

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages
Attended Nursery**

Opportunities to Serve: January 29, 2012

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Weekly Statistics for Jan 22, 2012

AM Bible Class	156
AM Bible Class Avg.	126
AM Assembly	231
AM Assembly Avg.	211
Contribution	\$7,751.62
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$8,375.19
Weekly Budget	\$9,790.86



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Blackout

I am curious how this Sunday affected you. Everyone knew right away that this was not your average Sunday. We had prayed a lot that God would use the efforts we were making to bring about something that was pleasing to him. I think he did. There was a lot about the day that I liked but one thing in particular that I thought was good was the elders getting up and making statements about their belief and asking us to follow their lead. One from our College group told me how much that meant to him to see such godly men stand up and clearly state their faith. I pray that you allowed God to touch you and soften your heart.

What do we do now? That is a question that I cannot answer in a space like this nor can I give a complete answer since God has not yet revealed all of what is next. What I can do is give two answers from scripture. The first is Romans 12:1-2. Paul writes, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will." Paul is telling every single one of us to offer ourselves to God and to live our lives to please him. That is your immediate task. Our ministry leaders, staff, and elders have committed to helping you do this but it is ultimately your choice. Living like this allows us to find and understand God's will. Paul says that then you will be able to see God's will which means that you will not be able before you offer yourself as a sacrifice.

The second answer has to do with a philosophy of mine that effects how I lead a lot. In Acts 13:2-3 we see a very short account of an encounter between the Church and the

Holy Spirit. Luke writes, "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off." I have shared this verse many times because it is a very impactful verse to me. It shows how God speaks to the Church when they put themselves in a place to hear what he is saying. This makes me think that it is ok for us as leaders to try to understand God's will the best we can but to also work together with you to hear what God wants. That is why we have used meetings with lots of people to make changes to our education program. It is why we want to hear from lots of people about making changes to Wednesday night. It is why we are bringing the financial issues we face right now before the congregation. What is God telling us to do? I have faith that he will tell us if we will just listen.

I urge you to recommit yourself to following the example of Jesus and see what God brings to you. I think it will be significant.

Have a great week!
Allen L. Close

Lexington Coming Events

February 3-5
February 17-19

Ladies Retreat, Savannah
Winterfest—Gatlinburg

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

The Elders have designated this Sunday January 29th as a special day for giving to help make up the budget shortfall from 2011. Please be praying about this and come prepared to give on Sunday.

Welcome our Newest Member

Amanda Gentle
101 Saluda Point Dr #504
Lexington, SC 29072

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Rick will be taking pictures February 12th right after Sunday morning services. If you have not had your picture taken for the directory please make every effort to have it done that Sunday.

Ladies Retreat February 3-5

Sign up sheets for food are in the foyer. Be looking for a bag, purse, wallet, etc. you want to bring for someone. If you have questions about this see Teresa Castleman or Karyn Giles.

Twin City Church of Christ

210 Highland Ave.
Batesburg-Leesville
Invites everyone to a congregational singing on January 29th from 2-4 pm

Youth News

I am so excited about Winterfest this year! I have very busy at work making all the plans and preparations for this special event, securing our hotel, bus and tickets, purchasing food for the rooms, collecting money and medical releases, etc. But the thing I have enjoyed most about all of this has been studying and preparing for the lessons that we will be sharing with our teens. The theme of Winterfest this year is based on a classic book by Richard Foster called Celebration of Discipline. Our High School teens actually began learning about the practice of spiritual disciplines at Impact this summer, so I am very excited that we will be revisiting this subject with our entire group. Throughout the weekend in Gatlinburg they will be invited to make an intentional effort to cultivate the kind of life in which God can bring change. We will be teaching them how to train themselves in the practices, or spiritual disciplines, for growing in the likeness of Christ. This will include practices like silence and solitude, fasting and frugality, secrecy and sacrifice, prayer and study, service and submission, worship and celebration, fellowship and confession.

On Wednesday, Feb 1 we will have a quick meeting to discuss the theme and plans for the entire weekend, as well as collect the remainder of the payment from everyone that is going to Winterfest, including friends and chaperones. I will also be handing out information and medical releases, which will need to be signed and returned as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events:

1/ 27 Ice Skating 6:30-9:30
1/29 HS guys group 5pm
1/30 Iron Fit 6:30pm
2/1 MS girls group 6pm
Winterfest \$ due / Meeting 6:30pm

BIRTHDAYS: February 1 Ashley Swartz February 4 Carol Brown
February 4 Jeanie McElfresh



Prayer Requests

Norm & Lynn Gaines, John Chandler, Marjorie O'Neal, Patrick Hutto, Makonde Team

Jean Cottrell continue to pray for her recovery and physical therapy.
George Westerman, Karen Close's dad, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.
Nathaniel Goodley Sr. will have an injection for his back pain on Thursday. Keep him in prayer.
Valarie Baker asked for prayers that her shoulder will heal, and that God will use her for his glory in her job.
Ryan Shedd, his older brother has given his children to his mom to take care of them. His family is broken and needs everyone's prayers.
Amber Corbett asked for prayers that her faith would be strengthened.
Debbie Sightler asked for strength to encourage her family to be apart of this church.
Leo asked for prayers for **Julie & Isbaldo**.
Minerva asked for prayers for women, that they will not be afraid.
Jeff Kerby for his safety and that God will use him for his purpose as he goes to Kuwait.
Danny Hammond is having back issues.
Kevin Smith, Evelyn Hammonds son has a broken knee cap. Remember him in prayer.
Cliff Brown and his family as they mourn the loss of his mother.