

## Crossville Church of Christ

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Greg Maxwell  
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Tom Parham  
Mark Roberts  
Roger Smith  
Jason Wyatt  
Jerry Wood

### Ministers:

Barry Kennedy  
Ken Mears

### Missionaries: (India)

Don Iverson  
Jim Waldron

### Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	
Tuesdays	11AM
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	
Tuesdays	10 AM
<b>Joyful Generation</b> (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

# COMPASS

Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
Of A Congregation

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**“Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men”  
(1Thessalonians 5:11-14).**

# ONLY THE OBEDIENT

Barry Kennedy

Many have had difficulty with the subject of obedience. For example, how many times can one find success through reverse psychology? It is hard for many to be obedient, mostly due to the fact that pride gets in the way (Proverbs 16:18). Even in the secular world, people have come to understand the need and benefits for obedience.

Roger Staubach who led the Dallas Cowboys to the World Championship in '71 admitted that his position as a quarterback who didn't call his own signals was a source of trial for him. Coach Landry sent in every play. He told Roger when to pass, when to run and only in emergency situations could he change the play (and he had better be right!). Even though Roger considered coach Landry to have a "genius mind" when it came to football strategy, pride said that he should be able to run his own team. Roger later said, "I faced up to the issue of obedience. Once I learned to obey there was harmony, fulfillment, and victory."<sup>1</sup>

The pride of Mr. Staubach caused him to want to be his own man, yet learning to obey Coach Landry allowed him to enjoy the thrill of victory.

The spiritual walk of life differs in many ways from that of the physical. Roger Staubach may have been able to win without obeying the coaches "calls," but no one can be saved without obeying Christ. *"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"* (Hebrews 5:8-9). Therefore, **Only The Obedient** can be saved. Why?

**ONLY THE OBEDIENT LOVE THE LORD.** Jesus made this point very clear when He said, *"If ye love Me, keep My commandments"* (John 14:15). One cannot say that Jesus is the Lord of their life when they are not willing to do what He says. *"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"* (Luke 6:46). Think about this point from a parents prospective. When a Mom or Dad tells little Timmy to clean his room and he says, "NO!" Why are they upset with him? One might say, "He disrespected them." Why is it that Timmy is supposed to respect his parents? One word will sum it up, and that word is **LOVE**. The reality is that when little Timmy said, "NO!" Mom and Dad subconsciously heard, "I don't love you." Now little Timmy might never say such hateful words out right, but love is expressed more so than it is said. Jesus was saying that God deserves more than lip service. *"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me"* (Matthew 15:8). The heart is the classic image most use to describe love. If our hearts are not right with God can we say that we have love for God? Likewise, if we are not willing to obey Him, then our hearts are not right and we do not love the Lord. Therefore, only the obedient love the Lord.

**ONLY THE OBEDIENT WILL GO TO HEAVEN.** The point has already been made that one's obedience is based upon love. This point focuses on the blessing to those who do love/obey the Lord. When the apostle Paul came to the close of his life, he wrote young Timothy an inspired letter. In that letter he pointed out the fact that he was going to receive a *"crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing"* (2Timothy 4:8). Paul's confidence in his and everyone else's eternal salvation did and does require personal responsibility. Paul was faithful to the Lord. *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."* (2Timothy 4:7). This is what Paul, and Jesus as well, meant by **LOVE**.

Can we truly say that we would love His appearing right now? Are there some changes we would want to make before that great and terrible day of the Lord comes? It is hard, especially in the South, to find multitudes of people who "do not want to go to Heaven" per se. However, when one gets down to the heart of the matter, it is hard to find many people who are willing to obey God. Few are ready to fight the good fight, because few even know the course, and that same few cannot keep the faith because they have never received it (Psalm 119:105; Ephesians 6:13-18; Romans 10:17). Let's learn the lost art of obedience, because **ONLY THE OBEDIENT** love the Lord and will go to Heaven.

