

**Why Churches of Christ Take the Lord's Supper Each Sunday**  
**Allen Webster: House to House Heart to Heart**

Jesus instituted a memorial feast on the eve of His death (Matthew 26:17-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:7-20). To His followers, the bread represents His sacrificed body and the cup His saving blood (1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:20-24). Practically all churches take the Lord's supper but differ as to how often to eat it. Some partake weekly; others monthly; many, quarterly; and, sometimes only annually. Which is right? Does it make any difference?

The Lord's church takes the Lord's supper each Lord's day for three reasons.

**TO RECEIVE THE STRENGTH IT PROVIDES.**

Those who misused the Lord's supper became spiritually weak (1 Corinthians 11:29-30). Conversely, those who partake sincerely and appropriately are strengthened. God has provided the means to sustain and strengthen the faith of his children (2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:13). A primary means for strengthening Christians is the Lord's supper.

When Christ dwells in our hearts by faith it strengthens the inner man (Ephesians 3:16-17; cf. 2 Timothy 4:17). This faith is engaged and developed during the supper.

- By faith we believe that Jesus sits at the table with us (Luke 22:16-18; cf. 24:32). How could anyone have a meal with Christ without being better?

- By faith we see the events of Calvary. How can one fix his mind on the cross and not come away more resolved to live for the Redeemer? (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

- By faith we remember the historical link between this Sunday and His resurrection—a connection that does not exist on any other day (Matthew 28:1).

- By faith Christians are strengthened by meditating on Scripture (Psalm 1:3) and prayer (Colossians 1:9-11), during the Lord's supper.

Who would be so bold as to say that he does not need to be reminded of the Lord's sacrifice? (2 Peter 1:13; 3:1). Since most find it difficult to deal with Satan's temptations despite the safeguards God has provided, the Lord's supper each Sunday is vital to a strong church.

**TO GIVE CHRIST THE GLORY HE DESERVES (1 CORINTHIANS 11:20-29).**

Jesus might not be the focus of the sermon on a given Sunday. It might so happen that no song mentions Calvary. Prayer leaders might focus on praising the Father rather than the Son that day. But during the Lord's supper the spotlight is always on Jesus and what He did at Calvary.

Paul emphasizes "the Lord" in discussing the supper:

- It is the Lord's supper (1 Corinthians 11:20),
- that focuses on the Lord's death (11:26),
- in memory of the Lord's blood (11:27).
- It is the Lord's bread (11:27),
- and the Lord's cup (11:27),
- that reminds us of the Lord's body (11:29).

**TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINNERS TO LEARN THE GOSPEL.**

Every time we eat the Lord's supper we proclaim the gospel. The bread and juice "shew forth the Lord's death till he come" (1 Corinthians 11:26). The supper teaches non-members of His sacrifice and reminds the Bride to remain pure for the coming wedding.

The Lord's supper is not a side show but central part of worship for the whole body of believers. Familiarity breeds contempt, some say, but Paul does not reason that since the Corinthians abused weekly communion, they should take it less often. Instead he focuses their attention more clearly on the solemn facts which the supper represents. He tells them to do it better.

<b>On Our Prayer List...</b>	<b>Sophie Grace Stone</b> -fell @ camp-broken arm	<b>Jackie Potter</b> -doing better	<b>Andy Marlor</b>
<b>Al &amp; Vicki Peek</b>	<b>Dennis Wright</b>	<b>Jane Ridings</b> - now at Mike & Beth's house	
<b>*Randy Woods</b> -(Martha Durhams son-in-law) came home last Wed	<b>Jimmy Long</b>	<b>Taylor Harvey</b> -continued ear problems	
<b>*Stephanie Dotson</b> -(Paula Pittman's dght) now in ICU @ St. Thomas West-still due to problems from heart surgery over a month ago.	<b>Teressa Deloach</b> -cataract surg	<b>THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER</b>	
<b>*Chris Davis</b> -heart issues, now home doing better		<b>*Rita Stevens</b> -CA has returned-taking treatments	
<b>*John Henry &amp; Carlene Davis</b>		<b>*Chris McCurley</b> -just had surg for prostate cancer	
<b>*Mike Mathis</b> -(Keith&Linda Rodger's son)-now home		<b>*Jackie Borders</b> - Lauren Stuart's mom	
<b>*Jeannie Belles</b>		<b>*Kim Marlow</b> -F. Featherstone dght/R. Proctor sister	
<b>*Katherine Schaper</b> -(Linda Rodgers sis) in rehab for broken femur		<b>*Tresa Garber Staggs</b> -Frankie's daughter-finished treatments -Drs thought good- will have a pet scan in August.	
<b>*Faye Marshall</b> -Traci Adams mom		<b>*Wanda Wright</b> —now on Immunotherapy mthly	
<b>*June Dreaden</b> -S. Rachford's mom		<b>*Barry Dean</b> -grandfather of a friend of Rachel Bell's	
<b>*Faye Hooper</b> -recent fall		<b>*Larry Hayes</b> -(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo	
<b>*Nancy Turner</b> —continues to need prayers		<b>*Maggie Wright</b> -(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo	
<b>*Ronnie Pleasant</b> -Hustburg COC-recent surg		<b>*David Stokes</b> -(Drew Swearns) step-dad	
<b>*Wayne Hatcher</b> -mass on liver-surg./		<b>*Stephanie Smith</b>	
<b>*Shane Cobb</b> -recent toe amputation due to diabetes		<b>*Sharon Curtis</b>	
		<b>*Kenna Rickenbrode</b>	
		<b>*Mary Lou Bauer</b> -taking cancer treatments	

