Vol. 55 No… 8 **Upcoming Events!**

**August 6** – First Sunday Fellowship immediately following morning services. Bring your favorite foods & join in the fun! Evening services will be at 1:00.

**August 20 –** Elders & Deacons meeting at 3:30 p.m. If you have anything to discuss let them know.

**August 26 –** Ladies’ Day at Blossom church of Christ, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Breakfast & lunch provided.



To Ophelia Payne who recently was recognized by the RSVP group as “Volunteer of the Year”!

 Congratulations to Jason & Hannah Cunningham on the arrival of their daughter, Sophira Anise, on June 25, 2017, weighing 7 lbs. & 19” long. Proud big brothers are Logan & Austin.



We extend our sincere sympathy to Ron Martin on the loss of his wife, Kathy, and to Donna Perry on the loss of her mother, Wanda Lewis.

7) What is the psalm writer referring to when he speaks of the “great assembly,” according to verse one?

8) Why did the nation of Israel need God’s help, according to verses one through eight?

9) How did the psalm writer describe the house of the Lord in the first four verses?

10) What mercies had the Lord granted His people in the past, according to verses one through three?

11) What specific blessings did David ask of the Lord, according to these verses?

12) Why did the Lord choose to dwell in Zion, according to the first two verses of this book?

13) What appeal opens this psalm in verses one and two of this book?

14) What promises did the psalm writer make to the Lord, according to verses one and two?

15) What mercies from God did Moses recall, according to verses one and two?

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Be sure to let Betty know how proud you are of her decision!

**Scripture Reading Plan for August 2017**

August 1 Psalm 76, 76, 77

August 2 Psalm 76, 77, 78

August 3 Psalm 77, 78, 79

August 4 Psalm 78, 79, 80

August 5 Psalm 79, 80, 81

August 7 Psalm 80, 81, 82

August 8 Psalm 81, 82, 83

August 9 Psalm 82, 83, 84

August 10 Psalm 83, 84, 85

August 11 Psalm 84, 85, 86

August 12 Psalm 85, 86, 87

August 14 Psalm 86, 87, 88

August 15 Psalm 87, 88, 89

August 16 Psalm 88, 89, 90

August 17 Psalm 89, 90, 91

August 18 Psalm 90, 91, 92

August 19 Psalm 91, 92, 93

August 21 Psalm 92, 93, 94

August 22 Psalm 93, 94, 95

August 23 Psalm 94, 95, 96

August 24 Psalm 95, 96, 97

August 25 Psalm 96, 97, 98

August 26 Psalm 97, 98, 99

August 28 Psalm 98, 99, 100

August 29 Psalm 99, 100, 100

**Questions:**

1) Why was God’s name, honored in Israel, according to verses one through three?

2) How did the psalm writer feel about God’s inaction on his behalf, according to these verses?

3) Why did the psalm writer encourage God’s people to tell their children of God’s faithfulness in the past in these verses of this book?

4) How was the Lord’s temple violated, according to the first three verses of this book?

5) What appeal did the Israelites make to the Lord in this prayer, according to verses one through three?

6) What does the introduction of the song summon God’s people to do, according to verses one through five? 

August 2017

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| Sunday Morning | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |  |
| Scripture | SEE | NOLAN | BUTLER ! |  |  |
| Read by | Jason Cunningham | Stephen Arnold | Michael Fry | Wylie Dykes |  |
| Opening Prayer | Paul Payne | William Campbell | Bradley Cochran | Charlie Thompson |  |
| Song Leader | Bobby Graves | Charlie Hodgkiss | Paul Payne | Stephen Arnold |  |
| Announcements | Michael Fry | Bobby Graves | Rick Zant | Michael Fry |  |
| Lord’s Supper | Eddie Don Pickering | | | | |
|  | Jason Brown | | | | |
|  | Bradley Cochran | | | | |
|  | James Weems | | | | |
|  | C.J. Weems | | | | |
|  | Dale Henry | | | | |
| Closing Prayer | Travis Ball | Chesley Phillips | David Brown | Tim Parks |  |
| Usher | John Nash | | | | |
| Communion Preparation | Tim & Daria Parks | | | | |
| Sound Board | Chuck Skeen | | | | |
| Sunday Evening | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |  |
| Opening Prayer | Joe Carpenter | Wylie Dykes | Rick Zant | Michael Fry |  |
| Closing Prayer | Max Ballard | Ken Robbins | Hunter Grose | Dalton Phillips |  |
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| Wednesday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Devotional | Paul Payne | Rick Zant | Bobby Graves | Michael Fry | Charlie Hodgkiss |
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Please remember these in your prayers: Cristy Brazeal, Lola Purser, our brethren in Mexico, Travis Palmer, James & Wynetta Carter, Micah, Jennifer & Gus Fry, teachers & students as they return to school, Margie Davis, Val Spiller, Ginger Rater, Jamie Parker, Kristi Taylor, Ramey Moore (Ken & Betty Robbins’ son-in-law, who’s being deployed), Pam Fry, Bo Creighton, Tracy Martinez, Thomas McGee.

