

# South Green Street Church of Christ

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Falling Leaves

Many years ago Grandpa Jones wrote and sang a song entitled, “Falling Leaves.” Me and Grandpa are not related as far as I know, but I have always been a fan of his. Grandpa’s song “Fallen Leaves,” paints a picture of the passing of time and the cycle of life. This article is being published just a few days away from the official start of the first day of winter. A few leaves are still hanging on, but as the autumn leaves fall to the ground, they remind us of how fleeting our own lives can be. This encourages us to reflect on what truly lasts.

In **1 Peter 1:24-25**, we are reminded that “*all flesh is as grass*” and “its flower falls away.” Just as the leaves in fall lose their color and drift away, our lives, too, will one day come to an end (**Hebrews 9:27**). We cannot stop the seasons of life from changing, nor can we prevent time from moving forward. The things of this world will perish and are temporary.

However, there is good news in verse 25: “*But the word of the Lord endures forever.*” While the natural world cycles through seasons of life and death, God's Word stands eternal. His promises never fail, and His love remains constant, no matter what season we are in. This is also found in **Isaiah 40:8** which cements the point that we are to cling to God’s Word, Jesus’ sacrifice, and focus on our steps with Him!

As we reflect on the falling leaves of autumn, we are reminded not only of the beauty of life, but also the shortness of it. The falling leaves might seem like they’ve come to an end, but in God’s creation, His leaves have a purpose. They nourish the soil, preparing for new life in the spring just a few weeks of away; the cycle continues as long as God allows.

We are much like the leaves. We enjoy a birth, growth, maturity, and then we fade. But, we must remember that we will come to an end, but we have hope, a promise from God, and trust in His Word we can endure this life and hold on so we live eternally with Him and the ones we have lost for a little while.

We may stumble and we may fade at times, but may we never forget our purpose and what we are holding on to tightly, His Word because of His Son. Let’s enjoy the remaining days of autumn, but continue to be renewed by the love of God.

~Allen

## When Jesus Doesn't Come

At separate times, both Martha and Mary said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (cf. John 11:21, 32)

There are a few ways to understand these grief-stricken words.

First, it is likely these were often repeated words around the home: "If only Jesus was here." It was common sentiment in that household that life was better when Jesus was around.

Second, there is an acknowledgment that Jesus has the special power and ability to accomplish feats that others cannot.

Third, it seems likely that there is also regret and confusion in these words. When Jesus was so greatly needed, He was not there. Why not? Didn't He know they needed Him? Did He care? Yet, because they were so confident He loved them, they struggled to understand why He did not do anything about the situation. Why didn't He prevent the tragedy from occurring?

We have probably found ourselves in similar situations. We all hurt and suffer. It is natural for believers to ask God where He is and why He allows such painful events to transpire (Ps. 13:1; 42:9; 43:2; etc.).

The response of Jesus to these sisters, particularly His response to Martha, is instructive (John 11:23-26).

Their greatest need was not to have their brother back. Their greatest need was to trust Jesus.

They needed to trust that, as the Lord of life, Jesus would provide for them in ways they did not yet see or understand.

He was always there. He always knew.

The same is true for us – we must trust Jesus through the pain. We must acknowledge that He is matchlessly powerful and that life is better when He is involved. But we must also admit that He is always "here" (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5-6; Ps. 139:1-16). He blesses and restores in ways that bring Him glory and are often surprising to us.

Let us acknowledge that, in spite of any suffering we may be experiencing, our greatest need is to trust our Lord Jesus who is "here" even now.

—Bart  
*Copied Newsletter July 31, 2023*

## Youth

Youth, 7th-12th grade Christmas party will be next Sunday, December 8, after the evening worship at the home of Bart & Laura Warren. Please bring a \$5-\$10 gift for Dirty Santa. Also, girls please bring sides and boys bring desserts.