<sup>1</sup> www.sermonillustrations.com

## BEAUTIFUL HARMONY

Bob Prichard

What cooperation! What unity! What harmony! I wish I was describing a congregation of God's people, but instead, it was the Prague Symphony Orchestra. Brenda Caldwell gave us tickets to the January concert in the Knox Concert Series, and I had the chance to hear and see a great orchestra up close. The experience of hearing the orchestra reminded me anew about the importance of unity and cooperation.

The Prague Symphony Orchestra is composed of some 89 musicians, as well as a conductor, stage crew, etc. Almost a third of the musicians were violinists. It was interesting to see all of those bows moving in unison. Their skill was evident. This great skill means they used their God-given talents, and practiced endless hours. George Eliot said, "Tis God gives skill, But not without men's hands: He could not make Antonio Stradivari's violins without Antonio." I wonder what we might accomplish in the Lord's church if we were as diligent in honing our God-given talents and skills to be used in His service in the same way these musicians did.

All of the musicians were playing the same piece of music, and were "on the same page." They were playing as individuals, under the direction of the conductor. As we follow Christ and scripture, we also work in unity and harmony.

From my vantage point in the concert, I could observe some of the musicians better than others. I was especially interested in the gentleman who played the tambourine during the first piece, Dvorak's "Carnival Overture." I never knew that anyone could be so enthusiastic playing the tambourine! It would seem this would not take as much skill as say a violin, or a cello, or an oboe. Yet he played it with so much energy and vigor, adding to the overall beauty of the piece, providing just the right accent needed. In the Lord's work, there are often "parts" which seem minor—preparing the communion, counting the attendance, turning on the heat, etc., but think what a difference it makes when some of those "minor" jobs aren't done as they should be. As Paul reminded the Corinthians, "For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" (1 Corinthians 11:14-15). We all have something to contribute to the Lord's work, and we need everyone!

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

## CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

Aaron Veyon

Have you ever wondered why there are so many different churches in the world? The reason for this is because not everyone believes the same things when it comes to the doctrine of Christ. Yet, in spite of all these doctrinal differences, many plead for unity (appealing to Jesus' prayer in John 17) and say something like, "Can't we all just get along?" What does the Bible say?

According to the Bible Jesus only established (built) ONE church: HIS (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23). Unless we are in that one church we cannot be saved (Acts 2:47). Also, the Bible reveals that there is only ONE doctrine: HIS (Gal. 1:6-12). Unless we abide in that one doctrine we cannot be saved (2 Jn. 9-11). Paul tells us that we must be of the same mind in Christ (Phil. 3:16); speaking the same doctrine, believing the same doctrine, and applying the same doctrine (1 Cor. 1:10). This is how we have unity in Christ, friends (Jn. 17:20-23). "Is Christ divided" (1 Cor. 1:13)? Certainly not! Then why should we be?

