

## CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- Micky Robinson - Is awake and recovering.
  - If you are interested in purchasing a Warm Springs Rd. Church of Christ window decal for your car, please let Lee know ASAP.
  - Continue to remember Tina Copeland, Forrest, Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debee, OP Boling and the sick and shut-ins in prayer.
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## SERVICE ROSTER

Week of May 3, 2015

### Sunday

Announcements	G. Wiggins
Singing	G. Kendrick
Table & Giving	J. Rains
Assisting	M. Sizemore
	A. Walker
	W. Phillips
	R. Wilson
Sermon AM	L. Snow
Sermon PM	L. Snow
Closing Prayer	F. Youngblood
Counting	W. Phillips

### Wednesday

Invitation	L. Snow
Invitation Song	W. Phillips
Prayer	M. Sizemore

## RECORDS - April 26, 2015

Sunday AM	62
Sunday PM	45
Wednesday	42

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### SCHEDULE:

Sun.	9:30AM - Bible Class 10:30AM - Worship 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

May 10, 2015

## 3 REASONS WHY YOU NEED TO RETHINK YOUR ATTENDANCE TO SMALL GROUPS!

Whatever you call them (Small Groups, Bible Classes, Midweek Bible Studies, Sunday School, etc.), you probably need to rethink your attendance to them!

Statistically speaking, only about 60% of those who are reading this that attend worship faithfully actually attend a Small Group of some sort during the week. But I am willing to venture that many of the churches of Christ in our country are seeing more along the lines of 40-50% at best! I can actually remember numerous times in the past where me (the adult class teacher), my wife and our children were the only ones there for a Midweek Bible Study.

The fact is, our classes outside of worship services are lacking numerically and I believe there are some things we need to realize about these meetings that will encourage us to attend them more frequently and they are...

### Bible Study Is Enriching to Your Faith

I hope I don't need to write a dissertation on this topic to get us to realize how important our Bible Study habits really are to our personal faith development. If you were raised in a religious environment, I can almost bet that you have memories of being a young whipper snapper sitting in a Bible class of some sort and that the information you learned there has stuck with you. I can vividly remember sitting as a child in a men's enrichment class at church where I first learned the story of Gideon.

That being said, there is more to it than memorizing the Apostles' names or the books of the Bible. Your attendance to Bible classes allows you to dive much deeper into God's saving Word (James 1:21) and helps you to have the ability to pass that knowledge on to those who are lost.

### Small Groups Helps The Church's Relationships

Have you ever wondered why some TV commercials are repeated over and

over again ad-nauseum? It is because advertisers understand that you are going to need multiple chances to engrain that phone number or product name before you will actually think about it when you are in need.

Lifeway Research reported that only 1 out of every 6 self-proclaiming Christians would strongly agree that they actively seek out relationships with new people that they meet at church. The fact is, Small Groups provide the perfect place to see that face again, to hear that name again and start a real relationship with that person.

If the church is a family (Ephesians 2:19), shouldn't we seek every opportunity to know who our family members are?

### Wednesday Nights Give You The Refresher That You Need

Many preachers try to link their Bible classes, sermons and other forms of teaching together in some way (and if you're a preacher and you're not doing that, you need to rethink that decision). That being the case, Wednesday nights provide a very helpful reminder of what was studied on Sunday and helps you to apply that in a better way for the rest of the week.

Seven days without true study in God's Word (understanding that many of us aren't getting the personal Bible study that we desperately need to remain pure in this world) opens the door for trials and temptations that are easily averted if we have refreshed ourselves on our mission and had the encouragement that is one of the major prerogatives in the assembly of the church (cf. Hebrews 10:24).

Whatever your reasons were for missing Midweek Bible Study or sliding in between Sunday School and Worship on Sundays, you need to rethink that decision. If not for the encouragement, family relationships or deeper knowledge of God's Word simply for the fact that willful or even rebellious absence from the assembly of the saints is a very serious point of discussion in God's word (Hebrews 10:25-26)!

- Lee Snow (thefp.net)

### SERMON PREVIEW

#### 10:30 AM - Radical: Administration (Leadership)

What one phrase best describes Godly leadership? We'll look at Mat. 20:22-28 for the answer.

#### 1:00 PM - Radical: Conclusion

As we've seen throughout this series, Christianity is a radical religion. It is in stark contrast to the ways of the world, but it is also a religion of love, change and most importantly of all...truth!

**HISTORICALLY CORRECT**

One of the reasons we know we can trust the Bible is that it contains verifiable history, places, and people. Sometimes the people mentioned are minor players on the historical stage and sometimes they had quite an impact. Here are a few mentioned in the Bible, who have been verified through archaeology.

**THEATRE OF EPHESUS**  
The theater of Ephesus has been excavated, and an inscription from A.D. 103–104 in Greek and Latin tells how a Roman official presented a silver image of the Greek goddess Diana to be set on a pedestal in the theatre. This reminds of the account in Acts 19:24 and following.

HAZAEI	TIRHAKAH	HEZEKIAH	JOSEPH CAIAPHAS	PONTIUS PILATE	LYSANIAS
841–798 B.C. 1 Kings 19:15, 2 Kings 8:8	730–715 B.C. 2 Kings 19:9	726–627 B.C. 2 Kings 16:20	A.D. 18–36 Luke 3:2; John 18:24	A.D. 26–36 Matthew 27:2; Luke 3:1	A.D. 27–28 Luke 3:1
Aramean king over part of Syria and Palestine. Found on the inscription of Shalmaneser III, the Stele of Zakkur, inscribed bridles, and inscribed ivories.	King of Ethiopia. Mentioned in Assyrian inscriptions, and the Babylonian Chronicles, and many Egyptian hieroglyphic inscriptions.	King of Judah. Found on the Rassam Cylinder of Sennacherib, an inscription over a tomb of his secretary, Shebna (2 Kings 18:18), the Siloam inscription, and the Lachish relief.	High priest. Found on the Caiaphas Ossuary.	Prefect of Judea. Found on three coins of Pontius Pilate and the Pilate Stone	Tetrarch of Abilene. Mentioned in inscription in the dedication of a temple.

### PERSONAL NOTES

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