

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 69
Worship 143
PM Worship 67
Wed Bible Study 54
Contribution \$3145

Jonestown Revisited

By: Steve Higginbotham

It happened on Saturday, November 18, 1978. A total of 918 members of the People's Temple Church in Jonestown, Guyana committed suicide/murder. Of this number, 294 of the dead were children under the age of 18.

I was 16 years old at the time. I remember spending time talking about the events in my 10th grade World Culture class. Though 20 years have passed, I still vividly see in my mind the pictures of hundreds of people lying dead on the ground; arms wrapped around one another, mothers holding their babies and a father embracing what must have been his wife and children.

The question that people asked then, and continue to ask today is, "How could so many people do such a senseless thing? How could so many people forfeit their lives and the lives of their children?" While I still find these questions hard to answer, I do believe I have a better understanding of it today, than I did 20 years ago.

I believe the answer can be found in a comment made by the Major in charge of the Army operation to remove the bodies from Jonestown. In disbelief, he said, "There were no Bibles in Jonestown!" These people had been weaned away from the Word of God and had learned to trust in the words of a man.

Can such a tragedy happen again? Of course it can. It happens every day. Not the mass suicides, but people who turn from the Word of God to follow the words of a man. Loyalty to God's Word can save us from the tragedy of following a man to our own physical and eternal destruction. "Where there is no vision [revelation—S.H.], the people perish..."

(Proverbs 29:18).



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

Family and Friends—Prayers

Wesley Flatt asks for prayers for Anita Howard and her husband , Jerry, who has cancer. Jon Ledbetter asks for prayers for his cousin, Cora Sizemore, who has developed seizures. Evelyn Sidwell asks for prayers for R. D. Hummel for possible heart attack.

Nursing Homes

OCNH

Ina Poston

George Cannon—Doug Cannon's brother

Linda Hagood-Requests visits, room 262

Glen Webb-Susan Ashburn's father

Shut-In

Geraldine Cannon Bobbie Sells

Doretha Flowers Winnie Worley

Marie Pryor Terry Neal

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

Fall Back-Mark your calendars for **Sunday,**

November 3. Set

your clocks back Sat-

urday night as Day-

light Saving Time

ends!



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October

23- Bailey Hutchison

23- Wesley Flatt

24-Joyce Eldridge

27-Vella Dickerson

November

2- Robby Robbins

4- Sydnie Copeland

5- Jason Brown



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

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, Joe Pigg, Rachel Ellis, Bonnie Carwile, Angela Leckington, Ronald Conner, Pat Roberts' family, Connie Norris' family, Stanley Carter, Clyde Rhule, Parker Boone, Brenda Lewis, David Pigg, Judy Thomas, Willie Roy Sidwell, Ben Threet, James Hummel, Brenda Warren, Glenda Copeland, James Robbins, Misty Gentry

Prayer Requests

Janie Byers' treatment had to be postponed due to low blood counts.

Nash Jackson had his tonsils and adenoids removed recently.

Linda Mahaney is home and somewhat improved.

Continue to remember all our sisters and brothers undergoing treatments for cancer, those with chronic illnesses as well as many here still grieving loss of loved ones in recent months as well as other heartaches. Also, call, send cards or better yet visit our shut-ins at any opportunity.

SUNDAY:

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

A.M. Worship:
Song Director: Gary Hogue
First Prayer: Dale Flatt

Scripture Reading: Ralph McDonald

Lord's Supper: Presiding: David Dickerson

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: Johnny Jenkins

Count Contribution: Charles Anderson
 David Cantrell
 David Webb

Communion Ware: Ruby Jenkins
 Jeanetta Sells

Bus Driver: Dale Flatt

P.M. Worship:
Song Director: Gary Hogue
First Prayer: Henry Colbert
Read Scripture: Doug Riggins
Lord's Supper: Jerry Lancaster
Dismissal Prayer: Gary Worley

WEDNESDAY

Song Director: Gary Hogue
First Prayer: Earl Carwile
Dismissal Prayer: Will Brown

GREETERS- **TEAM # 4**
 (Please give all visitors a Visitor's Packet)

BUILDING LOCK-UP Phil Gunter
 Michael 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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OCTOBER CALENDAR

26-Falloween on the square
 26-Bible Character Walk-Through
 27-Elders/Deacons/Preacher Meeting
 27-Fourth Sunday singing at Netherland

Ladies Day-Findlay church of Christ, Sparta, Sat., Nov. 9, 8-12:30 p.m. Speaker Donna Faughn. *This Patchwork Heart of Mine and God Uses Remnants* theme.

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

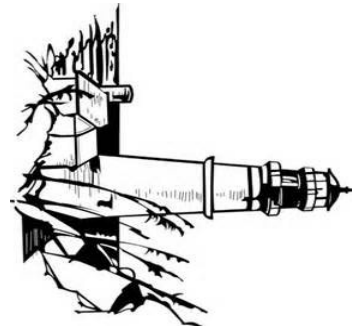
Gift Baskets-Jon and Norah have prepared gift baskets for newcomers to the area. These can be used to welcome them to Livingston and for an invitation to church. Names and addresses are with each basket. If you would like to visit and deliver one of these, please feel free to do so. These names are provided to us through the House to House Heart to Heart publication through the post office.

Characteristics of a Growing Church

Growing churches are comprised of preachers who proclaim the gospel, elders who shepherd the flock and deacons who lead in service. But more significantly, **growing churches** are made up of members who shepherd and serve as they go about their day-to-day activities.



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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.

Our Soup Kitchen

As already mentioned, our winter soup kitchen will start back up Sunday, November 3 and continue the first Sunday of each month through the winter. To volunteer, please be at the Windham Bldg. by 4 p.m. **We need soup makers and deliverers!** We have people to take soup to but if you want to add someone, please feel free to do so by submitting names and addresses to Barbara Carwile. Each month, we ask you take a different name to deliver to so you can visit with different homes instead of delivering to the same home each month. If you have never helped with this, it is very rewarding, not only to the soup receiver but to you, the deliverer. You might even get to meet someone you have never met before and get acquainted with. Our shut-ins are very much appreciative of the soup but more so, the visit.

