

SICK IN THE COMMUNITY...

Judy England was taken to the ER with a severe UTI & had a severe reaction to one of the antibiotics given to her for treatment, but Judy stated Wednesday she was feeling a little better. Prayers.
Joyce Wakefield had a fall last week, was taken by ambulance to the hospital, & she has a badly bruised hip. Prayers.
Julie Poston went to the doctor this week & will have extensive surgery on June 4th. Prayers.
Danny Bailey was not able to attend last week due to severe pain. Prayers.
Jessie Parrott had a stint in her main artery, which was 70% blocked on Friday, went home Saturday, & she will have heart valve replacement next week. Prayers.
Benny Maxfield (Francis Hargis’ brother) had a bone marrow transplant & at doing good. Prayers.
Mary Bell (Shaney Kennedy’s mother) at last report is doing better. Prayers.
Shirley Riley (Donna Reeder’s mother) has been back to the doctor for the pneumonia & received 2 shots & still taking medication. Prayers.
Sarah Davidson had cancer to return. Prayers.

Jared Mullins responded on Sunday night & asks for prayers!

Congratulations Mason Ramsey on becoming a deacon!

EXTENDED SICKNESS: (has been on the sick list for some time now)...

Howard Dailey (Teddy Dailey’s uncle) is now receiving hospice services. Prayers.
Bernice Dailey (Teddy Dailey’s aunt) is at Roe Rehab due to a fall. Prayers.
Ann Allred (Rachael Ramsey’s grandmother) Prayers.
Kenneth Harvey has dementia & at last report not doing well. Prayers.
Patricia Reagan has stage 4 cancer. Prayers.
Amy Vaughn (42 yr. old) diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.
Karla Waldon has a pituitary tumor & will most likely have surgery. Prayers.
Dawson Warren (7 yr. old) has Hodgkins lymphoma. Prayers.
Melva Nunnery (Doris Mullins’ sister) has been diagnosed with ALS. Prayers.

**Special prayers for all the people we have mentioned & know God is in control!
“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual
ferwent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16*

Prayer List (Those who have an extended illness, injury, or has asked for prayers)

Dawson Warren	Betty Winningham	Robert Leach	Joyce Wakefield
Scott Mullins	Carolyn Winingham	Danny Bailey	Gail Wilkerson
Anita Beason	Chris Conner	Howard Dailey	Kim Reagan
Ann Allred	Elaina Conner	Sheila Tedford	Richard Newman
Melva Nunnery	Ben Walker	Jason Cantrell	Missie Richardt
Roger Bybee	Francis Knight	Rex Tompkins	Kristin Robinson
Julie Poston	Amy Shope	Kenneth Conner	Kenneth Harvey
Mary Bell	Mark Houser	Amy Vaughn	James Nelson
Randall Richardson	Buddy Ledbetter	Glenn Riley	David England
Mary Fossey	Francis Hargis	Todd Upton	Jerry Kennedy
Lonnie Melton	Charles Smith	Natalie Banfield	Conner Stokes
Veola Hammock	Geraldine Stover	Toni Smith	Cathy Stover
Christy Richardson	Karla Waldon	Wesley Newton	Jamie Feurebach
Randal Risher	Jessie Parrott	Sarah Davidson	

*Your assistance in keeping the Prayer List up to date is greatly appreciated. You can notify Donna or Keven Reeder of any names that can be removed. Thank you!

April 13th, 2025

Friday Night Singing at
Free Communion on
Friday, April 18th at
7:00p.m.



Everyone invited!

