

The Livingston Lamplighter

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Dog-Like Vigilance

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Are you a person who likes to people-watch? There's something fascinating about sitting down in a public place and watching people walk by, carry on conversations and go about their business. It's especially fun when you see someone do something embarrassing or weird like checking themselves in a reflective window or picking their nose. People-watching can be fun, but my wife and I also get a kick out of watching our two dogs play in our backyard. They'll fight (which usually leads to loud, annoying barking), explore (following wherever their noses guide them) and sometimes they'll just lie around and chew on the far too many toys they have at their disposal (which happens to include a pair of what used to be my favorite tennis shoes). No matter what they're doing, they always seem to make us laugh whenever we peer out the windows. But, regardless of the time of day or the window we use, they are always checking to see if we are watching. We've come to realize that throughout the day, they will constantly stop what they are doing and look at the windows to see if we are there. It almost seems as if they can feel our gaze, but in all reality, they just can't wait to see us again. Whenever they see us, they are filled with excitement hoping that we are coming out to play with them. This hope keeps them vigilantly looking for our return.

Shouldn't we be the same in regard to Jesus' return? Remember how He said, "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming" (Matt. 24:42). Since we don't know when Jesus is coming back, shouldn't we be vigilantly watching and waiting for His return? I don't mean we should be looking for "signs of the times". Jesus said there will be none of those. 1 Thess. 5:1-2 tells us that Jesus will return like a thief in the night (thieves don't give signs of their coming). To be vigilantly waiting for the Lord is to be faithful to Him until He comes. When you live a faithful life to Christ, you will be ready for Him. Those who aren't vigilant are the ones who won't be ready when He returns. You don't want to be in that company. Take a lesson from our dogs and let the hope of His return cause you to stay vigilant.

Elders

Dale Flatt 823-5477
Philip Gunter 823-6717

Deacons

Dale Mabry 823-7177
Buckie Parsons 498-2266
Jason Brown 823-0823
Ralph McDonald 823-4107

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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 86
Worship 145
PM Worship 66
Wed Bible Study 57
Contribution \$3039

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

Family and Friends—Prayers

Brenda Coffee asks for prayers for friend Larry Hicks. Lydia Flatt reports Carol Baker has finished her treatments and now will have extensive surgery. Susan Ashburn asks for prayers for her sister Rhonda Gereighty who has lung cancer and having surgery.

Nursing Homes

OCNH

George Cannon—Doug Cannon's brother
Glen Webb-Susan Ashburn's father

Shut-In

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

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

Baby Shower

Sunday, November 17th

3 p.m. Windham Bldg.

Honoring

Evangeline Kate Ledbetter

Scheduled to Arrive

January 19, 2020

To proud Parents

Jon and Norah Ledbetter

Registered at

Wal-Mart and Amazon

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

November

11-Jewel Turner

17-Mark Sells

17- Gib and Rose Ann Poston

17- Billy and Lynette Smith

17-Kaitlyn Rumancik

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, Bill and Linda Mahaney, Barbara Carwile, Jewel Turner, Geraldine Cannon, Mary Helen Apple, Jim Sells, Boyd Smith, Janie Byers, Joe Pigg

Vivian and Gary Walker, Ray & Bea Taylor, Randall (Bear) Mathis, Bobby Coley, Glen Williams, Betty Southerland, Bobby Smith, Riley Boles, Mandy Lay, Rita Hargis, Joyce Ramsey, Ed Meadows, Bobby Dale, Leann Duke, Ralph Sells, Gail Duke, Phyllis Duke, Cindy Martin, Rose Collins, Dallas Sullivan, Jonathan Fisher, Jean Keller, Scott Mullins, Shirley Key, John Smith, Jr., Chris Ashlock, Clint Cannon, Bob Roberson, Edie Williams, Rita Martin, Ben Walker, Thelma Gore, Kathy Craft, Allan Terry, Carol Baker, James Sells, Carolyn Sells, Larry Misenhimer, Rachel Ellis, Bonnie Carwile, Angela Leckington, Ronald Conner, Pat Roberts' family, Connie Norris' family, Stanley Carter, Clyde Rhule, Parker Boone, Brenda Lewis, Judy Thomas, Willie Roy Sidwell, Ben Threet, James Hummel, Brenda Warren, Glenda Copeland, James Robbins, Misty Gentry, Jerry and Anita Howard, Cora Sizemore, R. D. Hummel, Darrell Gulley, Debbie Holman, Genell Hummel

Prayer Requests

Riley and Juanita are sick at home, unable to be at worship.

