

Madison Avenue Church of Christ

Welcome Visitors!

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 - 3:00

Weekly Services

Sunday

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

No evening worship on the Fourth Sunday of each month.

Weekday Radio Program

"Thinkaboutit" with Charlie Wharton AM 1240 at 6:55 a.m.
thinkaboutit.pierrechurchofchrist.org

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"Though your sins
are like scarlet,
they shall be as
white as snow..."





We are so glad that you decided to come and worship with our family today. We hope that you will join in with us as we praise God together in our worship. Whatever your situation in life, we pray that you will find what you need to bring you closer to God. Please take a minute and fill out one of the red visitor cards in the back of the pews and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around — we would greatly appreciate it. Please come back and worship with us again!

A Moment With Mark

Occasionally a day comes along when a big event introduces significant, and obvious, change into our lives. If the change is for the better, we go to bed and give thanks for the growth we have experienced that day. Yet all of us know that life is not made up of days like this. On most days, nothing very unusual happens; we simply move through the ordinary routine of our all-too-familiar schedule. And after weeks of nothing but the daily grind, we tend to grow impatient, feeling that nothing is “happening” in our lives. But what should be our attitude toward the ordinary? Do we simply have to endure the commonplace, hoping that sooner or later another “big” day will come along?

Here is the answer: *we should not despise the daily grind.* That is where the real growth takes place. Our progress on average days may not be as obvious as the progress we make on extraordinary occasions, but the growth is real, and in a sense, it is more important. Healthy spiritual growth does not come in spurts; it comes through “patient continuance in doing good” (Romans 2:7).

When we read the exciting account of the early days of the church in Jerusalem, we are intrigued by the stories of martyrdom and the proclamation of the gospel before kings and other great audiences. But although these brethren did accomplish thrilling things on certain days, no finer thing is said about them in the Book of Acts than this simple statement: “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42). *They continued steadfastly!*

We need to pay more attention to the simple doing of our ordinary “duty.” Most people, even those of little character, can rise to the occasion when they are in the spotlight. But the question is, what will we do with *today* . . . when nothing will happen, when no one will be looking, and when there will be no particular reason to do our best, except a desire to keep on serving our King? It is days like today that are the true test of our love for Him. If we are not faithful in what is “least,” what is “much” will not save us.

It is the daily strivings that count,
not the momentary heights.

—A. J. Russell

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Jody Hartman, Jane Davis's niece, has made some improvement and is able to function better. She is seeking an appointment at Mayo.

Jeane's mother is having some heart difficulties and will go in the hospital sometime this month.

Jennifer Newton's thyroid tests came back — NO CANCER!

Jane Davis' great-nephew had successful surgery to remove a large brain tumor, which was benign. Prayers of thanksgiving and for continued improvement are requested.

Local Family: Please remember the Pierre family who lost their three-month-old son to possibly SIDS this past week.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In our meeting this afternoon, one of the things we will be talking about is how we can be more involved in the community. Think about this question this morning: *"What are some things we can do as a church that will improve our image with the community, or shine a good light on us in the community, and in the process bring glory to God by serving others and spreading the word?"* If you have some input, please jot it down and let us know about it in this afternoon's congregational meeting. Let's see what we can do to be a more influential church in our community in 2009!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This week's birthdays are Karen Wyly (Tuesday), Margaret Nickels (Thursday), and Mary Schaefer (Saturday).

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY Special Contribution for Justin's Mission trip.

TODAY Fourth Sunday Fellowship.

Feb 1 Family Sunday—No evening services. There will be a fellowship at the Duncan's in the evening.

Feb 7 Chili Cook-Off — Bring your favorite chili and fixin's and desserts.

FOURTH SUNDAY

Today is our Fourth Sunday Fellowship. We'll be having our usual pot luck dinner immediately following our morning services. Please be sure to say for dinner, even if you didn't come prepared. We always have plenty of food. We will also be having a congregational meeting at 1:30, and then dismiss for the day. Those serving for set-up and clean-up today are Bob Duncan, Brad Curtis, Peggy Hyde, Jeff French, Charlie Wharton, Peggy Cruse, and Meghan Wittmis.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Today we will be having a special contribution. Justin Newton will be going on a special mission trip to Bendery, Moldova on February 24th. During this trip he will be working on visiting several members who have stopped going to church in the last year and trying to get them to come back. He will also be teaching them some new songs to use in their worship services and assisting the mission leader, Ken Goodmiller, in any way possible. He needs to raise at least \$2,500 for the trip. He has already raised \$1,350. If you can help contribute toward the remaining \$1,150 he needs, please make your check out to the church and mark it "Justin's Mission Trip". Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome
Song Leader
First Prayer
Communion Leader
Communion Servers

TODAY

Buford Storrs
Ed Nill
Charlie Wharton
Craig Hyde
Kris Monroe
Jeff French
Taylor Hyde
Corey Huxoll
Taylor Newton
Bob Duncan
Herb Davis
Jane Davis

FEBRUARY 1

Buford Storrs
Brad Curtis
Craig Hyde
Charlie Wharton
Max Cruse
Justin Newton
Brandon Osbourn
Jeff French
Alan Hyde
Bob Duncan
Karen Wylly
Peggy Cruse

Scripture Reading
Announcements & Closing
Greeters

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader
Communion/Closing

TODAY

No Service
No Service

FEBRUARY 1

Brad Curtis
Bob Duncan

WEDNESDAY

Songs
Scriptures
Closing

JANUARY 28

Alan Hyde
Kris Monroe
Taylor Hyde

FEBRUARY 4

Brad Curtis
Taylor Newton
Taylor Hyde



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