

warnings regarding some false men arising from their own ranks! (Acts 20:28-30). Not every church, and not every eldership, was blessed in having an apostle to meet with them and call special attention to dangerous times ahead, with warnings given to them to be faithful, but Ephesus had such warnings given!

(3) And, the apostle Paul wrote a letter to the Ephesian congregation, with that special emphasis on Christ, Head of the church; the giving of God's foreordained will for the saving of men; the word of truth as the instrument of salvation, and the great unity the Spirit teaches, with the need to loyally maintain and keep it! Not every New Testament congregation had a letter sent to them from an inspired apostle, but Ephesus was so blessed!

So, those benefits: Paul's physically being with them, Paul's meeting with the leadership for

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special teaching and warning, and Paul's great lessons to them in his letter sent them. What benefits and blessings were given to Ephesus!

In less than a generation's time, we see Ephesus again, as the Lord, the Head of the church, writes to that congregation. The letter to Ephesus is one among seven, recorded in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. The Lord, always faithful in noting loyalty and dedication, refers to some of that in Ephesus' history, but then we have this: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love" (Rev. 2:4). Against the blessings and benefits earlier received by Ephesus, now we have words from the Christ himself: "Ephesus does not love me as she earlier did." And not too many years later, in the apostasy of the late first century and beyond Ephesus ceased to be the people of God! It thus HAS HAPPENED, and it IS HAPPENING today, and it WILL HAPPEN to some in the future. Will we learn from Ephesus? Remember, IN ONE GENERATIONS'S TIME – OR LESS!

# Bulletin

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## In One Generation's Time

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

### Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

### Sun. Morning Radio & TV

**KTXR 101.3 FM**

Lifeline, 7:15 AM

**Channel 10**

Search, 7 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

**Channel 33**

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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Some very wise men in the kingdom have been known to state that we are always just one generation from apostasy. In seeing the growth of harmful trends in these last several years, we're convinced that a full generation is not needed! But let us focus on what can occur in one generation's time, and Judges 2:10 is so appropriate just here. Reference has been made to Joshua's generation, and then this: "And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after then, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel." This, in one generation's time!

Our Lord had made it so plain, in John 6:45 – "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." We see the emphasis we're making now in the wording of the Great Commission, recorded by Matthew: "Go ye therefore, and teach...teaching them..." "Matthew 28:19, 20). A shift away from the study of, and teaching of, the Word of God is the

opening of the door and a begging for apostasy. That lesson has been well demonstrated in Israel's history, and it has been repeatedly shown in the history of the church. But, do we learn?

We can see deviation at work in one generation's time in what we read of the work in Ephesus. This was a noteworthy stop in the apostle Paul's missionary endeavors (Acts 19), and we combine that fact with several others made plain in the New Testament. May we be reminded of blessings and benefits received by Ephesus:

(1) Paul had visited there, and caused some to take their place faithfully in Christ. Not every city or community in the New Testament era had an apostle to visit them early in their work, but Ephesus did!

(2) Late in his missionary work, Paul called the Ephesian elders to meet him at Miletus, and he reviewed his work before them, gave them special charges pertaining to their work, spoke of dangers before them as wolves should seek to harm their flock, and gave them specific

## Privileged to Serve

**Worship Coordinator:** Travis Hampton

**Announcements:** Steve Crews

**Before Service Greeters:** Wanda Crews & Ruth McMasters

**After AM Services Greeters:** Linda Blazer & Pauline Buttram, Nacho & Beverly Bram

### Sunday AM

**Songleader:** Ron Thompson

### Lord's Table

\*Wm Dill, Robt. Comer, Luther Sheppard, Bobby Lewis

**Opening Prayer:** Daylon Kanengieter

**Closing Prayer:** Trenton Kanengieter

**Sermon:** Eddie Watkins

### Sunday PM

**Songleader:** Scot Greer

**Lord's Table:** Ron Peck

**Opening Prayer:** Daniel Hyder

**Closing Prayer:** Terry Cruise

**Sermon:** Eddie Watkins

### Wednesday Night

**Devotional:** David Doherty

**Songleader:** Ron Thompson

**Prayer:** Robert Comer

### Statistics for Oct 15, 2017

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| AM Worship   | <b>101</b>    |
| PM Worship   | <b>73</b>     |
| Midweek      | <b>65</b>     |
| Total Contr. | <b>\$2410</b> |

# News and Announcements

**Visitors**, please give us a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate. You'll find them in the pew back in front of you.

