

Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	117
Contribution	\$1,929
Evening Assembly	18
Wednesday Class	—
<p><i>In Search of the Lord's Way</i> is shown on Charter Cable Channel 181 at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, and at 6:00 PM Sunday, and on Direct TV Channel 307 at 6:00 AM Sundays.</p>	

Elders: Russ Dudrey, Everett Hinton, Robert Grissom, Gaylin Prior

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE			
This Sunday, April 3		Next Sunday, April 10	
	A.M.	P.M.	
Announcements	E Hinton	E Hinton	J Fielder J Fielder
Song Leader	D Brennfrdr	B Bailey	R Grissom E Hinton
Opening Prayer	R Grissom	D Wright	D Corman K Lockling
Closing Prayer	C Fielder	K Lockling	S Dinkler B Bailey
Usher	B Jurrens		R Munsell
Greeters	Munsells		Wrights
Preside Lord's Supper	D Witt		J Morgan
Serve	G Prior		B Sales
Serve	J Morgan		R Riley
Serve	L Duester		A Adams
Coordinator	D Corman		G Prior
Prepare Lord's Supper	A Hinton		A Hinton
Children's Church	Maggie Sales		Danelle Hayes
Wee Worship	Monica Fielder		Monica Fielder
Wed Children's Class	Danelle Hayes		Danelle Hayes
Change Message Sign	Jim Fielder Family		Jim Fielder Family
Lawn Care	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed

Family Focus

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Upcoming Events

- Leadership for Christ—Grand Island—April 16
- Mud Run—NYC—April 23
- NYC Contribution-April 24
- Russel Bell—May 1
- Men's Retreat—NYC—May 13-14
- Doors of Opportunity: Gaining & Reclaiming Souls—York College—May 21
- York College Bible Teachers Workshop—July 23

Enrichment Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study	9:30
College Class	9:30
Sunday Assembly	10:30
Sunday Evening	6:00
Wednesday Class	7:00
Ladies Class Thursday	9:30

- **Russ's Sermon** today is "Repentance: A matter of Life or Death." Tonight Russ plans a devotional on "Bear One Another's Burdens, and So Fulfill the Law of Christ."
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** next Sunday following our morning worship service. Committee members are the Munsells, J Glassmyer, and D Wright. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home.
- **Jamie Russo** will be having a hysterectomy at Mary Lanning Hospital on Tuesday. She asks for the church's prayers during this time.
- **Judy Melvin** also asks for our prayers. The infection in her foot has become a matter of serious concern. She will see the doctor for an evaluation on Tuesday.
- **Pray for Ashley Duester's** father dealing with tremendous pain after a blood clot formed from recent knee surgery.
- **Angie Riley's Brother** who suffered a stroke recently needs our prayers. Keep **Angie's Mother** in your prayers as she deals with her son's serious health issue.
- **New Adult Classes** start today. The topic will be Michael Shank's book Muscle and Shovel, which explains why he chose to become a member of the churches of Christ. Brad Bailey and DudLee Brennfoerder will lead the class, which will meet in the fellowship hall classroom. Russ's class on Romans will move to the auditorium.
- **One Word, One Church** - Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:

April 4 - James 4	April 7 — Matthew 2
April 5 - James 5	April 8 — Matthew 3
April 6 - Matthew 1	
- **I Timothy 2:1-4** tells us to pray for rulers, "that we may live a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." We encourage the church to be praying earnestly for the presidential race as it affects the future of our country and the future of the church.
- **Wednesday Classes**—Separate men's and women's classes will begin this Wednesday, April 6th. The ladies will be studying the topic of "Love" led by Ann Hinton.

Our Church Sign—

- Jesus Changed A Grave Situation.
- "Cross" Training Inside!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Our Country, Veterans, and Elders; Elementary, High School, & College Students; Bohne Family**—personal issues; **LaVonne Boles** (Lisa Jurrens's friend)—Stage 3 colon cancer; **Danelle & Janelle's Cousin's Daughter**—health; **Evelyn Brown**—stent surgery & mother, **Marie Riley**—broken hip; **Ashley's Duester's father**—blood clot; **Daniel Enfield; Donniss Genung**—cancer treatment; **Glassmyer Family, Katrina**—hip surgery recovery & passing of **Trinia's Uncle, Jackson**—school; **Rob**—job safety & travel; **Katrina's sister**—bone cancer; **Joan Glassmyer's Friend, Jean Gilbert's Family**—Jean's passing; **Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom**—health & family issues; **Danelle Hayes**—health; **Everett Hinton**—health issues; **Ken Kucera**—heart attack; **Ken Lockling**—health & concern for friend; **Judy Melvin**—health, her brother's wife's—health; **Louise Nealeigh**—health; **Angie Riley's brother, Julian**—stroke & **Angie's Mother; Shirley Steen's grandson—Adam;** friends—**Wayne Moorhead & his wife** (Wayne suffered a stroke); **Jamie Russo**—forthcoming surgery; **Sudanese Brethren**—persecution; **Maggie Sales's brother, Gavin Wallace**—health; **Elois Tate**—leukemia treatment; **Gary & Norma Werner**—Norma's health; **Matt & Hope Witt**—teaching in China; **Jo Wright's son, Joe,** stroke recovery; **those travelling.**

