

South Green Street Church of Christ

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No Deposit, No Return

If I gave you the phrase, “No deposit, no return,” some of us would immediately connect with that phrase while others may not. This phrase has its history in the bottling industry. Before plastic bottles and plastic containers became part of our lives, glass bottles were considered very valuable. Bottlers & grocery stores encouraged consumers to return the bottles when they were finished with the product and they would be given a small amount of money for what they returned.

When I worked at a grocery store while in high school and college, customers were given ten cents for every bottle that was returned. That may not seem like a lot of money, but in the late 1980s and early 1990s you could save money on your soft drink purchases. If you returned 8 bottles which were considered a carton, you would be paid \$.80 which would cause your new purchase of a carton of 8 of your favorite soft drink to be \$.80 less. Instead of paying the full amount of \$3.00, you now would pay \$2.20. All you had to do was keep up with your glass bottles and return them to receive the benefit. Returning the bottles was your deposit or contribution and you would be rewarded! Instead of saying “No deposit, no return,” you could then say, “Make a deposit, get a return.”

You see the spiritual application. In **Galatians 6:7**, Paul reminds us that God is not mocked—whatever we sow, we will reap. If we invest in good deeds, kindness, and faithfulness, we will reap a harvest of God's blessings. But, it is more than that. This verse says: *Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.* Paul's reference to “reaping” is a reference to the blessings of eternal life (rather than to temporal blessings) that the believer will “reap” as the result of “sowing” his life to the Spirit.

If we invest in sin, we lose our life. If we redeem the time as God we have us to, we avoid the trappings of the world. **Ephesians 5:16-18** says, *redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.* We know wine controls the mind, ruins judgment and a sense of propriety, leading to debauchery, in contrast with this, being “filled with the Spirit” leads to self-control along with the other fruits of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness” (**Gal. 5:22-23**). Making a deposit in our relationship with Christ does not ensure a perfect life, but a fulfilled one which leads to an eternal one! HOW WE SPEND OUR DAYS IS HOW SPEND OUR LIVES.

Consider the “deposits” you've been making lately? Are you sowing to the flesh and investing in the world? When we have our sins washed away through baptism, we understand forgiveness. When we walk with Christ, we understand restoration. Investing, making a deposit and giving our time to our relationship with Christ is not motivated by instant & earthly gratification, but rather a desire for an eternal destination. What returns are you getting on your investments

~Allen

What Does Humility Look Like?

If you were to encounter a truly humble person (at work, school, on the street, etc.), what would they look like?

C.S. Lewis wrote, “Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what *you* said to *him*.” (*Mere Christianity*, p.128)

So, according to Lewis, the humble person is identified most of all by (1) being happy and (2) being interested in other people. Saying the same thing in different words: “If you met a truly humble person, you wouldn’t think him/her humble, but happy and incredibly interested in you.”

What does Scripture say?

- “Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, **I am glad and rejoice** with you all.” (**Phil. 2:17**)
- “Put on the, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, **humility**, meekness, and patience.” (**Col. 3:12**)
- “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in **humility** count others more significant than yourselves.” (**Phil. 2:3**)

Would your neighbors describe you as humble? Maybe not. But if they would remember you to be full of joy and always interested in *them*, that would be great indeed. Such is a life of which the Lord would be

-Bart

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Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible class will resume in the New Year. Just a reminder that if Barren County Schools are closed for inclement weather, there will be **no** class.

Thank you Note

I am constantly reminded of how Paul felt when he penned Philippians 1:3-9 each time I am with you! Yesterday was no different. Thank you for your generosity, love, and thoughtfulness. Thank you for the gift you gave to us. Me and my family are truly treated better than we deserve! We love you!

Allen, Amy, Ellie and Asa

To the Young at Heart,

Thank all of you for the fruit basket. It was good and so was the candy! The visit was nice too! It is nice to be thought of.

Thanks again,

Merry Christmas

Faye Throneberry

Baby Shower

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Catherine & Grant Ward, on January 5, 2025, between 1:30 –3:30 PM at the South Central Bank Operations Center, 501 S L Rogers Wells Blvd. Registered at Amazon. Catherine is the daughter of Lynn & Charlotte Beals. If you are unable to attend the shower, there is a table set up in the basement for gifts.

Pantry

Items needed for the pantry: 5 oz cans tuna, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, vegetable soup, spaghetti noodles (1 lb box), pasta sauce (no glass containers), canned vegetables, instant oatmeal– individual packets, breakfast bars and crackers.

