

January 26, 2025

A.M. Worship	100
Contribution	\$4,913.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,104.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**February 2** **February 9**

**LOCK BUILDING**

**WE NEED HELP** **WE NEED HELP**  
**PROJECTOR AM**

Caleb Griffith	Ethan Anderson
Drew Stidman	Brian Casey

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Brian Casey	David Johnson
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**FIRST PRAYER**

Stephen Bailey	Stephen Bailey
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**LORD'S SUPPER**

John Trammel	Scott Ratcliff
Carl Barrow	Darrin Griffith
D.D. Lindsey	Joe Maywald
Joe Davis	John Trammel
Caleb Griffith	J.W. Fagan
Eric Lowe	William Stidman
Cesar Vereen	Drew Stidman
Gary Faycosh	James Carr
Justin Alsobrook	Taylor Rieck
Antonio Brinkerhoff	Rick Arnold

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Jeff King	Jeff King
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**CLOSING PRAYER**

Larry Timaeus	Joe Davis
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**EVENING**

**PROJECTOR PM**

John Trammel	Jeff King
Curtis Sanford	Joe Davis

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Drew Stidman	Gerry Austin
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**FIRST PRAYER**

Stephen Bailey	Carl Barrow
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**LORD'S SUPPER**

Gerry Austin	Dan Talbot
David Johnson	Kyle Teat

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Dan Talbot	Scott Ratcliff
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This Wednesday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m. we will be having Breakfast for dinner and fellowship. We hope everyone will make plans to join us!



**February 2, 2025**

**GREETERS**

February 2	Gerry & Sharon Austin
	DD & Francene Lindsey
	Larry Timaeus
February 9	James & Christina Henry
	Curtis & Tammy Sanford
	Dan & Barbara Talbot

**MONITORS**

February 2	Kyle Teat
February 9	Curtis Sanford

**MEN TO COUNT CONTRIBUTIONS**

2/2	R. Peltier, W. Stidman, D. Stidman
2/9	W. Stidman, D. Stidman, J. Henry

**SPECIAL SERVICE**

Communion Prep & Clean	Sharon Barrow
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**SONG LEADERS**

<u>February</u>	
<b>2</b> Scott Ratcliff	<b>9</b> Richard Thompson
<b>16</b> Drew Stidman	<b>23</b> Stan Murray
<u>March</u>	
<b>2</b> Drew Stidman	<b>9</b> Richard Thompson

<b>ELDERS</b>	Curtis Sanford	<b>DEACONS</b>	William Stidman
	Jeff King		Darrin Griffith
	Scott Ratcliff		John Trammel
			Stephen Bailey

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**Accents**

"WITH ACCENTS ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH"

January 28, 2025

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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We are having a Potluck to honor the Olmos family on February 9th, following morning worship. We hope everyone will make plans to attend!

The Sweetheart Banquet for our retired members will be held on February 16th, immediately following morning worship.



REACH Team 2 is collecting socks, travel size Kleenex and Chapstick, to make care packages for the local nursing home. If you are able to help with any donations, there is a basket in the foyer. If it is easier to make a money donation, the church staff is happy to collect and pick up the items for you. **Please have all donations in by Wednesday, February 12, 2025.**



**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES	9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP	5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH MASTER	6:00 P.M.
ACTIVITIES & BIBLE STUDY	6:30, 7:00 P.M.

### "Return to the Old Paths"

I invite you to use your imagination for a moment. Picture a world where your favorite sport has wholly disappeared. No one plays, practices, or talks about it anymore. Imagine that, one day, you stumble upon an ancient manual about a sport you've never heard of in a dusty attic. As you open the book, you discover the rules, regulations, and instructions for organizing and playing the game. If you followed those rules exactly, what would emerge? Unsurprisingly, if those rules were for football, it would look like football. How is this possible? Because you followed the rulebook. This scenario is a powerful analogy for the Restoration of the Lord's Church. Men like Alexander Campbell, Tolbert Fanning, and Barton W. Stone observed a similar disappearance—not of sports, but of the one true church. The church had been altered so significantly that it was no longer recognizable. People had become more absorbed in worldly matters and less focused on the Word. It took sacrifice and dedication to restore the Lord's Church to the form we cherish today.

