

# The Livingston Lamplighter

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## Radio Broadcasts WLIV 920 AM or wlvradio.com

Sunday: Worship service 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday: Sowing the Seed 8:15 a.m.

## Church Office

Tuesday-Friday (8:00-1:00)

## Works Supported

Latin American Missions  
Happy Haven Children's Home  
Ghana West Africa Missions  
Joey Treat- South Pacific Islands  
International Bible Teaching Ministries

## Weekly Record:

Sunday School	81
Worship	158
PM Worship	71
Wed Bible Study VBS	104
Contribution	\$4853

## Talk About Obedience!

By: Jon Ledbetter

Hiroo Onoda was a Japanese soldier during World War II. He was stationed on Lubang Island in the Philippines. His commanding officer gave him these orders: "Conduct guerrilla warfare in the jungle, do not die and do not surrender until I come back for you." This is exactly what he did. Living within the jungle, Onoda and his small band of three soldiers under his command were unaware of Japan's surrender in August of 1945, so they continued fighting. They were contacted by search parties and leaflets dropped from airplanes telling them the war was over, and they could come back home. Instead, they dismissed these attempts as tricks. They would raid villages for food and kill locals supposing them to be Allied forces. One of the soldiers eventually walked out of the jungle and back into society, but the other two only left the jungle by death. That left Hiroo Onoda alone in the jungle. Finally, in 1974, his commanding officer went to the Philippines for the purpose of relieving Onoda of his duties. Only then would Hiroo Onoda stop his fighting, walk out of that jungle wearing the same uniform he had put on at the beginning of the war, and come home.

For 29 years, this Japanese soldier lived in the Philippine jungles fighting a war that was already over. He was young and determined to keep the orders he had received. Very similar to Onoda's commands, we have commands from our Lord: "Fight the good fight (2 Timothy 2:1-4), do not die in your sins (John 8:24) and do not give up (Revelation 2:10)."

Let's resolve to have an undying commitment to obeying our Lord so that when He comes we will be relieved of our duties and get to come home.

*Welcome Visitors! Please fill out a visitor's card for our record of your visit.*

### **Family and Friends—Prayers**

Prayers have been requested for Bill Winningham and Larry Misenhimer, both have serious illnesses. Also, Ryan Strangman who is on our prayer list has been sent home with hospice. He has a wife and young children.

### **Nursing Homes**

#### **OCNH**

George Cannon—Doug Cannon's brother  
Linda Hagood-Requests visits, room 262  
Glen Webb-Susan Ashburn's father

### **Shut-In**

Geraldine Cannon     Ina Poston  
Doretha Flowers     Winnie Worley  
Marie Pryor             Terry Neal  
Bobbie Sells

Remember the spouses/caregivers of our shut-in and let them know we remember them also.

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### **VBS ATTENDANCE**

Sunday	129
Monday	131
Tuesday	101
Wednesday	104
Thursday	100

Looking forward to next year's VBS!  
Thanks to everyone for their help and support.

### **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **June**

23- Josh Cantrell  
25- Lisa Smith  
26-Shirley Christensen  
26-Jim and Bobbie Sells  
28- Arlene Gunter

### **We Continue to Remember ...**

*(Names in **Bold print** are Livingston members)*

**Leon & Reba Flatt, Leigh Smith, Marlene Colbert, Earl Carr, Kay Thomas, Evelyn Brown, Trisha Wilson, Linda Mahaney, Diana Webb, Barbara Carwile, Jewel Turner, Dale Flatt, Geraldine Cannon, Mary Helen Apple, Jim Sells**

Vivian Walker, Ray & Bea Taylor, Randall (Bear) Mathis, Bobby Coley, Glen Williams, Betty Southerland, Bobby Smith, Glenard Hogue, Riley Boles, Mandy Lay, Rita Hargis, Joyce Ramsey, Ed Meadows, Bobby Dale, Leann Duke, Ralph Sells, Gail Duke, Phyllis Duke, Gary Walker, Kathy Sullivan, Cindy Martin, Rose Collins, Dallas Sullivan, Jonathan Fisher, Laurie Stanley, Jean Keller, Scott Mullins, Shirley Key, John Smith, Jr., Denise Gross, Chris Ashlock, Clint Cannon, Bob Roberson, Edie Williams, Rita Martin, Logan Hargis, Ben Walker, Thelma Gore, Reed Thomas, Kathy Craft, O. D. Colson, Allan Terry, Glen Boles, Gail Herring, Janie Sue Rogers, Betty Ashlock, Carol Baker, James Sells, Ryan Strangman, Carolyn Sells, Boyd Smith

### **Prayer Requests**

Judy Lancasters's mother, Betty Ashlock, remains at Celina nursing home in grave condition.

