

## CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- **April 26-29** - Gospel Meeting with Michael Whitworth @ Broad Street Church of Christ in Phenix City, AL.
- **May 2** - Love Lectureship
  - Anthony Hixson, Keith Dixon & Bobby Gayton will be speaking.
- **May 3** - Friends & Family Day
  - Bobby Gayton of Cartersville, GA will be preaching!
- **May 3-6** - Gospel Meetings at Torch Hill Rd. and Lagrange congregations.
- **May 8** - Jim & Kristy Rains will be hosting a weekly Bible Study at their home on Friday nights.
- Continue to remember Tina Copeland, Forrest, Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debice, OP Boling and the sick and shut-ins in prayer.

## SERVICE ROSTER

Week of April 26, 2015

### Sunday

|                |             |
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| Opening Prayer | M. Folley   |
| Singing        | G. Kendrick |
| Table & Giving | G. Wiggins  |
| Assisting      | G. McMurray |
|                | R. Wilson   |
|                | E. Wilkins  |
|                | A. Walker   |
| Sermon AM      | L. Snow     |
| Sermon PM      | L. Snow     |
| Closing Prayer | TBA         |
| Counting       | W. Phillips |

### Wednesday

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| Invitation      | L. Snow     |
| Invitation Song | G. McMurray |
| Prayer          | G. Wiggins  |

## RECORDS - April 19, 2015

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| Sunday AM | 58   |
| Sunday PM | 24   |
| Wednesday | 44   |
| Giving    | 1485 |

## WARM SPRINGS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### SCHEDULE:

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| Sun.      | 9:30AM - Bible Class<br>10:30AM - Worship<br>1:00PM - Worship |
| Wed.      | 7:00PM - Bible Class  |
| Mon.-Thu. | 9:AM-2PM - Office Hours                                       |

# LIFE LINES

OF THE WARM SPRINGS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 26, 2015

## Small Church, Big God

For those of you who don't know, I am a preacher of the Gospel of Christ. Furthermore, I preach with a congregation (notice the with) that is...small. Now, don't get me wrong we are larger than some congregations but by and large we are small in numbers, but does that really matter? Let's look at the first chapter of 1 Corinthians to see some helpful things to keep in mind as we live, work and walk amongst small groups of the Lord's people.

### We Are Not Alone

"To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:" - 1 Cor. 1:2

That's right, Paul said "with all who in EVERY PLACE..." I'm not sure about you, but that is encouraging to me! Throughout my ministry as a preacher I have had the privilege of visiting other places in the Southeast to meet, and even worship with, brethren from other areas. Throughout all of those meetings I have come to learn one thing, we aren't alone!

Sometimes brethren allow themselves to beat themselves up thinking that they are all alone, especially if they are the only congregation in their community, county or even larger region. But the wonderful thing is, we have brethren all over the world with the same mind seeking to follow the Christ and His teachings regardless of their location.

Now, how can that *really* help a small congregation? One word, "RESOURCES"! Never forget that we can call on brethren to help smaller congregations at times in order to fulfill the will of God. Have a meeting/revival coming up? - Call the local congregations and speak to the elders expressing your wish that they come and gather with you to encourage the small congregation in the area, what can it hurt?

### We Are Not "Almost There"

"I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge," - 1 Cor. 1:4-5

Here's my favorite! Regardless of the size of a congregation, God's grace is *much* larger than the group will ever be! No Christian receives a smaller amount of the grace of God, especially not because of his location and membership of a congregation that has 2 or 2,000. After all, God isn't one to show partiality when it comes to race (Acts 10:34) so why would he be when it comes to the number of people in those races?

This might just be the hardest thing for brethren in smaller congregations to understand. I know I have thought it as well. "If we could just get \_\_\_\_ members we would be more pleasing to God." We may not say it in those words, but that's the meaning of our thoughts. But the great thing is the *fact* that a congregation is pleasing to God when they are following the commands of Christ (John 14:15) and heading the warnings of Him (Revelation 2:7).

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### We Are Not A Slave to the Preacher

"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" - 1 Cor. 1:13

Jody Apple said, "I am not the means [alone] by which a congregation is going to be pleasing to God." It takes cooperation between the all the brethren at any local church to get the work done. Remember back at the beginning when I said that I preach *with* a small congregation? That's just it! We are in this together and therefore ought to work together in order to evangelize, worship and live in accordance with the Gospel. It is sometimes difficult for the preacher to realize that he doesn't have to do everything, I'm just now getting to actually figuring out that fact, but it's absolutely necessary.

Have a bunch of cards or flyers for an upcoming revival? Work together to pass them out. Have roles that need to be filled in order to make the congregation work effectively? Work together! Remember, we aren't alone in the world but we also aren't alone in the congregation.

We all have the same God, same grace, same brethren and same job. - So let's forget about the numbers on the board at the front of the auditorium or the black, or red, numbers on the bank statement and start thinking more about how to effectively work together in order to get the Gospel to the entire area and save those lost souls!  
- Lee Snow (thepfp.net)

### PREACH THE WORD(SEARCH) - 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

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 J Z Y C U J C X M J  
 G T T N M Y A S N O  
 V W P I M D E Q X N  
 E P J V R A R M L L  
 A A I N S E P O L E  
 F F V O J R B D W H  
 F N N C U H U U I X  
 K G U K O F Z U K S  
 Y F Y U T R O H X E

CONVINCE  
REBUKE

EXHORT  
SEASON

PREACH  
TEACHING

READY  
WORD

### SERMON PREVIEW

10:30 AM - **Radical Series: Radical Declaration**

Christians, are you preaching the Truth in love? We have more resources than ever, so we ought to be doing more good than ever.

1:00 PM - **Radical Series: Radical Adoration**

Worship is the best way to show God we love Him, but why?

### PERSONAL NOTES

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