THE LORD'S WORK			
Wednesday Night, April 16th at 6:30p.m.			
<u>SONG LEADER</u>		<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	
LARRY MELTON		MARK GARRETT	
Sunday Morning, April 20th at 10:00a.m.			
<u>SONG LEADER</u>		<u>PRAYER</u>	
LOGAN RAMSEY		LARRY MELTON	
Preaching today: Mark Garner			
Sunday Morning, April 20th at 11:00a.m.			
<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>		<u>SONG LEADER</u>	
MARK GARRETT		MASON RAMSEY	
<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>	<u>LORD'S TABLE-SERVE</u>	<u>LORD'S TABLE-ASSIST</u>	
LANCE CRAWFORD	TEDDY DAILEY JAMES WILSON	GREGG NIVENS SCOTT GUNNELS	
<u>LORD'S SUPPER</u> <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>	COY JOHNSON	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u>	LOGAN RAMSEY
Sunday Evening, April 20th at 6:00p.m.			
<u>SONG LEADER</u>		<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	
JAMES WILSON		DONALD WILSON	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shantell Coleman on April 13th.
Sara Bailey & Codi Beth Mitchell on
April 14th.
Levi Worley on April 16th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Does The Second Worship Service on Sunday Even Matter?
(Mark Garner)

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a lot of changes in the world. I am sure we could point to at least one thing that we have seen change since the pandemic hit in 2020. But there have also been pushes for change in the Lord’s church since the pandemic. One of the biggest changes is congregations in the Lord’s church advocating to eliminate the second worship service on Sunday evening. This has become more evident in the western part of the United States. Those who advocate for eliminating the second worship service on Sunday will make the same arguments each time as to why the service needs to be retired. They will tell us, “Attendance is way down on Sunday night.” “Times have changed, and there is no reason for it anymore.” “The Bible says nothing about meeting twice on Sunday. So, therefore, it is time to abolish the Sunday afternoon service, etc.” Those who advocate for this are replacing worship service with things that are not helping anyone grow spiritually. They have started turning to things like small groups, ice cream socials, and restaurant outings in the evenings instead of worshipping the Creator of the world. Is it ok to do this? Is God pleased with replacing worship with more fun and covenant things that people enjoy over worship? I had a preacher tell me in Oklahoma that one big reason why we came to church was to “Get to know each other better.” This sounds more like a social club than a church to me. Fellowship is very important, but the main reason why we assemble is to get to know God and to worship Him (Heb. 10:25). Paul said that we are in a great spiritual battle as Christians (Eph. 6:12). Peter would also tell us to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18). How can we honestly expect to grow more abundantly as Christians if we are worshipping Him less? The answer is we CANNOT. While it may be true that the Bible does not specifically command us to assemble twice on Sunday. We are commanded to assemble once and submit to the authority of the elders and what they decide for the flock (Heb. 13:17). But think about the great spiritual growth that one would miss by not attending the second worship service. Could you imagine those who are in favor of getting rid of the second service attending worship during the time of the Apostle Paul? It says that Paul continued His sermon until midnight (Acts 20:7). Would they have shut Paul down? So, what is the logic and reasoning behind getting rid of the second service? It is quite simple. There are some in the Lord’s church who want to conform to the world and look more like denominations. They want to be attractive instead of being biblical. Therefore, worshipping God a second time must go and instead be replaced with old-fashioned fun. Paul tells us not to be conformed to this world (Rom. 12:1-2). However you want to slice the pie, the second worship service is important for our spiritual growth. If only more Christians would have the attitude that King David expressed: “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD (Psalm. 122:1).

Upcoming Church Events...
Ladies Card Fellowship on Thursday, April 17th at 6:00pm with finger foods, cards for the Nursing Home.
Nursing Home visitation Sunday, May 4th @ 2:00p.m.
Fellowship Meal on Sunday, May 11th after 11:00am services at Free Communion.

Attendance for last week...	
Sunday A.M. Bible Study	70
Sunday A.M. Worship	86
Sunday P.M.	58
Wed. Bible Study	46

Free Communion Church of Christ

1219 Willow Grove Hwy.
Monroe, TN 38573
(3 Miles off Hwy. 111 on Willow Grove Rd.)



“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23

Elders:
Roger Harvey
Larry Melton
Jack Parrott
Keven Reeder

Church Meeting Times:	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:00a.m.
Sunday Night	6:00p.m.
Wednesday Night	6:30p.m.

Deacons:
Teddy Dailey
Mark Garrett
Logan Ramsey
Mason Ramsey
Donald Wilson

Members Expected...

Visitors Welcome...

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” HEBREWS 10:25