

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
ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS
COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE
NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.**



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where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone
1 Peter 2:7

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Backbiters

The only difference between a buzzard and a gossip is that the buzzard waits till the object of his attack is dead before he tears it apart. A few years ago I was on my way home from a meeting out West and I stopped in Arizona and picked up this postcard. You may think this “lovely scene” is repulsive and out of place. But before you become guilty of backbiting or attempt to develop better manners than the New Testament, read 2 Peter 2:22.

Backbiting is mentioned with some of the vilest sins imaginable - the sins of Romans 1:30. Notice this question from the Psalmist: “*Lord, who shall abide in thy holy hill?...He that backbiteth not with his tongue...*” (Ps 15:1-3).

Solomon said: “*The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an **angry countenance** a backbiting tongue*” (Prov 25:23). We usually bite with our teeth. But backbiting is done with the tongue. This wisdom from the sage tells us how to handle backbiters. Give them a dirty look. Backbiting is for the birds. **-db**

Why The Rich Man Was Foolish

Please read Luke 12:13-21. Jesus' lesson on covetousness leads to many downfalls and causes one to forget. Why did Jesus call him a "fool?"

He forgot others. He didn't say to his wife, "We have more grain, fruit and vegetables than we can ever use. Let's take some to the poor folks down by the woods." His debate with "self" shows that "self" was his only interest. Notice his use of all the first person pronouns, "I" and "my." Jesus taught us to love others (Mt 22:39). Judgment day will find many who forgot others.

He forgot real joy. Joy is giving (2 Cor 8:2). He thought he could happy through self-indulgence. The most important things of all can't be bought with money: love, a clear conscience, a happy marriage, or a home in heaven.

He forgot his soul. There is something about the soul of man that can't be satisfied with material things. A man's life doesn't consist of "things." Covetousness is called "idolatry" (Col 3:5) and will keep you out of heaven.

He forgot God. God has given us everything we need, but he gave nothing to God. We reap what we sow (Gal 6:7).

He forgot death. There's not a person reading this who expects to be in his grave within the next *six months*, or the next *six years*. Cold reality is that the casket has already been made into which our body may soon be laid within the next *six days*. The rich man talked about tomorrow, but God talked about "this night!"

"Whose shall these things be?" The house you now live in will one day be occupied by others. The stocks and bonds you now own will be possessed by another after we leave this world. Finally, God says "So is he that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God." He who? Anybody - you, me, all who trust in the things of this world. -db

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am., or you can catch it throughout the day.

You must never allow a financial interest to crush a moral principle.

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. **Gracelyn Lands** is undergoing treatment for UTI's. Surgery is scheduled for Dec. 6. Prayers needed... **Kodi Herndon** has been diagnosed with Covid... **John Erickson** fell and broke his knee and it may be 6-8 weeks before he can wear his prothesis again...**Jane Cureton** fell and broke her wrist and has been hospitalized...**Ellie Beth Pierce** (granddaughter of Paul & Melissa) has been at Le Bonheur Hospital with possible PTSD induced epilepsy...**Pat Spencer's** knee surgery has been postponed due to an infection. **Rhea Vines** is recovering from back surgery...**Karen Livesay** is now at home recovering after her stay in the hospital. **Cherilynn McFarland** has improved some and was able to be here last Wednesday night... **Virginia Bishop** was to have seen her doctor on Sept. 1. Listen to the announcement for an update...Remember **Kathryn Dunman's** brother-in-law who is undergoing treatment for severe burns ... **Pat Spencer** continues chemo treatments. ... Prayers have been requested for **Hunter Cortan's** mom who has a mass on her kidney...*Remember our shut-ins:* Confined at home: **Madonna Vines, Betty Shrable, Bob and Jean Evans,**...**Rhea Vines** (at Roger's house)...**Gail Brooks** room 423 Lawrence Hall, in Walnut Ridge, **Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard Village ...**Shirley Coots**, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** at St. Elizabeth's Place... Pray for these!

CROSS TIES! We rejoice with **Isaac Griggs** on his baptism last Sunday by Brenden Camp. We appreciate his love for the Lord and for making such a wise decision Be sure to meet him! His contact info is: Home Address: 2501 James St, Scott City MO 63780; Campus Address: Crowley's College, 100 College Dr, Paragould AR 72450; Phone: 573-703-1488.

BEREAVED. We extend our sympathy to Kathy Suel n the death of her brother-in-law who helped raise her. A big loss to her and her family. Prayers needed.

GROUP MEETINGS. Group 1 will meet Sept 16 at 5:30 at Chris and Rita Cassidy's. Group 2 sill meet Sept 30 at 5:30 at Leon & Nola Christenberry's.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Sept 9 - SINGING at StoneRidge - 4

Sept 10-13 - Piggot (Westside) -Different speakers: Dick Blackford, Nolan Glover, Sean Sullivan, Rick Willis

Oct 1-6 - StoneRidge - Chuck Bartlett
