

Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	83
Contribution	\$2,190
Evening Assembly	21
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>	

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE		
	This Sunday, January 10	Next Sunday, January 17

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	J Fielder	J Fielder	D Witt	D Witt
Song Leader	D Witt	E Hinton	B Sales	M Glassmyer
Opening Prayer	D Corman	K Lockling	J Fielder	R Munsell
Closing Prayer	S Dinkler	B Bailey	G Prior	L Duester
Usher	R Munsell		D Hachtel	
Greeters	Wrights		Fielders	
Preside Lord's Supper	B Sales		E Hinton	
Serve	J Morgan		B Jurrens	
Serve	R Riley		M Fielder	
Serve	D Hachtel		B Bailey	
Coordinator	G Prior		D Brennfoerder	
Prepare Lord's Supper	A Hinton		A Hinton	
Children's Church	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Wee Worship	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Wed Children's Class	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	
Change Message Sign	Brad Bailey Family		Brad Bailey Family	
Lawn Care	---		---	

Family Focus

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Upcoming Events

- Potluck/Men's Business Meeting—January 10
- NYC Contribution—January 24
- East Hill Church of Christ Area-Wide Singing—January 24—3:30– 5:30 PM; Concert—6:00 PM

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 "The Transformation of the People of God." Tonight Russ plans a devotional on one of the puzzles in the Gospel of Mark, "Don't Tell Anyone."
- **A Memorial Service** was held yesterday for Mark Steen in Grand Island who passed on December 6th. Mark is Shirley Steen's son. Pray for the Steen family.
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** immediately following morning worship in the fellowship hall. Committee members are the Priors, Nauerts, Brennfoeders, and Hergenreders. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home.
- **Continue to Pray** for Rick and Susan Johnson and the Randy Schliep families. Rick and Susan's children, Jake and Tayler, were killed and two of their cousins were injured in a car accident that happened on December 28th near Clay Center.
- **Prayers** are requested for **Angie Riley's oldest brother, Julian Jaime**, who suffered a stroke recently. Pray for continued improvement. He was able to move his right foot and hand this week which is a good sign. **Evelyn Brown's mother, Marie Riley**, who fell Wednesday morning at the village and broke her hip. She is also Amy Wright's grandmother. **Ileen Lenhart** recovering from foot surgery; **Trina Glassmyer's uncle** diagnosed with stage four lung cancer in both lungs; **Paul Munsell**—pneumonia. **Darra Wright's daughter, Holly**, was involved in a car wreck in southern Colorado. She hurt her wrist, but her son Quinn was unhurt. A friend, **James Hove**, is in the hospital and needs our prayers.
- **One Word, One Church:** read Mark chapters 7-11 for this week.
- **Congratulations** to Darra Wright on becoming a grandmother recently. Cora Maria Dodot was born December 23, 2015. She weighed in at 8 lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches long.
- **East Hill Church of Christ** is planning to host an area-wide singing on January 24th. Singing will be held on the 4th Sunday rather than the 5th in order to coincide with a York College Choir concert on the 24th. Congregational singing will be from 3:30-5:00 PM. Dinner will be served from 5:00-5:30 PM, and the concert will be at 6:00 PM. Details will be forthcoming whether the concert will be in the church auditorium or at the new York College Performing Arts Center.

Keep your face turned toward the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.

- via The Encourager, the weekly bulletin for the Calvert City church of Christ, Calvert City, KY. Lance Cordle preaches for the congregation. He may be contacted through the congregation's website: <http://www.calvertchurchofchrist.com>

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Country, Veterans, and Elders; Elementary, High School, & College Students; Bohne Family—personal issues; Evelyn Brown—stent surgery & mother, Marie Riley—broken hip ; Daniel Enfield; Donnis Genung—cancer treatment; Rick & Susan Johnson & Randy Schliep Families—car accident near Clay Center; Glassmyer Family, Katrina—hip surgery recovery & Trinia’s uncle stage four lung cancer, Jackson—school; Rob—job safety & travel; Robert & Susan Grissom’s Son, Joel Grissom—health & family issues; Danelle Hayes—health; Ileen Lenhart—recovering from foot surgery; Ken Lockling—health; Judy Melvin—health, her brother’s wife’s—health; Paul Munsell—pneumonia; Louise Nealeigh—health; Angie Riley’s brother, Julian—stroke; Shirley Steen’s grandson—Adam and passing of her son Mark; 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; Dick Wright—back discomfort & knee replacement surgery recovery; Jo Wright’s niece, Debra, frozen shoulder; Jo Wright’s friend, Jackie Davis diagnosed with cancer; Jo Wright—rotator cuff surgery recovery; Jo Wright’s son, Joe, stroke; those travelling; Darra Wright’s daughter—Holly—wrist injury; James Hovie—accident injuries.