# NEWS AND NOTES

**HOSPITAL LIST~ Sue Kimbro-** Parkwest, Knoxville ICU;

**Glendon Edmonds-**Parkwest, Knoxville R #422.

**Home from the Hospital~** Loretta Cox

**Rehab ~** Jerry Beaty ~ Life Care, R # 125 A

L.A. Fox, Sr. ~ Life Care, R # 125 B

Grover Terry~ Standing Stone, R#313A

**Sick at home this past week ~** Thelda Jackson, Nannie Dean Ashburn, and Matt Roberts.

**Prayer request~** Jean Fox, Nell Terry, Janet Donnelly, Brian Selby, Lisa Rose, Clyde & Betty Randolph, Janice Owens, Leigh Ann Fairman, Larry Cox, Stan & Betty Smith, Bill & Grace Foland, Helen Buckner, Wendell Hunt, Shirley Kerley, Morris & Martha Smith, Kay Creason, Heather Oakes, Nicole Parham, Zada Kennedy, Hollis Warner, Pearl Hassler, Stormie Houston, Adam Cody Hall, William & Ruby Leeper, Grace Ayers, Sarah Brown, Glenda Bryant, Kay Tabor, Donnie Loveday, Selma Davis, Jim Thomas, Lois Rigsby, Peggy Houston, Steve Reed, Thelma Wyatt, Eugene Selby, Gwen Jenkins, Blake Cooper, Wendy Royles, Marian French, Conner Worley, Sarah Wallace, Porsche Mize, Jeff Goff, Pat Cowden, Jan Taylor, Ruth Hayes, Jared French, Stanley & Camelia Hedgecoth, Betty Hollingsworth, Bill Napier, Lourdes Rives, Juana Garcia, Al Montgomery & family, Fran Rothery, Dale Lane, Madora Fox, Jeff Collman.

## SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy extended to Linda Reagan upon the passing of her aunt **Margaret Meadows**. Her funeral was Saturday in Dalton, GA. & to the family of **Tony Smith**, his funeral was on Thursday @ Bilbrey's & to the family of Kay Stover upon the passing of her mother **Ruby Gunter**. Her funeral was on Friday in Clarkrange.

## SHUT- IN FOR THE WEEK

**Edith Hall ~** Wharton Nursing Home #206, P.O. Box 447, Pleasant Hill, TN 38578

## MISSION OF THE WEEK

**Jay Young ~**[JBYPMission@comcast.net](mailto:JBYPMission@comcast.net)

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## BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

**March 2 ~** Jacob Sears

**March 5 ~** Roberta Folk

**March 6 ~** Lyndie Crabtree

Betty Randolph

Matt Roberts

**March 7 ~** Brittany McCoy

**March 8 ~** Blake Fish, Dale Hennessee

Aaron Simpson, Judy Stover

## ASSIGNMENTS

**March 8 posted below;**

**AM: OP:** Mark Roberts **CP:** Jason McGee

**SR:** Blake McLaughlin (Exodus 3:1-8)

**PM: OP:** Travis Clark **CP:** Greg Maxwell

**SR:** Dan Whittenburg (Exodus 7:6-13)

## CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

**CPR Training Class ~**Today @ 3 P.M. in multi-purpose room. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board. (Please see Jill Parham for questions)

**Revelation Class ~**Jim Waldron is stopping his study in Revelation due to the increased number of missed classes making the timeline for this study impossible. His plans are to offer another study at a later time.

**Prayer meeting ~** Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.; cards are on the back of the pew and can be placed in the contribution plate.

**Ladies' Class ~** Tuesday at 11A.M. ~ **Ladies please study Lesson 6.** Luncheon & card signing to follow in multi-purpose room. Due to kitchen renovations we will be ordering lunch. (Please give your money to Roberta Folk for pizza, or you can bring a sack lunch.)

**Men's luncheon ~** Thursday, 11:30, at Gondola.

**Refugee Camps ~** there is a special need for food and supplies for the refugee camps in India. We are contributing \$1,000 to the Waldron Mission Fund. If you as an individual would like to donate to this cause please see Ginny for details.

## TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGES

**Glendon Edmonds ~** Parkwest Medical Center R#422; 9352 Parkwest Blvd., Knoxville, TN. 37923.

**Stan & Betty Smith ~** Cumberland Ridge # 102, 458 Wayne Ave., 38555. Cell phone #931-260-2840.

## AREA EVENTS

(See the foyer bulletin board for information)

**White County Christian Training Series~** Monday nights starting March 2-30<sup>th</sup>.

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Day** Graysville Church of Christ~ March 28<sup>th</sup>

**Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies 2015 Lectureship ~** April 26-29<sup>th</sup>; Karns Church of Christ.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS

**LAST WEEK: BS:** N/A **AM:** 157 **PM:** N/A

**Wed:** 179 **Cont.** 5,480.25

**LAST YEAR: BS:** 242 **AM:** 333 **PM:** 262

**Wed:** 213 **Cont.** 10,149.10