Family Matters

Prayer List

- Micki Bagby, 1034 Coral Hill Halfway Rd., Glasgow
- Kelly Beals, wife of Tim Beals, P.O. Box 124, Glasgow, KY 42142
- Frenchie Belcher, 78 Temple Hill Rd., Glasgow
- 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, 308 Circle Springs Dr., Glasgow
- Glenda Elam, 100B Lyon Ave., Glasgow
- JB & Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
- Becky Foster, 1636 Pritchardsville Rd., Glasgow
- Seth Thomas Groce , 180 Scottie Dr., Glasgow
- Tish Gumm, 350 Paul Bastien Lane, Glasgow
- David Hammer, 299 Zoe Dr., Glasgow
- Brooke Honeycutt, daughter of Marty & Chantal Honeycutt, 682 Spencer Rd., Glasgow
- Earl Jackson, husband of Runelle Jackson, is in the Community Hospital, 1301 N. Race St., Glasgow
- Runelle Jackson, 391 Country Club Est., Glasgow
- Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
- Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
- Jackie Perkins, 1081 Dripping Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Mark Prichard, 211 Autumn Ridge, Glasgow
- Billy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
- Fred Proffitt, 307 Hall St., Glasgow
- Wes Proffitt, son of Daryl Proffitt, underwent surgery yesterday
- 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
- Grant Turner, son of Zac & Jennifer Turner, 510 Northwood Dr., Glasgow
- Lynn Vick, 111 Karakal Dr., Glasgow
- Mike Williams, 4556 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- Erica Wilson, 205 Marion Dr., 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
- Ted Garmon, friend of Randall & Betty Turner
- Pat Green, friend of Jewel Searcy
- Jim Gregory, friend/coworker of Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue
- Mark Hanstein, father of Laura Warren

- Jason Hapney, son of Gary & Teresa Hapney
- Melissa Hawkins, daughter of Laura Irwin
- Cathy Holley, friend of Sonya Hogue
- Tom Hughes, friend of Tony & Melissa Shirley
- Mark Isenberg, brother of Lloyd Isenberg
- 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
- Margie Smith, friend of Sandra Kidd
- 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
- Charles Tyler, father of Karen Drake
- Larry Williams, friend of Tommy Gumm
- Susan Williams, friend of Frenchie Belcher
- Bobbie Wilson, brother of Bonnie Rich
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law of Becky Spear
- Cale Zurcher, friend of Gary & Missy Groce

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of George Billingsley. He passed away December 22. George was the brother-in-law of Brenda Kirk.

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	393
Sunday Contribution <i>week of Dec 15</i>	\$12,185.00
2024 Weekly Budget.....	\$13,250.00
2024 Weekly Average <i>week of Dec 15</i>	\$13,286.64

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	10
Prayer Requests	14
Placing Membership	23

Sunday Morning, December 29, 2024
10:30 AM

Deacons in Charge	Allen Jones
.....	Zac Turner
Song Leader/Welcome	Patrick Wright
Opening Prayer	Jackie Perkins
Scripture Reading	Marcus Franklin
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Allen Jones
Serve Communion (Auditorium)	Michael Gill
.....	Wesley Cline
.....	Adam Groce
.....	Brad Lowe
.....	Trace Bishop
.....	Andrew Gilpin
Serve Communion (Balcony)	Bobby Gray
.....	Mike Burress
.....	Beckett Burress
Serve Communion (Basement)	Shannon England
.....	Bobby White
Closing Remarks	Tommy Gumm
.....	Scott Bradford
Dismissal Prayer	Nick Pace
Ushers	David Gray
.....	Ronnie Turner
Pick Up Cards	Isaiah Franklin
.....	Knox McGuire
Control Room	Tarry Lockett
.....	Bret Stephens
Bus Driver	Brandon Turner

Sunday Evening, December 29, 2024
5:00 PM

Song Leader/Welcome	Young Men's Night
Opening Prayer	Young Men's Night
Lesson	Young Men's Night
Presiding at the Table	Young Men's Night
Dismissal Prayer	Young Men's Night

Thursday Evening, January 1, 2025
6:30 PM

Announcements	Bart Warren
Song Leader	Robbie Fudge
Opening Prayer	Jimmy Smith
Lesson	Bart Warren
Dismissal Prayer	Jason Cline

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

Bart's Email	bart@sgcofc.com
Allen's Email	allen@sgcofc.com
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.

