for our first-time guests.
- We are grateful for your presence today. Please fill out an attendance card (please indicate both your first and last names) so we can have a record of your presence.
- About halfway through the service, the children 4 years old through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs.
- If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to our minister or one of our elders.


## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

*Sunday a.m. ~ James 1*  
*Sunday p.m. ~ 1 Thessalonians*  
*Wednesday night ~ Isaiah 1*



Everyone is invited to come at **6:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday** for dinner before Bible study. Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend. You can also sign up if you want to help with the meal.

## POTLUCK

Make plans now to be here for  a potluck on **Sunday, May 21**, after morning services. This is a great opportunity to invite your family & friends to worship and stay for a wonderful meal and fellowship.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



7 - Jeannie Mayberry  
11 - Laya Bass

**Our weekly Sunday morning worship service, Sunday evening class & Wednesday night Bible class are live streamed on our Facebook page.**





**Barbara Hale** is now home and recovering from a slight stroke.

**Darliss Wills** has been suffering with a severe case of the flu.

Continue to keep those who are currently receiving treatments:

**Lelia Mann, Nina Sims, Don Smith** and others

**SYMPATHY:** Our thoughts & prayers are with **Linda Perry** and her family on the recent death of her brother-in-law, Shirl Allen.

### REQUESTING PRAYERS

**Pearl Roy**

**Byron Bledsoe**

### HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for us and rose from the dead, making salvation available as a gift (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). In order to benefit from this great sacrificial love, one must receive God's grace through faith in Christ and obedience to him (Romans 5:1-2; Hebrews 5:9). To become a Christian, the Bible teaches that we must believe in and put our trust in Christ (John 8:24), turn away from a life of sin (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). If you would like to further study this question of "What must I do to be saved?", please see our minister or one of our elders.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY



**Wednesday at 1:00**  
at the building.



### CONGRATULATIONS to



**Ramona Cardwell** on the birth of her great-grandson. **Angelo Paul Daddario** was born May 3, weighing 9 lb, 13 oz, to Alex & Krista Daddario. Proud grandparents are Mona & Donato Daddario.

### DON'T YOU CARE?

By Joe Barnett

*Don't you care if we drown?*  
—Mark 4:38

Some of Jesus' disciples were experienced mariners who made their living on the water. But they were no match for the storm that swamped their boat on this day—and they were terrified. Jesus was sound asleep, and that rubbed them the wrong way. So, they woke him and said, "Don't you care if we drown?"

There were two questions that day:

Their question was,

"Don't you care?"

Jesus' question was,

"Where is your faith?"

At some point, you will be ambushed by a storm where your abilities come up short and solutions seem out of reach. Perhaps it was Peter who shook Jesus awake and asked, "Don't you care?" But after a lifetime of facing ferocious storms, he jotted this sentence for you: "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares" (1 Peter 5:7).

*Jesus may not always deliver  
you **from** storms,  
but he will always be with  
you **through** storms*

## HE CAN REBUILD A RUINED HEART

By Gary Henry

*“He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound . . . to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified” (Isaiah 61:1–3).*

As far as God is concerned, none of us is a hopeless case. If our hearts have been ruined by sin, He can rebuild them. And not only *can* He give us “beauty for ashes” and “the oil of joy for mourning,” but He *desires* to do so. Yet we should not be naive. God’s help is not unconditional, and it can’t be enjoyed without commitment on our part. A renovated heart does not come from:

*Wishful thinking.* Whatever has gone wrong in our lives, it is possible to recover from our mistakes, but more is required than simple dreaming. An actual “conversion,” or turning, must take place. The apostle Peter said, “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). In the Scriptures, there are no “times of refreshing” without radical repentance.

*Faith only.* In the New Testament, we find a clear pattern with regard to conversion. Beginning with Pentecost (Acts 2:37–39) and continuing through each subsequent account of conversion (Acts 8:35–39; 16:14,15; etc.), those who had heard the gospel and were convicted of their sinfulness were told to be baptized in order to receive the remission of their sins. Paul, for example, was told by Ananias, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). If we want God to reconstruct our broken-down hearts, we must be on the inside of a forgiven relationship with Him, and in the New Testament, baptism was always the door through which that relationship had to be entered (Romans 6:3,4; Galatians 3:27).

Let us not miss the point, however. When we turn to God, faithfully obeying the gospel, what we’re seeking salvation from is *the wreckage of our own hearts*. And the wonder of the gospel is that God can do this. He can rebuild a heart that we have wrecked.

“O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruined, O repair it! It displeases your sight; I confess it, I know. But who shall cleanse it, or to whom shall I cry but unto you? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and spare your servant from strange sin” (Augustine of Hippo).

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### TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday  
Worship - 10:30a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Bible School - 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.  
(at the building)  
Zoom online class



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### Pray For Our Missions!

- ✝ Bad Axe Church of Christ
- ✝ China
- ✝ Church of Christ Care Community
- ✝ Eastern European Mission
- ✝ India
- ✝ Let The Bible Speak TV Program
- ✝ Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- ✝ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ✝ Nigeria
- ✝ Shults-Lewis Children's Home

### ELDER CHAIRMAN

Joe Mason

### WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

May 7, 2023

Opening Prayer - Craig Sims  
Song Leader - Dean Hampton  
Scripture Reading - Eric Sarenus  
Sermon - Bill Nocita

#### Communion servants

Kenny Cummings      John Kaganac  
Steve Karwowski      Jay Kramer  
Byron Bledsoe

#### Audio visual servitor

### FOR THE RECORD

April 30, 2023

Bible School	26
Sunday Morning Worship	74
Avg. attendance for 2023	76
Sunday Evening Worship	19
Mid-week Bible (including ladies class)	27
Contribution	\$4,088.00
Avg. contribution for 2023	\$3,690.50
Budget	\$3,795.00
Shults-Lewis	\$15.00
Total for 2023	\$522.05