

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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Congratulations



Graduates



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

Nothing tests our character any more than having to choose between motives. When there is a good deed to be done, for example, our character is tested: will we do it simply to glorify God or will we do it “to be seen by men”? That is a hard choice — much harder than most of us are willing to admit.

Praise itself is not evil, of course, but there’s no denying that it has the potential to hurt us. Indeed, it’s a rare person who can receive more than a moderate amount of recognition and not have his or her attitude marred by it. That doesn’t stop us from wanting it, however. As Norman Vincent Peale once said, “Most of us would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.”

As for our motives, it’s hard to be honest as to what they really are. The desire to be noticed and recognized as having done something good can be so subtle that it can be our real motive at times when we would say that it isn’t. In a given situation, it’s difficult to see when the thing that we really want is to be praised.

Perhaps it is stating it too strongly to say that we want “to be seen by men.” But what about that word “recognized”? A little appreciative attention is an intoxicating thing. Once we’ve experienced it, even as children, it’s easy for that to become the payoff that we seek (be truthful now!) in every transaction thereafter.

The needs of self, including the need to be appreciated, are not unimportant, of course. But God has set up reality such that self’s needs are satisfied most fully when we put our priorities elsewhere. Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

So let’s be very honest. WHY do we do what we do for God? Do we serve Him as faithfully in private as in public? If no one ever noticed or thanked us, would we be content simply to know that God had been glorified? And if so, would we then avoid the opposite sin: being privately smug, knowing that we are “big” enough to do what’s right even though nobody appreciates us?

“I cannot say ‘Thine is the glory’ if I am seeking my own glory first.”

(Anonymous)

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Mark Vicker, the husband of June Cruse's granddaughter, has been laid off. They have two children at home.

Linda Terbell had a liver biopsy this past week and also went to see an oncologist.

Iva Russell at MaryHouse.

Brian Thompson's grandfather is recovering from a heart procedure and has pneumonia.

Expecting mothers: Holly Thompson

TRAVELING

We have several that are traveling this weekend: The Whartons, the Duncans, and the Huxolls. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Wyatt Fulton (Friday).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Buford and Diann Storrs are celebrating their anniversary on Tuesday.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17 Riggs High School Graduation — No Evening Services

May 20 Ladies Group Lunch @ Perkins

May 24 Fourth Sunday Fellowship

May 25 Memorial Day (observed)

May 30 Beach, Boats, and BBQ out at Farm Island.

CELL PHONES FOR CANCER

Do you have an old cell phone at home that you are not using? Well, bring it to the church building and put it in the recycle box in the foyer. Our Relay for Life team can get money for used cell phones that will go toward their fund raising goal. So bring in the old phones and help fight cancer!

FOURTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday is our monthly fellowship Sunday. After morning service we will be having dinner, so be sure to bring enough to feed your family PLUS ONE — that way we are sure to have enough to feed our visitors. We will also be having a congregation meeting at 1:15, and then dismiss for the day. No evening services next Sunday.

GRADUATION

Today is graduation at Riggs High School. Because of all the activities during the day and evening, there will be no evening services here next Sunday. Our graduates this year are Alan and Taylor Hyde. CONGRATULATIONS!



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome.....	<i>Brad Curtis</i>	<i>Buford Storrs</i>
Song Leader.....	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>Brad Curtis</i>
First Prayer.....	<i>Craig Hyde</i>	<i>John Rheinbolt</i>
Communion Leader.....	<i>Ed Nill</i>	<i>Corey Huxoll</i>
Communion Servers.....	<i>John Rheinbolt</i>	<i>Brian Thompson</i>
	<i>Mack Wyly</i>	<i>Max Cruse</i>
	<i>Brandon Osbourn</i>	<i>Kyle Wyly</i>
	<i>Kris Monroe</i>	<i>Jeff French</i>
Scripture Reading.....	<i>Alan Hyde</i>	<i>Justin Newton</i>
Announcements & Closing.....	<i>Buford Storrs</i>	<i>Brad Curtis</i>
Greeters.....	<i>Peggy Cruse</i>	<i>Herb Davis</i>
	<i>Margaret Nickels</i>	<i>Jane Davis</i>

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader.....	<i>No Evening Service</i>	<i>No Evening Service</i>
Communion/Closing.....	<i>No Evening Service</i>	<i>No Evening Service</i>

WEDNESDAY

Songs.....	<i>Bob Duncan</i>	<i>Brad Curtis</i>
Scriptures.....	<i>Taylor Hyde</i>	<i>Alan Hyde</i>
Closing.....	<i>Kris Monroe</i>	<i>Taylor Newton</i>

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