"Return to the Old Paths" by V. Glenn McCoy is an insightful book about the history of the Restoration Movement. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the sacrifices that countless individuals made to ensure the Lord's Church would regain its rightful glory. Notable figures like Jerome Savonarola, who, through his studies, challenged the authority of the Pope and fought against the Catholic Church, are unknown to the masses. He was arrested, tried, condemned, and ultimately burned alive on May 23, 1498, in front of the very church where he had preached for most of his life.

Often, we forget to acknowledge the costs associated with standing up for what is right. Someone once asked C.S. Lewis, "Why do the righteous suffer?" Lewis replied, "Why not? They're the only ones who can take it." While we

might not experience suffering to the same extent as those who fought to restore the Lord's Church, we face the risk of eternal suffering if we refuse to advocate for its survival. The church began with a sacrifice and must continue to uphold that sacrifice. Hebrews 10:10 states, "We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Christ came to Earth in human form to die for our sins and to establish the church. He sacrificed His life for each of us, and it is our responsibility to live a life worthy of that sacrifice.

In his book "Return to the Old Paths," McCoy writes, "Unfortunately, the church that Jesus established in the first century did not remain faithful. It fell into a state of apostasy. After a few centuries, the resulting body hardly resembled the church that Jesus had established." Thanks to restoration heroes like Stone and Campbell, who believed it was essential to fight for a return to the original way of life, we can stand here today as members of the Lord's Church. Jeremiah 6:16 says, "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it." Jeremiah implored the Israelites to return to their former glory when they obeyed God rather than men.

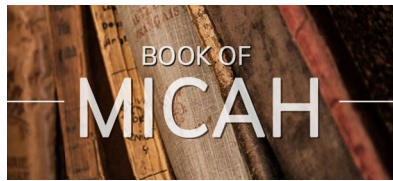
Today, we owe much to the restoration pioneers and even more to God. Every day, people work harder to make the church disappear again, and we cannot let that happen. As states in our nation continue to support gay marriage and schools teach evolution, we must hold tight to the truth of God's Word and stand firm for the church of Christ, even if it means facing great sacrifices. As Philippians 1:21 states, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." In other words, every day of my life will glorify God, and if I die doing so, that is my gain, as I will be one step closer to Heaven. I am grateful for those who restored the church, but I fear we might need to do it again if we do not start acting now. God bless!



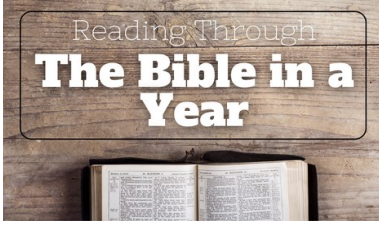
**There will be a Youth Devo this Sunday, 2/2 hosted by the Ratcliff's.**  
**If you would like to host, there is a sign-up sheet on the back Bulletin board.**



**There will be a Men's Bible Study this Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. continuing in Micah.**



**We hope everyone is on track with their daily Bible readings! There are different timelines available in the foyer.**



## Please Pray

Sharon Barrow had a procedure on Monday 1/27 and is now home. Everything went well... Kyle Teat is having surgery January 28th, to remove cancer in his back... Jo Anne Maywald had open heart surgery on 1/10. She is at home now and doing well... Tammy Fontenot, step mother of Amber Austin (Sharon and Gerry Austins daughter-in-law), passed away Monday 1/27, after suffering from a brain aneurism... Kathy Faul (former member), is suffering from shingles. Her husband (also former member) Farrell Faul has a heart blockage and is awaiting an angioplasty... Pop Charlie, father of John Buck, suffered a heart attack. He is now home and will be starting occupational therapy... **PLEASE REMEMBER:** Pat Arnold, Dorothy Booth, Kannika Bun, Mike Cox, Betty Debose, Gary Faycosh Sr., Matt Foley, Cindy Gernand, Jeanie Granger, Barbara Hernandez, Erin West Janki, David Johnson, Frank Kita, Danny Lewis, Shelia Mac, Kelly Miller, Case Opperman, John Shaw, Kyle Teat, Linda Timaeus, Phil Timaeus, Maggie Walker, Audrey Ware.