

Those To Serve		
SUN AM 8/4	Singing Scripture Reading Prayer for Table Table Opening Prayer Announcements/Closing Prayer	Thomas Barnes Johnny Spangler Johnny Spangler Tex Casteel Earl Graham Hubert Owen Rodney Blue Jim Crabtree Bobby Sharp
SUN PM 8/4	Singing Opening Prayer Table Announcements/Closing Prayer	Thomas Ramsey Hubert Owen Denny Boles Bobby Sharp
WED PM 8/7	Singing Opening Prayer Announcements/Closing Prayer	Thomas Barnes Tex Casteel Johnny Spangler
AUG	Prepare Communion Building Lock-up Food, Etc. Coordinator Monday Night Helpers	Billie Paris Bruce Leonard Joanie Spangler Pat Cooper Marie Spangler Tammy Thomas Theda Wilkins

To Our Visitors

We are pleased to have you worship with us. Please sign the register in the front foyer so we have a record of your visit. Come worship with us at any time, and if you are interested in learning more about the church of Christ or our particular congregation, please contact any of those men listed on the front.

The **NURSERY** is available for use at any time during our services for **infants and babies**. It is equipped with beds, rockers, etc. The nursery has a speaker so that the services can be heard.



Please silence all cell phones during worship services.

August Anniversaries

- 5 Freddie & Kristy Blansett
- 10 Steve & Vickie Lofty
- 26 D C & Gladys Spangler
- 28 Thomas & Darlene Barnes
- 30 Chris & Jennifer Lawson

Pantry List for August

- Canned Lima Beans
- Butterscotch Pudding Mix
- Graham Cracker Pie Crust

August Birthdays

- 1 Ann Buffington
- 7 Macey Rogers
- 9 Stacey Rogers
- 14 Hannah Thomas
- 19 Jo Ann Ramsey
- 21 Jeremy Jones
- 24 Jacob Gott
- 29 Jim Gambill

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM
Bible Classes 9:00
Worship 10:00

Sunday PM
Worship 6:00
Children's Church 6:00
(ages 2-12/fellowship building)

Wednesday PM
Bible Study 7:00

ELDERS:

Bruce Leonard
942-6820
298-4777
Johnny Spangler
667-9476

DEACONS:

Thomas Barnes
942-2646
Donnie Rogers
942-2668

MINISTER:

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VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."
Romans 15:4

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Angie Capshaw

Vernon Capshaw

Ray Murphy - heart problems

Bobby Taylor - (Brother-in-law of Marie Spangler)

SHUT-INS, ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOME

Norma Billingsley, Rachel Crabtree, Annie Knight, Wezzie Meredith

Cancer & Long Term Illnesses

Don Billingsley - (brother of Wanda Sharp)
Jimmy Billingsley - (brother of Wanda Sharp)
Renee Borders (relative of Wanda Murphy)
Sarah Borders (niece of Ray & Wanda Murphy)
Clyde Boyd
Katie Bracken (Jennifer Smith's friend)
Roger Clark (nephew Vernon & Claudine Capshaw)
Kevin Cooper - (brother of John Cooper)
Hunter Elliott
Carolyn Grider (sister of Brenda Jones)
Brenda Harland (friend of Mitzi Holland)
Luke Harvey (friend of Jennifer Smith)
Mary Hayes (friend of Thomas & Benita Ramsey)
David Hill (dad of Dava Gomez)
Bud Leonard - (father of Bruce Leonard)
Charlee Cassidy
Kathy Long (friend of Mitzi Holland)
Charles Mackie (brother of Linda Owen)
Rob Martin (nephew Gladys Kirk & Donnie Rogers)
Jessica Moffett - (niece of Peggy Sims)
Jim McDowell (member at Bridgeport) cancer
Dave Paris (coworker of Thomas Barnes)
Ron Pind (friend of Cliff Thomas)
Paul Poland - (friend of Cliff Thomas)
Larry Sanders (uncle of Tammy Thomas)
David Spangler
Martha Todd (friend of Marty & Terry Murphy)

