

Those Serving This Week:
Announcements:
Wayne Schultz

Lord's Table:
Presiding:
Tony Ward

Serving:
Bob McAlister
Ryan Thornsberry

Song Leader:
Ron Schultz

Scripture Reading:
AM – R.W. McAlister
PM – Bob McAlister

Sun. Bible Study Prayer:
Wardell Barnhart

Opening Prayer:
Sun. AM – R.W. McAlister
Sun. PM – Wayne Schultz
Wed. – Bob McAlister

Closing Prayer:
Sun. AM – John Shelton
Sun. PM – Jesse Phillippe
Wed. – Tony Ward

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The church is where the saved are .(Acts 2:47). Their names are enrolled in heaven (Heb. 12:23). Where else can men have fellowship, communion with God and associations that they have in the church? In what other institution can we find the same assurance? Where else is offered the hope of everlasting life?

Bill Brandstatter, Minister, Marion church of Christ

Gauging Our Faith Last Week

Sunday Morning: 37

Sunday Evening: 27

Wednesday Evening: 30

Were you counted among these numbers?



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Welcome to the Anna Church of Christ

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Services:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Television Programs

In Search Of The Lord's Way
Ch. 49, Sunday, 7:00 a.m.
A Bible Answer
Heartland's CW (Dish ch. 9),
Sunday, 8 a.m.

Newspaper Ministry

The Preaching Pen
Gazette Democrat

WHAT THE CHURCH OFFERS

Too many folks look upon church attendance as being secondary to anything else on their schedule. They are not opposed to religion. They may even look upon it as a vital part of life. But they have no conscience against neglecting it. Perhaps the attitude is: "I'll go to church if nothing comes up, or if I am not too tired." But to stay away because we have so many other engagements or because we have so little strength left is like staying away from the dinner table because we are to weak from hunger to go to the table.

The Bible tells us that this was not uncommon in the first century. The writer of Hebrews notes "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some" (Heb. 10:25)..

What then does the church have to offer that a person cannot get anywhere else? One man said, "I do not go to church anymore because I can get what the church has to offer in better form elsewhere." When the church gets into the business of offering the world what the world already has, it is in the wrong business, and is not the church of the New Testament. The mission of God's church is to save souls. God's power for saving souls is in the gospel of Christ. It is the mission of the church to preach the gospel. The church offers a family atmosphere to believers not found elsewhere. The early church was said to be "together and had all things common." (Acts 2:42). Each member of the church is important. The church offers assistance to the believer in need (1 John 3:17).

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What is My Giving?

Scripturally it is a requirement. God expects us to give. Paul instructed through inspiration that each Christian at Corinth was expected to give (1 Cor. 16:1-2). Since Paul taught the same thing in every church (1 Cor. 4:17), we know this applies to our church today, as well.

Mathematically it is a percent. We are to give back a portion of what God has given us. While the tithe requirement is gone (cf. Col. 2:14), we are still expected to give to God. Now the formula for giving is in proportion to our prosperity (1 Cor. 16:2).

Morally it is a debt. We owe God so very much. We could never repay Him, but that does not alleviate our debt or our duty to give to Him. God expects us to give, and when we do not do so properly, we steal from Him (Mal. 3:8; Matt. 22:21).

Economically it is an investment. As strange as it may sound to some, giving is the greatest investment one could ever make! What we give is not forgotten by God and is returned many fold both here and in the hereafter (Luke 6:38; Matt. 6:20).

Spiritually it is a blessing. God can't wait to bless us. And in His word we are promised that there are spiritual blessings tied in with giving (Mal. 3:10; Acts 20:35). Maybe that is why we are to be so joyful in giving, even through tough times (2 Cor. 8:1-2; 9:7)!

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Jackson Church of Christ in Jackson, MO

SERMON TOPICS

A.M. – “God Is Working!” Part 1
(Psalm 105:1-5)

P.M. – “Science and the Bible” – Part 2
(Ps. 33:6-8)

Those For Whom We Are Praying:

Mellie Karraker – Lutheran Home in Cape.
Carlos Wright – in Anna Rehab, room 8.
George & Dawn Lackey
Wardell Barnhart – Difficulty breathing.
Having some vision trouble.
Brenda Phillips – Kris’ cousin. Has renal cell cancer in her lungs and trachea.
Rosemary’s family: Katie Bauer has stopped her chemotherapy. Mitchell Shock (age 4) has terminal cancer. Breanna & Kayla will have kidney stone surgery soon.
Ron Pind (friend of Cliff Thomas) – cancer.
John & Dawn Bradley – Scar tissue from appendectomy is causing Dawn some difficulty.
Larry Bell – recovering from knee surgery.
Freda Dillow

Welcome! If you’re visiting with us, we extend to you a special welcome and invite you to come back at every opportunity. If our worship seems unusual to you, please let us know what you find different. We endeavor to worship “in Spirit and in truth” (Jn. 4:24) and do only what scripture authorizes (Col. 3:17, Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19).

Quotable Quote: “Effort plus motive equals result.” – P.D. Ouspensky

Wisdom From Proverbs: “The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul” (Prov. 20:2).

NEWS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

* **Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones. Also: If you must take a phone call, please step outside the building so as not to disturb those who are worshipping.**

* Items needed for the food pantry: canned meats, pineapple.

* Thanks to all who attended yesterday’s Prayer Breakfast.

* Sermon suggestions or Bible questions? Feel free to put them in the Question Box in the foyer.

* Ladies’ Bible class will meet Jan 22nd at Olive Garden in Cape at 6. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for all who would like to go.

* Today is Flower Fund Sunday. See Kris to contribute.

* Paragould Children’s Home will be here on the 28th to collect grocery donations.

* **Hearing assistance available upon request.**

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER:

Last week’s answer: Nehemiah (4:14).

New question: What happened to all of Pharaoh’s chariots as they chased the Israelites?

Sentence Sermon: “A peaceful heart finds joy in all of life’s simple pleasures.”

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Carlos Wright - 1/13