Janie Byers had more difficulties with her last treatment.

Barbara Carwile is ready to start radiation treatments. Remember Janie and Barbara in your prayers.

Terry Neal remains in the hospital at Carthage.

Week of November 10, 2019

SUNDAY:

Bible School:
Song Director: Wesley Flatt
First Prayer: Charles Anderson

A.M. Worship:
Song Director: Wesley Flatt
First Prayer: Larry Worley

Scripture Reading: Henry Colbert

Lord's Supper: Presiding: Gary Hogue

Serve Robert England Will Brown
David Cantrell Derrick Rumancik
Doug Riggins Jimmy Smith
Ralph McDonald Curtis Long

(Please meet in the library before service begins)

Announcements: Clay McDonald

Dismissal Prayer: Buckie Parsons

Count Contribution: Phil Gunter
Bruce McDonald
Mark Sells

Communion Ware: Vella Dickerson
Diana Webb

Bus Driver: Connie Brown

P.M. Worship:
Song Director: Wesley Flatt
First Prayer: Ralph McDonald
Read Scripture: Doug Riggins
Lord's Supper: Henry Colbert
Dismissal Prayer: Gary Worley

WEDNESDAY
Song Director: Wesley Flatt
First Prayer: Phil Gunter
Dismissal Prayer: Will Brown

GREETERS- **TEAM # 2**
(Please give all visitors a Visitor's Packet)

BUILDING LOCK-UP David Dickerson
Ralph McDonald

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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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

10-Nursing home service
10-Monthly Fellowship Meal
17-Baby Shower for Evangeline Kate Ledbetter
28-Thanksgiving

Jackson County 4th Sunday Singing-
November 24th Center Grove church of Christ
at 2 p.m.

Ignite Youth Rally-Sat., Dec. 7th at Willow Ave. church of Christ 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch provided. Speaker Eric Lyons. Theme ***Do You Believe?*** Class for adults/parents also ***Answering the Hard Questions.*** A schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Happy Haven-In the coming months, Happy Haven will be needing house parents. If you are interested, information is posted on the bulletin board.

Christmas Time! It's time to begin collecting body wash, shampoo and lotion for the residents at the nursing home. We will need **95** sets.

Characteristics of a Growing Church
Growing churches are characterized by unity in faith, practice and spirit. Members of the local fellowship are lighthouses in whom is found no competition. Likewise, there is a spirit of unity with other churches who are seeking to serve God. Growing churches are conservative-they desire to preserve the ancient Biblical pattern, they honor their spiritual ancestry, they emphasize obedience and safety in essential matters.



Pantry-Any nonperishable, **OR**, give money to Brent and Sada.

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.

Ladies Class-Ladies Wednesday morning Bible class 10 a.m. in the library.

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

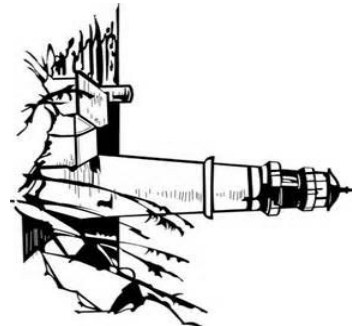
Sermons-Jon's sermons can be replayed on our website livingstonchurchofchrist.com.

Veteran's Day

November 11, 2019

Our Veterans

Michael Brown Earl Carr
Earl Carwile David Dickerson
Leon Flatt Charles Flowers
John Jenkins Riley Johnson
Dale Mabry Carl Masters
Ray Masters Dicky Mitchell
Terry Neal Jack Pigg
Cara Sidwell Jewel Turner
Allard White
Thank you for your service!



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