

WEEKLY TOTALS

01/07 & 01/10

Bible Study	65
AM Worship	90
PM Worship	45
Mid-Week	59

OFFERING 01/07

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STAY INFORMED

Are you on the email list for weekly updates, urgent notifications, prayer requests, and the digital version of the bulletin? If not please email Amy at: amy30655@hotmail.com

WATER TESTER NEEDED

If you can test the water in the baptistry please let John Newham know.

BUILDING NEWS

The fellowship hall is available to members for use of meetings, birthday parties, and other gatherings. There will be new procedures to follow if using it. Approval from the Elders and a cleaning checklist that must be checked off and signed after each use.

SHOWER PLANNED

February 25th, after morning worship we will have a gift-card shower in honor of the recent wedding of Nick and Emily Ribal. We also want to welcome them to our church family. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

SECRET SISTERS

It's enrollment time for the 2018 Secret Sisters. This is a fun way to get to know each other. Monthly gifts and daily prayers are just a few ways to be involved. If you'd like to commit to this year long adventure please let Vicki Angel know so she can get you a sheet to fill out!

BOWLING FUN

TODAY! We will leave after worship. We will have lunch and bowl a few games. Everyone is invited!

SONG LEADING

The song leading class, taught by Don Evans (who won the Most Congenial Employee Award at Stone Mountain) will be on January 20th from 12-2PM. It will be taught in the auditorium. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

OPERATION ANDREW

You have been challenged to bring a family member or friend that is not a member of the church on March 25th. We will have a potluck meal also.

WELCOME

to the Monroe church of Christ

We are so glad you decided to join us today! **JANUARY 14, 2018**

WELCOME

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2.

CONNECTION CARDS

Please fill out a Connections Card in the pew in front of you. Drop it into the collection plate or pass it to the end of your row.

PRAYERS

Do you need prayers? Whether its health, personal, or for others we will pray for you!

Julian Pressly, Skyla Whatley, Edwina Hein, Jewel Taylor, Elizabeth Cadena Sister Knox, Joy Angel, Jackie Brayton, Karon Sims, Gordon Rickett, Albert Tolle, Almeda Cooper, Pat Gibson, Tenna Cheek

MILITARY: Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd, Tim Dixon, Matt Shepherd, Corey Henry

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Mens Weekly Breakfast:
Wednesdays 9AM at the Pot Luck Cafe
Ladies Monthly Bible Study:
2nd Monday of the Month
Team A-1st Sunday of the Month
Team B-3rd Sunday of the Month

BOWLING TODAY •
Leaving after worship.
SONG LEADING CLASS •
January 20 • 12-2PM
WEDDING SHOWER •
February 25th after worship

FEEDING THE FLOCK

CANNED CHILI • RICE • JELLY • TOOTHPASTE

Assembly Times:

Sunday
Bible Study-9:30 am
Worship-10:30 am
PM Worship-5:00 pm
Wednesday
Bible Study
Morning-10:30 am
Evening-7:00 pm

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PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear	Believe	Repent	Confess	Baptized	Live Faithfully
Romans 10:17	John 8:24	Acts 17:30	Romans 10:9-10	Acts 22:16	Matthew 7:21

Good Days and Bad Days

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Life's like that. Just about the time you think you have it all figured out, some new adventure disrupts your confidence and flies in the face of your conclusions. Nobody has life figured out.

I wrote in my journal recently: "I don't suppose it's possible to have any length of time where you are right with the world. I had 15 minutes one day where it just seemed everything was just right. Then the phone rang. Pfsst! Right out the window. But then I've had times when everything was all messed up, tangled, distorted, and disheveled. And right in the middle of my pity party the mail comes and there's a nice note-unexpected and joyful-and for the next 15 minutes things are right with the world again. That is, until the phone rang. Pfsst! Oh well, the mail comes again tomorrow. Maybe..." Trying to figure life out is a futile enterprise; one destined for sure failure.

Here are some suggestions for making life-all of it-more pleasurable and more useable:

Don't run from trouble - You can't go fast enough. Trouble will find you. Face it head-on and with determinate faith. There is no temptation bigger than you can bear if you put your confidence in God (1 Cor. 10:13). And there's no problem that can't be solved if you keep in touch with your spirituality. Even the fear of death is conquerable if you have sufficient trust in your Master (Heb. 2:14-16, 1 Cor. 15:51-58).

Don't let discouragement rob you - Discouragement is one of the Devil's most functional tools. It wrestles a man down by robbing him of his faith, and in doing so, saps his energy to keep on. It strikes every age, every spiritual level. It causes faith to flag and determination to become impotent. It's a power-grabber, discouragement is. But faith is still the answer. Trusting confidence in God will triumph over discouragement. But you have to engage it. You have to shove your faith in front of the discouragement before it can conquer it. Listen to what God said: "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). Do you believe it?

Remember, down doesn't have to mean out - Just because you lose a battle now and then doesn't mean you've lost the war. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and get back into the fracas again. There's work to be done, people to see, prayers to make, lessons to learn. Activity is the key to winning. Don't every quit. Only the weak quit. "Brethren, I count no myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Paul, in

Phil. 3:13-14). I press," said Paul. You must do so too, for he closes the admonition with "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded." Are you?

And remember, most of all, that you and God make a majority - There is no force on earth strong enough to separate you from His love and to keep you out of His kingdom. Not even death itself can do it. Certainly, we may boldly say, "...the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me." Paul said, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us." Stay with God and you can't lose, folks.

And finally, remember that Solomon said, "In the day of prosperity rejoice; in the day of adversity consider, for God hath set the one over against the other..." (Eccles. 7:14). Don't try to second-guess Providence, or ask "why me?" Relax and let it happen. Don't ask, "Why has God allowed this?" Rather, ask, "What does He want me to do with this?" Allow the good days to cause rejoicing. Allow the bad ones to increase your learning.

Life is happy for those who love God and are keeping His commandments, no matter what comes along. After all, life is constructed of two things: good days and bad days.

~ Dee Bowman

women's
bible study
growing deeper, together

**LADIES
BIBLE STUDY**

Please join the ladies for a monthly bible class. They meet at 6PM and promptly end at 7PM at the building. If you'd like a book please let Marsha Denton or Barbara Tittle know!

CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

Contribution letters for tax purposes will be mailed out soon.

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

If you'd like to receive the bulletin by email please send Crissy your email address.

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