NEWS AND NOTES

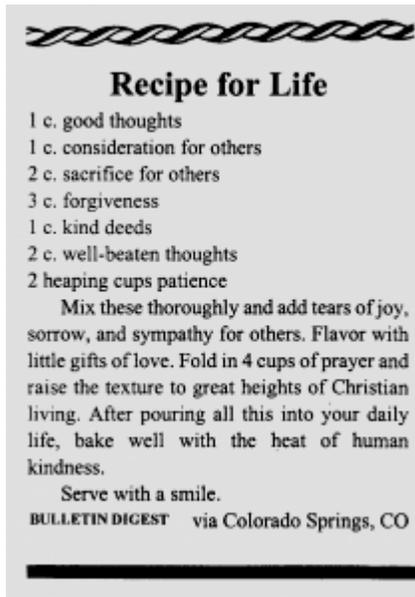
August 4 (today) - There will be a teachers meeting (non adult classes) at 5:00 pm. Also, if there is anyone who is interested in teaching or helping, please come.

August 9 - Friday night singing at the Bridgeport Church of Christ. Begins at 7:00 pm CDT.

September 21 - Ladies day at the Magby Gap Church of Christ. Theme "Give Me The Bible". Speaker Celine Sparks. More info on bulletin board.

Throwback Thursday: Recipe for Life

From the October 1999 edition of *Bulletin Digest* comes this "Recipe for Life." We reproduce it here as it actually appeared in the *Digest*. Have a great day!



Ways Parents Encourage Children to Leave the Church

Even though another Father's Day is now behind us, I want to continue to think about the role played by godly parents when it comes to raising faithful children. It is no real secret that churches around the globe are losing their young people once they graduate from high school (cf. *Why They Left* by Flavil Yeakley or *You Lost Me* by David Kinnaman). What is causing this? What can be done?

Kinnaman has written, "The dropout problem is, at its core, a faith-development problem; to use religious language, it's a disciple-making problem. The church is not adequately preparing the next generation to follow Christ faithfully in a rapidly changing culture." To this I would add that it is our homes that are not adequately preparing the next generation!

Daniel Howell has come up with a short list of things that we as parents can do that may actually contribute to our children losing their faith and leaving the church. Obviously we understand that all humans are autonomous creatures with the power of freewill and nobody can choose the destiny of another, but the actions (or non-actions) of parents greatly influence their children. Some of the ways we encourage our kids to leave the church could be the following:

1. Make other things a priority over church assemblies and functions. Be sure that you are giving your child the impression that there are some things that are more important than assembling with the church if they are "big" enough. Be sure the church comes second to some things. These things include (but are not limited to) sporting events, vacations, family get-togethers, and even some forms of working. Only doing this occasionally is sufficient to get the point across to your child. Better yet, cut out Bible class entirely and only come for Sunday morning worship.

2. Don't talk about God, Jesus, or the church when you are at home or in the car. Keep your lips sealed when it comes to spiritual matters. Don't ask and don't tell.

3. When you do talk, be sure to complain and nitpick as much as possible. Complain about the preacher, his sermons, the elders, the deacons, the singing, the song selection, the Bible class, the Bible class teacher, the Bible class materials, young kids, older people, and any other Christian who is different from yourself. Never give your child the impression that you are appreciative of the church, or that you respect those who serve it. Never be satisfied. Be sure to plant the seed of dissatisfaction in your child's mind.

4. Indulge your child's immaturity. Despite the fact that they have yet to develop a real concept of the value of a dollar, give them full control when it comes to their most valuable asset: their soul. Even though they might want to eat pizza and french fries for every meal, let them make every soul-affecting decision for themselves. If they don't want to do "it," don't make them do "it." This applies to all aspects of participation, including Bible class, worship, and even (for the boys) leading worship. Make attendance optional. For that matter, make everything optional, with no consequences.

Obviously, no conscientious Christian parent wants to contribute to their child's lack of faith which leads to their "dropping out" of the church. However, our actions (or lack thereof) and decisions have eternal ramifications and consequences. I appreciate Daniel sharing this tongue-in-cheek list with us to serve as a reminder that we must be intentional about our Christian lives. Let us make God our life and love! Let us share that love with everyone around us--especially our children!