## Young N Heart

Now scheduled is a holiday meal for the Young N Heart on Sunday, December 8, after morning services in the church basement. We will prepare fruit baskets for our church family shut-ins. If you would like to donate money or bring an item for the baskets, please see Carol Weaver. After the meal and basket prep, we'll have some game time. This time, no mystery, your choice of game to enjoy. The meal will be \$10 per person. The menu has been posted. Please sign up by December 5 so we will have a count for the meal. See John or Carol Weaver to pay when you sign up and/or if you have any questions.

# Family Matters

## Prayer List

- Corey Bagby, 4867 Coral Hill Rd., Glasgow
- Micki Bagby, 1034 Coral Hill Halfway Rd., Glasgow
- Kelly Beals, wife of Tim Beals, P.O. Box 124, Glasgow, KY 42142
- Dorothy Brake, 300 Westwood St., Rm 34, Glasgow
- Steve Brown, 105 Wingate Ave., Glasgow.
- Terry & Debbie Bunnell, 343 Winners Circle, Glasgow
- Suzie Dove, 361 Dunedin Way, Glasgow
- Judy Dugger, 180 Scottie Dr., Apt. 152, Glasgow
- Gary Edmunds 5899 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- Jeff Edwards, son of Anna Edwards, underwent eye surgery, 308 Circle Springs Dr., Glasgow
- Glenda Elam, 100B Lyon Ave., Glasgow
- JB & Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
- Becky Foster, 1636 Pritchardsville Rd., Glasgow
- Mark Green 590 Burns Way, Glasgow
- Seth Thomas Groce , 180 Scottie Dr., Glasgow
- Tish Gumm, 350 Paul Bastien Lane, Glasgow
- Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
- Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
- Jackie Perkins underwent surgery today, 1081 Dripping Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Mark Prichard, 211 Autumn Ridge, Glasgow
- Billy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
- Lenneth & Bonnie Rich, 308 Patton Terrace Rd., Glasgow
- Denny Riddle, 70 Penny Lane, Glasgow
- Dottie Ritter, 207 Seay St., Glasgow
- Ed Spear, 1038 Poplar Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Lynn Vick, 111 Karakal Dr., Glasgow
- Mike Williams, 4556 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- Jerry Wood, 917 Bristletown Rd., Glasgow

### Additional Prayer Requests

- Catherine Bagby, mother of Robert Bagby
- Joann Birdwell, sister of Betty Driver
- Maria Bryant, coworker of Sonya Hogue
- Steve Bulle, friend of Jamie Lowe
- Jeff Burd, nephew of Karen Kerney
- Roy Fox, family of Norma Redford and Sherry Furlong
- Pat Green, friend of Jewel Searcy
- Mark Hanstein, father of Laura Warren
- Cathy Holley, friend of Sonya Hogue
- Tom Hughes, friend of Tony & Melissa Shirley
- Mark Isenberg, brother of Lloyd Isenberg
- Earl Jackson, husband of Runelle Jackson
- Teddy Lane, father of Sherri Perkins
- Roy Lanier, grandfather of Laura Warren
- Sharon Lenhart, mother of Cathy Bishop
- Nancy Miller, sister of Linda Kelsay & Kathy Williams
- Lana Morrice, daughter of Fred Proffitt
- Marjorie Palmore, mother of Kim Palmore

- Natalie Philbeck, friend of Mike & Charlotte Pruitt
- Judie Pitcock, mother of Amy Gill
- Katelyn Poteet, great granddaughter of Glenn & Judith Pitcock
- Kim Smith, sister of Tony Shirley
- Brad Spear, son of Ed & Pat Spear
- Jennifer Stump, friend of Freda Dugger
- Becky Thompson, daughter of Jackie & Sherri Perkins
- Kim Turner, friend of Angie Kessler
- Mason, Taylor & Haven Turner, sister of Haley London
- Charles Tyler, father of Karen Drake
- Larry Williams, friend of Tommy Gumm
- Susan Williams, friend of Frenchie Belcher
- Bobbie Wilson, brother of Bonnie Rich
- Bud Woodall, son-in-law of Ray & Joyce Utzman
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law of Becky Speer
- Cale Zurcher, friend of Gary & Missy Groce

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Linda Fox. Funeral services were conducted today at the Mt. Vernon church of Christ. Linda was the cousin of Norma Redford and Sherry Furlong.

