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(Let the Cushings know if you plan

**Fellowship Meal** 

Worship change: The Shepherds have decided to make one small change to the order of worship on Sunday mornings. Instead of offering an invitation after the sermon, the invitation will be offered after the Shepherd's prayer at the end of service. The reason for this is that responses to the invitation are sometimes a private matter for our church family only. Therefore, we will stop the livestream after the Shepherd's prayer, and then have an ! invitation from an Elder and a final song. This will allow anyone needing to come forward with concerns, need for prayer, or willingness to obey the gospel to avoid being livestreamed for all to see. We will implement this change **next** Sunday, April 14.

Please see any of the Shepherds with questions.

The Shepherds believe that fellowship is an extremely important part of our growth as a congregation. With this in mind, we would like to have more opportunities to fellowship together outside of our normal worship times in the coming year.

The first opportunities for this will come up later this month: There will be a Game Night on Saturday, April 27 starting around **5pm**. This is open to the entire congregation. Please bring board igames and snacks to share.

We will also set aside the **4th Wednesday evening of each month** to be "Pizza & Praise" night instead of our normal Wednesday night meeting. The church will provide pizza and we will sing songs of praise and have fellowship time, beginning Wednesday, April 24.

Hope to see everyone at these events!

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, April 21.

**The LTC presentation** has been postponed. The date will be announced later.

# Southside Church of Christ

Reaching to God to glorify His name and seek His will

Reaching to each other to build one another up through the power of the Holy Spirit

Reaching to the world to lead people to Jesus Christ

#### **SERVICES**

Sunday

Bible class 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Singing & Bible study 7:00 p.m.

#### Elders:

Larry McCullough 785-393-6085

Brad Vaughan 580-550-3578

Dave Petr 785-218-0114

### Minister:

Chris Newton 785-764-8722

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#### Deacons:

Casey Baker 785-241-1417 Christopher Cushing 417-225-0629 Kent Eagleman 785-843-4596

Todd Luckman 785-554-7019 David Teska 785-393-4685 Pete Welch 316-210-5818

# Ministry Leaders:

Bruce Adams, Worship Workers 620-719-7271 Iona Easter, Fellowship Coordinator 785-887-6171

A room for nursing mothers is to the right of the office.

Children are ALWAYS welcome to join in worship but, if you desire to use them, two rooms are provided for parents with small children: 1. A training room in back of the auditorium, and 2. A playroom downstairs.



**Sunday Morning Worship** April 7, 2024

I Exalt Thee 62

Scripture Reading - David Teska

**Hebrews 12:1-6** 

Call to Worship - David Teska

Songs - Ty Templeton

O To Be Like Thee 429

You Are My God 159

Prayer - Mark Eagleman

Holy, Holy, Holy 47

Sermon - Chris Newton

**Holy Ground** 100, 101

Were You There? 962

Lord's Supper Comments - David Teska

Announcements and

Closing Prayer - Brad Vaughan

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## **Giving God Our Best**

When it comes to our faith and walking with Christ, drifting has been a problem for most humans. We are encouraged in the Bible to fix our eyes on the goal and to not grow weary in well doing, and yet there are times when we find ourselves drifting away from God and His Word.

Drifting means we go with the flow instead of going in the direction we should be going. Drifting happens when we stop rowing, figuratively speaking. It means you just drift with the current trends and winds that more often than not blow you completely off course. Drifting happens, and we must be very careful to evaluate who or what is driving our lives.

The writer of Hebrews suggests that to avoid this common phenomenon we must focus our attention on the truth we have heard. We must guard our hearts and stay the course that God has set before us. This becomes increasingly hard when others around us choose to drift in their walk and faith.

One of the biggest challenges for Christians is to resist the temptation to follow what others are doing or not doing instead of following what they believe and know to be the truth. Water always seeks the lowest level, and unfortunately so does humanity.

Pay attention today and make every effort to hear the truth, know the truth, and understand the truth as you live out your day. Purpose in your heart that you won't allow anything or anyone to sidetrack you from doing what God wants and expects from you.

- by Wes Humble



# **Service Opportunity**

Lawrence Smith is now living at The Windsor at 3220 Peterson Rd. He would like to join us for both Bible class and church service on Sundays, but needs transportation to do so. He needs to be picked up at 9 am or shortly thereafter to get to the building by 9:30 and then returned after services are over. We would like to get several volunteers for this and put together a schedule so that the load can be shared. If you would be willing to be a substitute or infrequent ride, or to provide a ride only one way, that would also be very helpful! If you are interested and able to help with this, please contact Dave Petr or Chris Newton.

## **Prayer Requests**

- \*Faye Schrable has been dismissed from LMH after falling. She has no broken bones but they discovered afib and are working on treating that.
- \*Sarah, Marilyn Bourgeois' daughter has been diagnosed with and is being treated for advanced cirrhosis.
- \*Lorene's daughter **Judy** was diagnosed with cancerous tumors on her pancreas. She is preparing for treatment.
- \*Allyson File, the daughter of a friend of Stephanie Attig, is experiencing neurological symptoms. She is waiting for results of Lime Disease tests.

#### \*Our missions:

**Shepherd and Ruhtt** ask that we pray about the drought in Zambia: for mercy, rains, and calmness as people prepare for distress. Those reached by **Operation Ecuador** and **EEM** face extreme political unrest and danger. And for **African Christian College**, their graduates going into areas of unrest, their new incoming class, and increased financial challenges.

But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.
Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified
the flesh with its passions and desires.
Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.
Galatians 5:22-26

**Church Office Hours** 

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### Servers - Next Week

April 14, 2024

Scripture Reading Casey Baker
Call to Worship Casey Baker
Song Leader Ty Templeton
Prayer Noah Vaughan
Communion
Open building Todd Luckman
${\sf Elder's\ Comments\\ Brad\ Vaughan}$
Greeters McCullough

## **Birthdays**

## April

11 Eliza Kate Draper12 Christopher Cushing

## **Anniversaries**

#### April

(none this week)

# **Sunday Record**

#### March 31

Bible class 41
Worship
in person 89
Contribution \$2673
Budget \$3792

### **Calendar Events**

#### April

7 Collection for Missions
14 Fellowship Meal
16 LINK
21 Congregation meeting
24 Pizza & Praise
27 Clothing GiveAway

# **Every Wednesday**

27 Game Night for ALL

Songs & Bible Study @ 7:00 pm Pizza & Praise each 4<sup>th</sup> Wed **Pantry** – Available for **ALL** who are in need. Please bring only the items that are on the list.

# A variety of canned fruit and vegetables are especially needed now.

\*If you are able to set the groceries downstairs, it will be very helpful.

## **Complete List**

peanut butter	jelly
pasta sauce	pasta
mac & cheese	cereal
peanut butter	
Canned:	
vegetables	fruit
soup (or mix)	meat

**YouTube link** for Sunday morning worship: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJD0cGht33qTcMuGAun85JQ