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: **Russel Bell:** mission work in India & Romania.
Jeff Zanarison: Bible project in Madagascar

Happy April Birthday:	Don McMurtry - 3	Morgan Dinkler - 5	Lisa Prior - 7
	Aden Riley - 12	Lisa Jurrens - 12	Darra Wright - 16
	Austin Nauert - 23	Donna Montemayor—28	Abigail Fielder - 29

Happy April Anniversary:	Roger & Louise Nealeigh - 4	Brian & Karla Nauert - 26
	Kevin & Amy Wenske - 29	

- **High School and College Graduates**—If you would like your graduation announcement, picture, and future plans in the bulletin, please have information to Sharon Hachtel no later than April 10th.

REPENTANCE

“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’” (Acts 2:38). Either on the Day of Pentecost or within the few weeks after it, Ananias and Sapphira were among the thousands of Jews in Jerusalem who repented, named Jesus as their Lord, were baptized in his name, and formed the nucleus of the earliest church.

But then they made their plan to deceive the church and lie to the Holy Spirit. They didn't get another chance to repent. They'd had their chance already, I suppose, and God must have known that too much was at stake. Right in the dawning moment of the creation of the church, God struck them dead; he wouldn't let the Serpent into his garden, not at the moment of its genesis (Acts 5:1-11). Which is more true: that God killed them, or that their sin killed them? They planned to do real harm to the church; God said no, emphatically.

How can we preach repentance now, when in our culture it sounds so judgmental, so legalistic, so self-righteous? It's politically incorrect to call things sins, especially things having to do with people's sexual lives, things seen as highly personal matters of individual civil rights. *“Judge not, that you be not judged,”* people may say, quoting scripture.

But I don't see a way around it: The Bible is full of the preaching of repentance. The prophets preached repentance, John the Baptist preached repentance, Peter preached repentance, Paul preached repentance, Jesus preached repentance. We can't let ourselves fail to preach repentance: The choice whether to repent is a matter of life or death. *“Unless you repent,”* says Jesus, *“you will all likewise perish”* (Lk. 13:3,5).

But what was Jesus' tone of voice? His call to repentance was a plea to turn away from the way of death and walk in the way of life. It's not judgmentalism, but a warning of imminent, desperate, danger. It's that way all through the Bible: *“Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?”* (Ezek. 18:30f). The issue is the choice between life and death: *“Why will you die?”*

Repentance is a change of heart and mind, and a change of direction. At its core is the humble admission that I've been wrong and God is right; that the way I've been going leads to destruction, and the way of God leads to life; that I must leave my old life and find new life in Christ. Repentance is a total turnaround: I will give my life to God, I will belong to Jesus Christ, and I will walk in his ways.

Who needs to repent? Certainly people who are outside of Christ do. Outside of Christ they're on the path of destruction. Christ calls them to repentance. But many people who are in Christ need to repent, too. Ananias and Sapphira had repented, but their repentance didn't go deep enough to save them from making the choices that destroyed them. There are people like them who name Jesus as Lord, but go back to living their old lives contrary to his will, dishonoring his name and putting themselves in danger of his judgment. Too many Christians don't pay attention to what repentance means: it means putting their old lives and old ways behind them, and living the new life of obedience and holiness. Christ calls them to repentance, too.

And Christ calls me to repentance; and he calls you to repentance, too, daily. Martin Luther got it right: “All of life is repentance.” We repented once for all when we chose Jesus for our Lord, were washed in his blood and raised to live the new life of obedience by the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. But we could do as Ananias and Sapphira did: we could turn back to our old ways, and die in them. If we walk in the way of Christ, we must let our repentance run deep. We must repent daily; we must submit ourselves to the Lordship of Christ daily; we must allow his indwelling Spirit to work its ongoing transformation in our lives daily.