

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS
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COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE
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StoneRidge Church of Christ

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone

1 Peter 2:7



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The Contagion of Emotions

At Ephesus there was a stirring of emotions causing the idolatrous people to start a long series of chants and emotional outbursts of "Great is Diana of the Ephesians" (Acts 19:34). This constant chant went on for 2 hours. There was contagion of emotions, and perhaps the fervor for Diana had a "revival" in that city for a while. Emotions can be contagious and spread quickly, but the emotions are not proof of "truth" and they are not proof of "the pouring out of the Holy Spirit" or of "the Spirit moving". It is only proof of the moving of human spirits into emotional hype. Attributing emotional displays to the "moving of the Holy Spirit" is easy to imagine, but it is not the proof of the Holy Spirit at all. It is merely proof that emotions can get contagious.

If every time a group of people got emotional and began to chant something, we assumed it was "the moving of the Holy Spirit", then the Holy Spirit would be confirming every wind of doctrine taught in all those places. Charismatics of every variety, have the same emotional hype. It was emotional hype that led Joseph Smith to imagine angels and Spirit guidance. Emotional hype led 900 people to follow Jim Jones to their death. Can we truly call every emotionally hyped situation the "moving of the Holy Spirit?"

I would call attention to what the Holy Spirit really shows us in the Bible. He never "moved" in that manner. In fact, the real Holy Spirit called for controlling your emotions and presenting His word with order and reason (1 Cor.14:30-40). If emotions go uncontrolled and there is shouting at random, you can look



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at what the Holy Spirit said right here and know for certain that this emotional hype is definitely not anything attributable to the Holy Spirit.

Maybe we should think about deceptive spirits cashing in on emotional contagion. If not, why not? - **Terry Wayne Benton**

Three Common But Worthless Activities

Fretful Over Yesterday's Failures

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead.

Philippians 3:13

If I should say, "My foot has slipped," Thy lovingkindness, O Lord, will hold me up. When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Thy consolations delight my soul.

Psalms 94:18-19

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Worry Over Today's Problems.

Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad.

Proverbs 12:25

Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

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Anxious Over Tomorrow's Uncertainty.

"Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew 6:34

Without God nothing is significant. With Him, nothing is insignificant.

Absolutely nothing will revitalize a discouraged church faster than rediscovering its purpose.

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. ...**Pat Spencer** (Jerry's mom) has had some sickness from the chemo she has been receiving...**Jack Ladyman's** condition has stabilized and he's now back at work.... **Steve Land's** mother is out of ICU but has a UTI but is now stable...**Konor Erickson's** grandmother had a stroke but is recovering from that...**John Erickson's** mother has had some real difficulty with a pinched nerve...**Creed Moody** is improving...Remember **Virginia Bishop** is still having ongoing health issues... **Courtney Harbin** is still dealing with a lot of shoulder pain... some health difficulties...**Charles Wayne French** (Nola Christenberry's brother) continues to battle cancer. **Sandra Stubblefield** will have surgery on her hand soon.... Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home.. **Bob and Jean Evans** are also confined at home...**Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

GOSPEL MEETINGS (Mark your calendar!)

April 9-14 - STONERIDGE - Wilson Adams

April 16-20 - Jonesboro (Northside) - Jacob Holman

April 23-28 - Kennett MO (Westside)) - Mike Prestininzi

April 28-30 - Mt. Home (Hwy 5) - Bruce Reeves

June 4-9 - Village Creek (Paragould) - Daniel Sanders

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am.

GROUP MEETING. Group 1 will meet on April 15 at Travis and JaNae's at 5:30.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS. Oops! We didn't mean to leave out **Avery Ellis** whose birthday is April 3.

MEAL LIST! Don't forget the meal list for the gospel meeting! It's posted on the bulletin board.

There are three kinds of people in this world: those who are afraid, those who don't know enough to be afraid, and those who know their Bible.