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

Happy January Birthday:	Sarah Uden - 2	Charli Towery - 5	Betty Munsell - 9
	Kaycie Wright - 9	Brett Peshek - 13	Brian Nauert - 14
	Paula Witt - 15	Dick Witt - 25	Rob Glassmyer - 28
Happy January Anniversary:	Bryan & Lisa Jurrens - 12	Robert & Susan Grissom - 14	

He'll Be There
 By H. L. Gradowith

In the morning when I wake up He is there,
 And at night when I lie down I know He cares;
 There's no other like my Lord,
 As it's written in His Word,
 With me ev'ry step I take He is right there,
 And I know, despite all else, for me He cares!

When my faith grows weak within me, He is there,
 When I'm doubting I know that for me He cares;
 There's no other like my Lord,
 As it's written in His Word,
 All my doubts will flee because my Lord is there,
 And I know, despite all else, for me He cares!

When I'm feeling low and sad He's always there,
 When my heart is broken I know that He cares;
 There's no other like my Lord,
 As it's written in His Word,
 When I need a happy song He is right there,
 And I know, despite all else, for me He cares

When I'm thinking about Heaven He is there,
 And I'm basking in His Wondrous Love and Care!
 There's no other like my Lord,
 As it's written in His Word,
 When I get there I can thank Him for His care,
 For when I cross Jordan I know He'll be There!

THE NEW ISRAEL AND THE ISRAEL OF GOD

Luke says his Gospel is about the things Jesus began to do and teach. The book of Acts, then, is about the things Jesus continues to do and teach.

In Acts Luke shows Jesus alive in his church, working one transformation after another. He transforms the Apostles, he transforms the people of Israel, he transforms people of other races, he transforms Jewish religious institutions, he transforms the Jewish understanding of the Old Testament. He fulfills the scriptures, revealing their full meaning. Acts shows Jesus living in his church and his Spirit breathing new life into his people.

The first chapter of Acts breathes an air of anticipation. A hundred and twenty followers of Jesus are gathered in Jerusalem, as Jesus charged them, waiting for the promised Holy Spirit to come upon them. The long-awaited fulfillment of Old Testament promises is at hand.

Peter stands up among the eleven Apostles, saying that they have already seen Scripture fulfilled in Judas the betrayer. Now they must fill his empty place. There must be twelve Apostles, just as there were twelve Patriarchs of Israel. Jesus had promised the Twelve that when the Son of Man came into his glory, they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. The symbolism: The Twelve are the Patriarchs of the New Israel; Jesus is at work creating the Israel of God.

Luke does not say that the church replaces the Old Israel or that Gentile Christians are a replacement for the Jewish people: rather, he says that all people of faith, no matter what their race, are the Israel of God. He says that "God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he who fears God and does righteousness is acceptable to him." He says that God's purpose in choosing Israel to be his people was to make Israel "a light to the nations, to be for salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth." He says that "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." He says that "the promise is unto you, and unto your children, and unto all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call."

"All flesh" means "people of all nations." "All who are far off" and "as many as the Lord our God shall call" covers everyone. God fulfills his promises to Israel by gathering people from all nations into his people. What makes the people of God the true people of God, true Israel? Not just being in physical Israel, but being in Christ. The Israel of God is the New Israel—which consists in all people who are in Christ.

The beginning of the Gentile mission faces the early church with its greatest developmental crisis: Can Jewish Christians accept non-Jewish converts into full fellowship, without requiring them to be circumcised and keep the law of Moses? Can they accept Gentiles as members of the people of God without requiring them to become Jews? The real question: What constitutes the people of God: grace or race, faith or flesh? Hardliners are saying that the Jewish race is the only chosen people of God, so Gentiles must become Jews in order to be Christians. They believe that God prefers the Jewish race over all others.

No, say James and the Jerusalem Council: The conversion of the Gentiles is prophecy fulfilled. This is the ingathering of the nations prophesied by Amos, Jeremiah, and Isaiah. By bringing in the Gentiles, God is rebuilding the fallen tabernacle of David and allowing all nations to call upon his name. We cannot require the Gentiles to become Jews in order to accept them as Christians: we must welcome all nations into the people of God on an equal footing. God is not a Jewish nationalist.

What makes the people of God the people of God? Grace, not race; faith, not flesh. The New Israel is made up of all who are in Christ. That is the Israel of God.

*Scriptures: Lk 3:6, 22:30; Acts chs. 1, 15, Acts 2:39, 10:34f, 13:47; Rom 2:28f, 9:6ff; Gal 6:15f.