## Ladies Bible Class

No Ladies Bible Class on Thursday, December 5.

## Pantry

Items needed for the pantry: 5 oz cans tuna, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, vegetable soup, pasta sauce (no glass containers), canned vegetables, instant oat-meal– individual packets, breakfast bars and crackers.

## From the Elders

Our Wednesday evening service will be held on Thursday evening, December 26, and not on Wednesday the 25th. Services will be at 6:30 PM.

### For The Record

Sunday AM Attendance .....	343
Sunday Contribution <i>week of Nov 24</i> .....	\$17,625.00
2024 Weekly Budget.....	\$13,250.00
2024 Weekly Average <i>week of Nov 24</i> .....	\$13,336.22

### Responses Year To Date

Baptisms .....	10
Prayer Requests .....	14
Placing Membership .....	23

**Sunday Morning, December 8, 2024**  
**10:30 AM**

Deacons in Charge ..... Robert Bagby  
..... Joe Prichard  
Song Leader/Welcome ..... Robbie Fudge  
Opening Prayer ..... Tommy Gumm  
Scripture Reading ..... Mike Burress  
Lesson ..... Bart Warren  
Presiding at the Table ..... David Hammer  
Serve Communion (Auditorium) ..... Brandon Turner  
..... Zac Turner  
..... Jay Turner  
..... Rob Garmon  
..... Hunter Clark  
..... Wesley Cline  
Serve Communion (Balcony) ..... Tim Adams  
..... Trace Bishop  
..... Adam Groce  
Serve Communion (Basement) ..... Jimmy Smith  
..... Brad Lowe  
Closing Remarks ..... Scott Bradford  
..... Frankie McCoy  
Dismissal Prayer ..... Jeremy Prichard  
Ushers ..... Jeff Harp  
..... David McCracken  
Pick Up Cards ..... Andy Bowman  
..... Jaden Cline  
Control Room ..... Christian Kaumanns  
..... John Estes  
Bus Driver ..... Jason Cline

**Sunday Evening, December 8, 2024**  
**5:00 PM**

Song Leader/Welcome ..... Robbie Fudge  
Opening Prayer ..... Leland Glass  
Lesson ..... Bart Warren  
Presiding at the Table ..... Billy Joe Cline  
Dismissal Prayer ..... Scott Bradford

**Wednesday Evening, December 11, 2024**  
**6:30 PM**

Announcements ..... Bart Warren  
Song Leader ..... Jason Cline  
Opening Prayer ..... Darrell Pitcock  
Lesson ..... Allen Jones  
Dismissal Prayer ..... Ike Warren

***If you are unable to serve, please contact one of the  
Deacons in Charge***

**Elders**

Mark Bowman                      Tommy Gumm  
Scott Bradford                     Frankie McCoy  
Robbie Fudge                      Jackie Perkins  
Leland Glass

**Ministers**

Bart Warren—Pulpit Minister  
Allen Jones—Associate Minister

**Deacons**

Robert Bagby                      Jeremy Prichard  
David Gray                         Joe Prichard  
Allen Jones                         Brandon Turner  
Christian Kaumanns                 Zac Turner  
Tarry Lockett                         John Weaver  
Chris Page                          Patrick Wright

**Church Information**

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Nancy's Email ..... nancy@sgcofc.com

**Worship Times**

Sunday Morning Bible Class ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday A.M. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday P.M. .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Devo ..... 6:30 p.m.

The following services are livestreamed on our website:  
Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
Sunday 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Devo 6:30 P.M.