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August Birthdays

1 – Cristi Burnett

7 – Patti Murray

8 – Travis Ball

9 – Betty Eudy

11 – Jason Cunningham

11 – Jill Hodgkiss

12 – Cindy Dykes

13 – Chance Booker

14 – Haven Shelton

16 – Sherry Kyle

17 – Baran Killough

18 – Ryan Pickering

19 – Charlott Pickering

20 – Edd Fry

21 – Alyssa Parks

22 – Jay Dykes

24 – David Brown

25 – Jason Brown

25 – Pam Fry

27 – Janice Cochran

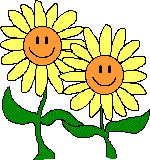
**August Anniversaries**

8 – Mark & Tawana Stewart

24 – Nick & Sally Becerra

24 – James & Cassi Weems

27 – Brad & Janice Cochran



Sunday Bible Study 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

Worship 5:00 pm

KPLT Radio Program 96.3 FM 9:00 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:00 pm

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Why Go To Class?

by Bryan Matthew Dockens

Besides assembling for worship on the first day of the week, this church meets regularly to study the scriptures in class settings. Some may ignore these opportunities and others may simply take them for granted, so it is worth inquiring: Why go to class?

We go to class because "He gave some to be … teachers". The Lord equipped the church with people in various roles to foster its growth, as Paul penned, "He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" ([Ephesians 4:11-12](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ephesians%204.11-12)). Certainly, each position listed – apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor – is one whose work includes teaching. Nevertheless, mentioning "teachers" as a distinct role implies that it is possible to be a teacher without being an apostle, prophet, evangelist, or pastor. Since there are teachers who are not evangelists or pastors, then there must be teaching that is neither preaching nor shepherding. A class is the setting in which such teaching would occur. By neglecting to participate in these classes, one diminishes the ability of the body to effectively edify itself.

We go to class because some need "milk" and some need "meat". Any healthy church will include members from across the spectrum of spiritual growth. There will be the mature and knowledgeable, as well as the uninformed, and those in between. Members of every standing are necessary ([I Corinthians 12:14-24](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/I%20Corinthians%2012.14-24)), and each has different needs, as it is written, "For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" ([Hebrews 5:13-14](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Hebrews%205.13-14)). Just as a nursing infant would choke if fed a steak or pork chop, so the novice Christian may be overwhelmed by some of the controversies debated among brethren, requiring instead "the first principles of the oracles of God" ([Hebrews 5:12](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Hebrews%205.12)). Paul explained to the Corinthians, "I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it" ([I Corinthians 3:2](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/I%20Corinthians%203.2)). Conversely, an adult cannot receive sufficient nourishment from milk. It will not sustain him; he needs meat. The Christian who is fed nothing but a constant repetition of "the elementary principles" ([Hebrews 6:1](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Hebrews%206.1)) will never grow to the maturity desired by God. As Paul admonished, "Brethren, do not be children in understanding … but in understanding be mature" ([I Corinthians 14:20](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/I%20Corinthians%2014.20)). Thus, opportunities are needed to address various members of the church at their respective levels of knowledge and growth. Classes furnished by the church are an appropriate setting in which to accomplish this.

Christians have a responsibility to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" ([II Peter 3:18](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/II%20Peter%203.18)) and the Lord has supplied the church with teachers to expedite this purpose ([Ephesians 4:14-16](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ephesians%204.14-16)). Members of the church need to let the teachers teach by attending and participating in their classes.