Ina Poston spent a couple of days in the hospital last week but is home now.

Barbara Carwile will be starting chemo treatments in the near future.

Boyd Smith continues with difficulties walking and suffering a fall.



**SUNDAY:**

**Bible School:**  
Song Director: Gary Hogue  
First Prayer: Henry Colbert

**A.M. Worship:**  
Song Director: Gary Hogue  
First Prayer: Charles Anderson

**Scripture Reading:** Daniel Flatt

**Lord's Supper:** Presiding: Henry Colbert

Serve	David Webb	Hugh Ogletree
	Gary Hogue	Bruce McDonald
	Larry Worley	Michael Brown
	Bernie Winningham	Tim Gray

**(Please meet in the library before service begins)**

**Announcements:** Will Brown

**Dismissal Prayer:** Buckie Parsons

**Count Contribution:** Tim Gray  
 Phil Gunter  
 Mark Sells

**Communion Ware:** Betty Rose  
 Diana Webb

**Bus Driver:** Dale Flatt

**P.M. Worship:**  
Song Director: Gary Hogue  
First Prayer: Doug Riggins  
Read Scripture: Ralph McDonald  
Lord's Supper: David Webb  
Dismissal Prayer: Clay McDonald

**WEDNESDAY**

Song Director: Gary Hogue  
First Prayer: Earl Carwile  
Dismissal Prayer: Larry Worley

**GREETERS-** Tim and Linda Gray  
 (Please give all visitors a Visitor's Packet)

**BUILDING LOCK-UP** Phil Gunter  
 Mike Sidwell

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
 Bible School 9:00 am  
 Worship 10:00 am  
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**  
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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**JUNE CALENDAR**

- 23 Fourth Sunday Singing-Red Hill
- 29 Door Knocking 10 a.m.
- 30 Elders-Deacons-Preacher Meeting
- 30 Fifth Sunday Challenge

**Fourth Sunday Singing-**Today, at Red Hill at 2 p.m.

**Fifth Sunday Contribution-**The Elders have committed our fifth Sunday contribution this month to the International Bible Teaching Ministries of which Ron Gilbert is the director.

**Willow Ave. church of Christ-**2019 Summer Series: Family Matters. Every Sun. evening at 6 p.m. through Aug. 4th. Different speaker each night. Flyer is posted.

**Smyrna church of Christ-**Hosting a Saturday workshop for Bible class teachers July 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. RSVP to 931-239-7780. Flyer is posted.

**House to House/Heart to Heart-**Lots of issues in the foyer. Please share with family and friends. Also, they can be mailed using a 55 cent stamp but make sure you tape them in 3-4 places so they stay folded.

Also, since we have these available now, we are planning a "Door Knocking" for Sat., June 29th. We will meet here at the building at 10 a.m.

**DAILY BIBLE READERS  
 WEEK OF June 9**

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**Absent-**A list of those absent at Sunday worship is on the table in the foyer. Remember to check on them and let them know they are missed.

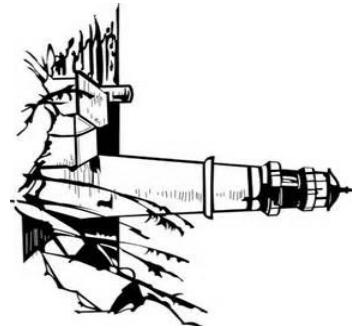
**Wednesday Night Meals-**Don't forget 5:30 p.m. before Bible study.

**Ladies Class-**Ladies Wednesday morning Bible class is **NOT** canceled for the summer.

**Help at Home-**The third Saturday of each month for any member who needs it.

Jon's sermons can now be heard on our Website: ***churchlivingston.com***.

**Greeter Teams-**You may have noticed that for quite some time we have been blessed with many visitors in our worship services. Visitors are wonderful, and we hope to always have visitors every time the doors are open. But you know what's better than having perpetual visitors? Turning visitors into family. We need to take a stronger effort at making sure our visitors feel welcome enough to call our congregation home. Starting next week, all members will be placed on "Greeter Teams". There will be four Greeter Teams in all. One for each week of the month. If your greeter team is assigned to greet people that week, then you, along with your teammates, will be responsible for greeting members and visitors in the foyer, at entrance doorways and in the auditorium. We all know how it feels to enter a church building and feel ignored or like you aren't welcome. Let's make sure people don't have to feel that way here at Livingston.



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