

### 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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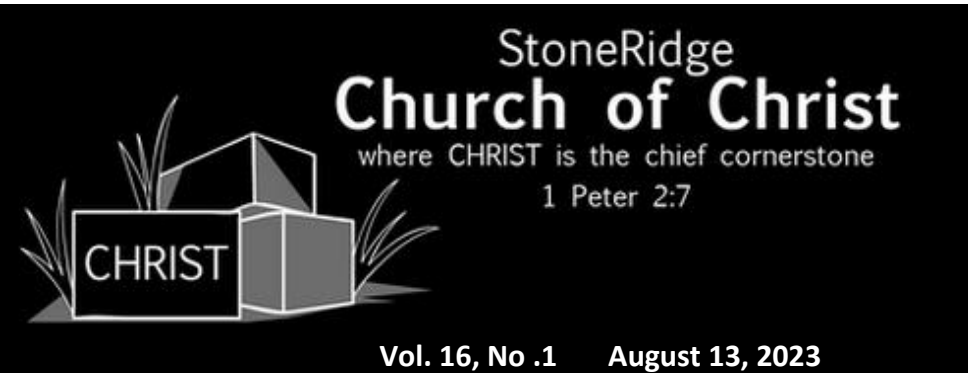
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## BACK TO SCHOOL!

It's that time again! The start of a new school year brings many opportunities, in relation to secular education and matter of spiritual importance. As Christians we are admonished to "walk in wisdom toward those that are without...let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Col 4:5,6). We have the responsibility to make use of each opportunity in a wise and honorable manner, particularly in light of evil that threatens to destroy our faith. What are some of those new opportunities? Similar to a new year, a new school year provides an opportunity to start over fresh. As the unjust steward said, "I have resolved what to do" (Lk 16:4). A new school year is a good time to make resolutions to do what is right at every opportunity and to overcome failures, disappointments and mistakes of the past rather than repeat them.

**A new school year is a new opportunity to serve the Lord.** The overriding principle for Christians is: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Col 3:23,24). More than teachers, peers, or even parents, we are to live for the Lord.

**Filter everything through the lens of God's word.** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Prov 1:17). While studying literature, math, science, and history, don't forget that a proper view of God who existed before the history of the world, who created the law →

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upon which math and science operate, and who has given man the greatest literature ever produced in the Bible, is where a correct understanding of the world begins.

**Stand for truth against the evolutionary humanistic world view.** We live in a time when much of the educational system is dominated by an anti-god, anti-Bible bias that views man as a highly-evolved animal who arrived on the scene as a result of millions of years of random evolutionary processes. In many places this has resulted in school systems affirming same sex relationships, gender change, and abortion. It amounts to a rejection of the Bible. This certainly doesn't describe all teachers, but it is a prevailing view in many school systems. Don't go to school thinking everyone is a bad person. That's not true nor is it what we're saying. Just be aware.

**Make room for spiritual growth.** In the midst of all the demands of a school year, it is easy to become absorbed on secular education and extra-curricular activities to the extent that God gets crowded out. Jesus warned that the cares of this world can choke out the word (Mk 4:19). Don't let those extra-curricular things such as clubs, hobbies, and sports come before worship and Bible study. Manage your time wisely so you can get your school work done without feeling the need to miss assembling with your brothers and sisters in Christ to worship God and study His word.

In spite of being confronted with negative views toward Christianity, keep a good positive attitude, a happy disposition and let your light shine! (Mt 5:16). -db

***A closed mouth gathers no feet!***

***It is not happy people who are thankful. It is thankful people who are happy.***

***Prayer: Wireless communication.***

## *News/Notes/Quotes.*

**THE SICK.** Kathryn Dunman's brother-in-law was seriously injured in an accident and is undergoing severe surgery...We haven't received an update on **Matt Cossey's** stress test. Hopefully they'll know soon ... **Eli Campbell** had liver biopsy last week and it was negative!.. **Pat Spencer** continues her chemo treatments. **Gail Brooks** is moved to a nursing home in Walnut Ridge... ..Pray for **Lavonda Townsley's** special needs grandson in hope he can find the right meds.. Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home.. **Betty Shrable** is confined to her home... ..**Bob** and **Jean Evans** are also confined at home...**Rhea Vines**, at Roger's house...**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... Pray for these!

**CROSS TIES.** We are happy to report that **Madison Frost** was baptized into Christ last Thursday. It is always encouraging to know that gospel is still powerful to save (Rom 1:16). We pray for her to have a long life of service in the kingdom. Her info is: 73 Skylark Ln, Lake City AR 72437; email: [Madisonfrost24@yahoo.com](mailto:Madisonfrost24@yahoo.com); Birthday: August 15.

**YOUTH TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP!** Our young leaders met at the Pickens' home on Friday with a focus on singing. They will be working this month toward making a presentation!

**NEWLY WED.** **Seth Rand** and **Madison Frost** were wed yesterday. We pray for blessings for the future. 🙏

### **GOSPEL MEETINGS**

**Sept 9 - SINGING at StoneRidge - 4 pm**

**Oct 1-6 - StoneRidge - Chuck Bartlett**

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

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS.** 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ann Ledgerwood; 6<sup>th</sup> - Tonya Weaver; 7<sup>th</sup> - Gary Jones, Phealon Suell ; 9<sup>th</sup> - Brett Ladyman; 10<sup>th</sup> - Easton Blackford, David Kern;; 13<sup>th</sup> - Josie Crisler, Sofia Stevens;; 14<sup>th</sup> - Kayla Moody;; 15<sup>th</sup> - Haiden Malone; 18<sup>th</sup> - Phillip Cassidy; 21<sup>st</sup> - Bill Cossey; 14<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Davis; 22<sup>nd</sup> - Michael Parrish; 26<sup>th</sup> - Evan Campbell; 27<sup>th</sup> - Kelli Shifflet; 30<sup>th</sup> - Jim Eagan; 31<sup>st</sup> -Rick Mellow, Roger Vines



