

always be with your home congregation. But I guarantee you that most places you visit will have a congregation of the Lord's people nearby. Worship with them. Going out of town doesn't get you out of God's presence, nor does it take away your call to worship Him. Unplugging from work, school, and everyday life is great... but a Christian should never unplug from God.

I can tell you sleep isn't more important. People get tired, I understand. There aren't many chances to sleep in, and Sunday morning worship means getting up early, especially for those with kids. But nobody even considers catching up on that sleep on Monday morning. Work and school don't get placed on a back burner. If you won't sleep through work but will sleep through Sunday church assembly, think about your priorities and just how seriously you're taking your God. Again, consider the message you're sending to your family, fellow Christians, and non-Christian

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coworkers.

We preachers are tired of pushing and prodding people to be in the pews on Sunday. We don't do it because we want you to check the box and say you've done your duty for the week. We do it because we know a Christian whose heart has been given to God will agree that nothing is more important than Him and that He comes first in all things.

I can tell you that there's nothing more important on Sunday morning than being there every time you can. There's always an excuse to be somewhere else. Don't take it. Meet with your fellow Christians and show your God that He's important enough to you to put everything aside and give Him your time. Give Him your Sunday nights and Wednesday nights, too, if your church gathers at those times. Be there for them, let them be there for you, and encourage one another to love God more.

# Bulletin

October 29, 2017

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## 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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## What's More Important Than Sunday Worship?

By Jack Wilkie

I'm just going to get straight to the point with this one. I want to know - what's more important than Sunday worship?

Because thousands of articles have been written and sermons preached, and yet I still have regular discussions with my preacher friends about how many people are missing on a given Sunday for other activities. Obviously there are many, many Christians who believe there are things more important than being at worship. So I want to know... what is it that's so important? What's going on elsewhere that outranks God?

Obviously I'm not talking about those who are shut-ins, those who are dealing with a sickness, or those who have the unavoidable work assignment from time to time. I'm talking about those who feel like they have something better to do. To them I ask:

What's more important than worshipping God in the few hours per week set aside specifically for Him?

What's more important than making time to encourage and be encouraged by your Christian family?

What's more important than gathering with them to study God's word and share in prayers for each other?

What's more important than remembering the sacrifice of Jesus by partaking in communion with your fellow Christians?

I'm not sure what it is that's so important, but I can tell you a few things that aren't the answer to those questions.

I can tell you that sports aren't more important. Like many things in life, sports are perfectly fine and useful and can even be used for good in our lives, but they can also become idols. Skipping worship for youth sports or to watch the big game sends the message to the Savior who died for you that you think He's really important... unless the game happens at the same time. It sends the message to observant little eyes that God can be put in second place for anything we want to prioritize over Him. In an era where a large majority of those raised in the church fall away, the last thing we need is more Christian parents teaching their children that the pew takes a back seat to the players' bench. I don't care if your child earns a scholarship, wins the gold medal, or takes home Super Bowl MVP, because if his or her soul is lost in the process, the tradeoff was eternally worthless (Mark 8:36).

I can tell you vacations aren't more important. It's good to get away every now and then, so you can't

## 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:** John Marchand

### Lord's Table

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

**Opening Prayer:** John Hopkins

**Closing Prayer:** Justin Kanengieter

**Sermon:** Eddie Watkins

### Sunday PM

**Songleader:** Terry Cruise

**Lord's Table:** Ron Peck

**Opening Prayer:** Jim Cruise

**Closing Prayer:** Jerry Branstetter

**Sermon:** Eddie Watkins

### Wednesday Night

**Devotional:** Ron Thompson

**Songleader:** John Marchand

**Prayer:** Luther Sheppard

### Statistics for Oct 22, 2017

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| AM Worship   | 78     |
| PM Worship   | 55     |
| Midweek      | 69     |
| Total Contr. | \$2064 |

# 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**, S. Hwy 5 church of Christ, Oct. 22-26. See bulletin board.

### Dates to Remember:

Woodcutting, 11/4, meet at building at 8:30 a.m.

Annual Holiday Dinner 12/1

Prepare Holiday Baskets, 12/14

Ladies' Day Out, 12/21

## Fair Haven Pantry Needs

### Drv 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 |

Ben Greer 10-27

Elias V. Thompson 10-31

### Oct. Anniversaries

Ron & Cathy Thompson 10-5

Daniel & Margot Hyder 10-7

Kendall & Dena Kanengieter

# Please silence your phones

## Prayer List

**Jennie Cummings**, Ron and Bev's aunt has had a severe stroke.

**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 Sed-**

**lacek** (18) has kidney failure and is on dialysis and is waiting on a kidney replacement.

**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.