<b>ASSISTED LIVING &amp; NURSING HOME</b>		<b>MILITARY</b>
<b>AHC Decatur County</b> -726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363- <b>Wyle Marshall</b> (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad		<b>Dustin Proctor</b> (Navy-Japan) PSC 562 Box 7273 FPO AP 96311-0073
<b>Dickson Health &amp; Rehab</b> -901 North Charlotte,Dickson,TN 37055 - <b>Clayton England</b> -Marvin's brother		<b>Dalton &amp; Hope Palk</b> (Navy-Louisiana) 500 Woodland Dr, Apt 597 New Orleans, LA 70131
<b>Humphreys County</b> - 104 Forte Hill Road, Waverly, TN 37185- <b>Billy Adams</b> -Rm 712		
<b>AHC Waverly Rehab</b> -895 E. Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185— <b>Sharon Palk</b> - recovering fr broken hip		
<b>NHC-Jim Buckner</b> -(Rm 102) <b>Jim &amp; Earline Davis</b> -(Rm 103) <b>JoAnn Haley</b> -(Rm ) <b>Doris Stokes</b> -Rm 127		

AT HOME: **HERBERT CAPPS**- 1400 Bradley Rd, McEwen **ELTON SMITH** - 7731 Hwy 70 East, McEwen

<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS &amp; UPCOMING EVENTS</b>			
 Rafting trip sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. Trip is scheduled for July 19th thur the 21st.	 Happy 4th of July!!!!!!	 <b>Men's Bible Study</b> "Topic" History of Jews/Gentiles	 <b>Ladies "Tapestry" Bible Study Groups</b>
 <b>Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting</b> This coming Sunday, July 7th @ 5:00 PM.	Will begin this coming Saturday, July 6th @ 6:30 am. Here at the building.	Sign up sheets with detailed information on the table by the sound-booth as you enter or exit front doors. Sign-up forms are due by Sunday, July 14th in the AM. You can turn in forms to Rebecca Potter, Erin Jones, or place them in the folder on the table.	

***INFO.C.U.S.*** Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

The month of June has come and gone, and it all went by in a flash!! We had a great VBS a few weeks ago and ended the month with a great time at Leatherwood Bible Camp. I'm not sure I've ever been as tired as I was this past week once camp ended. With the heat and just the busyness of the week and maybe another year older, I was exhausted once Saturday hit. But, as always, it was worth every minute of it! My family was so blessed to be able to be a part of the week. We enjoyed great bible classes, worship services, singing classes, evening devotionals, sports, games, fellowship, and so much fun!! We had 3 baptisms and several rededications throughout the week. We also had several individual awards handed out to folks from McEwen. Jack won the senior boy camper of the year, Colt won junior boy camper of the year, Sawyer won best bible class student for her class, and Laurie and Jamie won the Mike Ridings award for the best female staff. What a great week!!  
 In Christian Love, Keith

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Welcome** .....John Potter  
**Lead Singing**.....Mark Forster  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer**.....W. R. Long  
**Sermon**.....John Jones  
**Lord's Table**.....Billy Buttrey  
     Wendell Monroe     Jimmy Suddeath  
     John Hurt             Drew Swearns  
     Jim Ridings           Jack Grigsby  
**Closing Prayer**.....Jim Suddeath  
**Collect Cards**.....Parker Rachford  
                                     & Drew Swearns  
**Greeters**..... Not at this time  
**Nursery**..... Not at this time  
**Collect Cups**.....Youth  
**Security**.....Team #5

### Sunday 6PM, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Lead Singing**..... Mark Forster  
**Prayer**.....Calvin Buckner  
**Sermon**..... John Jones  
**Lord's Table**.....Wade Tummins  
                                     Ty Adams  
**Closing Prayer**.....Joe Smith

### Wednesday 6:30 PM, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Lead Singing**.....Bruce Mayfield  
**Prayer**.....Wayne Coates  
**Adult Class**.....John Jones

*If you are unable to serve...please contact*

*Wade Tummins, in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)*

*If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.*

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am  
 Worship..... 10:00am  
 Evening.....6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:30pm

#### Elders:

James Buckner     Calvin Buckner  
 Billy Buttrey       Bruce Mayfield  
 W.R. Long           Mike Robertson

#### Deacons:

Derek Berryman     Mike Burns  
 Wayne Coates       Mark Forster  
 John Hurt             Barry Phy  
 Robert Proctor       James Ridings  
 Elton Smith           Joe Smith  
 Dwight Stuart       Drew Swearns  
 Dennis Tester       Ethan Tummins  
 Wade Tummins     Ronnie Tyler

#### Staff:

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 Youth ----- Keith Grigsby

#### Secretaries

Terri Tummins/Teresa Fleming

\*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our Facebook page or our YouTube page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

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### OUR RECORDS for 6/30/2024

Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — — 110  
 Sunday Morning Worship — — — — — 195  
 Sunday Evening Worship — — — — — 116  
 Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study-(camp week) - - - 84  
 Sunday Contribution — — — — — \$7,410  
 Number of Seeds Planted — — — — —

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