**Gospel Meeting**, Oct. 22-25, Hickory County church of Christ

## Please silence your phones

## Fair Haven Pantry Needs

### Dry Goods/Cooking

Sugar  
Flour  
Cereal  
Chocolate Syrup  
Cocoa  
Microwave Popcorn  
Vanilla  
Pam Spray  
Chili Powder  
Chocolate Chips

### Condiments

Mayonnaise  
Miracle Whip  
Taco Sauce  
Enchilada Sauce  
Honey  
Gravy Mixes

### Fruits/Vegetables

Canned Pineapple  
Green Olives  
Green Peas  
Canned Mandarin Oranges

Black Olives  
Canned Peaches  
Canned Fruit Cocktail

### Canned Goods

Canned Chicken  
Tuna  
Refried Beans  
Spam

### Bathroom/Toilet

Bar Soap  
Deodorant  
Hair Conditioner  
Kleenex  
Toothpaste

### Laundry/Dishes

Bleach  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Dishwashing Powder  
Liquid Fabric Softener

### Juice/Beverage

Canned Juices  
Coffee

### Miscellaneous

Aluminum Foil  
Freezer Bags – Quart  
Freezer Bags – Gallon  
Plastic Wrap  
Storage Bags - Quart  
Storage Bags - Gallon  
Trash Bags - 33 Gallon  
Trash Bags - 13 Gal.

## October Birthdays

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Calli Watson    | 10-5  |
| Randy Hyder     | 10-8  |
| David Doherty   | 10-10 |
| Parker Henslee  | 10-15 |
| Daniel Hyder    | 10-22 |
| Marcie Marchand | 10-23 |
| Linda Blazer    | 10-26 |
| Vickie Cantrell | 10-26 |

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|-------------------|-------|
| Ben Greer         | 10-27 |
| Elias V. Thompson | 10-31 |

## Oct. Anniversaries

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Ron & Cathy Thompson       | 10-5  |
| Daniel & Margot Hyder      | 10-7  |
| Kendall & Dena Kanengieter | 10-26 |

## Prayer List

**Bobby Banks** has esophageal cancer

**Ralph Hall** of Hardy AR. Just diagnosed with a malignant tumor that cannot be removed from lower abdomen.

**Don Gardner** is home with a port. He has had his first chemo treatment..

**Kenna Kammerer**, granddaughter of Ernestine Sandoz is dealing with stage 4 cancer.

**Sheila Daves**, Suzi Doty's niece has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Linda Lloyd**, friend of Nicole & Travis Hampton, has a congestive heart.

**Brock Henslee** will return to KU hospital Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Friends of the Brams, **Dan Wampler** and **Howard Dampier** and **Joyce Parson** are ill with cancer.

**Lisa Plunkett Martin** has a recurring bacterial infection which can potentially destroy her kidneys.

**Marcie Marchand's** mother, **Donna Plummer**, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

**Dianne Doty**, Suzi Doty's sister-in-law, getting meds to make her comfortable with her cancer.

**Donna Daily** (Jerry & Pat Cruise's neighbor) treatments are going well.

**Jim Chittendon**, friend of Ron and Cathy Thompson (member of the Lord's church) surgery was cut short because of the spread of cancer.

**Missy & Bobby Lewis** are having health problems.

Joanne Lawrence's nephew, **Micaiah Sedlacek** (18) has kidney failure and is on dialysis and is waiting on a kidney replace-

ment.

**Jamie Westcomb**, Nicole's friend, has stage 4 kidney and liver cancer.

**Stephany Rogers**, Dean Sitton's daughter has had a stroke.

**Kevin Kumbier**, friend of Connie Isis has cancer.

**Beth Adams** is starting a new treatment.

**Daniel Henslee** and family, Steve & Michelle's son-in-law.

Robert Comer's step-dad **Ray** is having problems with his blood.

**Tim Warden**, Janet Haffner's brother, is taking treatment for leukemia.

**Andy Novinger** who is fighting Thyroid Cancer.

### Remember the home bound

- Harry Price (with the Brights) would like visitors.
- Ernestine Sandoz
- Estelline Jones
- Ina Gillette (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- Pat Lamb (Marshfield Care Center)
- Judy Barrow (Webco Manor)
- Bonnie Doherty (Webco East)
- Zoe Lawless of Conway (Webco)
- Rosalie Rosenberger (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jax, FL.