Vol. 59 No… 10 **Upcoming Events!**

**October 3** – First Sunday Fellowship immediately following morning services. Bring your favorite foods & join in the fun! Evening services will be at 1:00.

**October 16** – Ladies’ Day at Howe church of Christ, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., with Tami Roberts speaking on “Footprints of Love”. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served.

**November 13** – Ladies’ Day at N. Jefferson church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant with Autumn McElyea speaking.

 TABLE TREATING

& CHILI EATING after evening services on Sunday, Oct. 31st. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for items to bring. Be sure to bring your hamburger meat by Wed., Oct. 27th, & put it in the freezer in Rm. 13! **Our evening service will be at 5:00 on Oct. 31st!**



James Paul (J.P.) & Lauren Cochran were married on September 4th!



We extend our sympathy to Sheri Arnold on the loss of

her father & to the family of Thomas McGee & to Laura Killough on the loss of her mother.

October19 2 Kings 16, 17, 18

October20 2 Kings 17, 18, 19

October21 2 Kings 18, 19, 20

October22 2 Kings 19, 20, 21

October24 2 Kings 20, 21, 22

October25 2 Kings 21, 22, 23

October26 2 Kings 22, 23, 24

October27 2 Kings 23, 24, 25

October28 2 Kings 24, 25, 25



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We welcome Clifton & Betty into our loving family here!



Congratulations to Steve & Sheri Arnold on grandbaby #7. Cora Belle was born Aug. 22nd, weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz. & was 19 ½” long. Proud parents are Kevin Arnold & Rayann Billingsly.

Congratulations to Chesley & Dana Phillips on the arrival of their 1st grandbaby. Emma Clare was born on August 31st, weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., & was 19” long. Proud parents are Richard & Haley Boyett. Proud first-time great-grandparents are Dale & Donna Perry. Jean Perry is the proud great-great-grandmother.

 Congratulations to Jordan & Heather Brown on the arrival of Prynce Brown, on Sept. 4th, weighing 4 lbs., 10 oz., 18” long. Proud grandmother is Bobbie Taylor. We’re having a basket shower that’s located in the foyer. There are some selections at Amazon.

**Scripture Reading Plan for October 2021**

October1 2 Kings 1, 1, 2

October2 2 Kings 1, 2, 3

October3 2 Kings 2, 3, 4

October4 2 Kings 3, 4, 5

October5 2 Kings 4, 5, 6

October6 2 Kings 5, 6, 7

October7 2 Kings 6, 7, 8

October8 2 Kings 7, 8, 9

October9 2 Kings 8, 9, 10

October10 2 Kings 9, 10, 11

October11 2 Kings 10, 11, 12

October12 2 Kings 11, 12, 13

October13 2 Kings 12, 13, 14

October14 2 Kings 13, 14, 15

October15 2 Kings 14, 15, 16

October18 2 Kings 15, 16, 17



October 2021

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| Sunday Morning | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Scripture | SEE | NOLAN | BUTLER | FOR | SCRIPTURE |
| Read by | James Weems | Charlie Hodgkiss | Billy Fergurson | Robert Killough | Cody Dykes |
| Opening Prayer | Michael Fry | Bobby Graves | Rick Zant | Michael Fry | Bobby Graves |
| Song Leader | Wylie Dykes | Paul Payne | Jonas Butler | Bobby Graves | Kerry Dykes |
| Announcements | Michael Fry | Bobby Graves | Rick Zant | Michael Fry | Bobby Graves |
| Lord’s Supper | Jeff Ballard | | | | |
|  | Mike Whitten | | | | |
|  | Jason Brown | | | | |
|  | Tim Parks | | | | |
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| Closing Prayer | Joe Carpenter | Ken Robbins | Mike Whitten | Craig Zant | Bradley Cochran |
| Usher | Wylie Dykes | | | | |
| Comm. Prep. | We are using communion packets. | | | | |
| Sound Board | Tim Parks | | | | |
| Sunday Evening | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Opening Prayer | Kerry Dykes | Wylie Dykes | Mike Crews | Paul Payne | Charlie Hodgkiss |
| Closing Prayer | Baran Killough | Stephen Arnold | Eddie Elmore | Chad Graves | Tim Parks |
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| Wednesday | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |  |
| Devotional | Paul Payne | Rick Zant | James Weems | Bobby Graves |  |
| Week of | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Bus Driver | James Weems | Ashley Grose | Sheri Arnold | Dale Perry | Tim Parks |

Please remember these in your prayers: Cristy Brazeal, our brethren in Mexico, Brenda Rodgers, Robert Ball (Travis Ball’s father), Breann Hargis (Connie Ball’s granddaughter), Becky Brown, Lily Shugart (Mike & Myca Whitten’s daughter-in-law), Mike Crews, Betty Eudy, Joe Lambert (Laura Lambert’s grandfather), our military, those with Covid, Martha Fox, Craig Zant, Rocky Perry & family (Jean Perry’s grandson), Richard Ervin (Merle Lynch’s son), Greg Parsons (Peggy Parsons’ son), Steven Helms (Sheri Arnold’s son), Jered Stewart (Mark & Tawana Stewart’s son), Billy & Kristi Smith (Cindy McGee’s daughter & son-in-law).

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October Birthdays

6 – Bobby Graves

9 – Nolan Butler

11 – Cord Butler

15 – Judy Graves

19 – Craig Zant

23 – Inelda Proctor

24 – Jeff Ballard

24 – Colleen Eudy

27 – Taylor Kyle

31 – Mark Stewart

**October Anniversaries**

13 – Eddie & Renee Elmore

25 – Charlie & Judy Hodgkiss



Sunday Bible Study 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

Worship 1:00 pm

KPLT Radio Program 96.3 FM 9:00 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:00 pm

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# Linger Around It and You’ll Do It, Too!

What is the worst thing that you could ever do?  There are all sorts of answers that could be given to that question, but can you think of anything worse than denying Jesus in His very presence?  There’s probably not anything worse than that, especially when you do that just hours after you “vehemently” stated, “If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” ([**Mark 14:31**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mark%2014.31)).  What could lead someone to do such a horrible and regrettable thing?  Look at the passage in [**Luke 22:54-62**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%2022.54-62).

**First, Peter separated himself from Jesus.**  He was right there with Jesus in the verses leading up to this (even drawing his sword and striking the servant of the high priest in order to protect Jesus), but now, all of a sudden, the text states, “But Peter followed at a distance” (22:54).  I’ve seen teenagers do this with their parents—keeping their distance…not wanting to be seen together in public…not wanting folks to mistakenly think that “I’m with them.”  The moment that we start to distance ourselves from Jesus—even just a little bit—we have opened up “a place” in our lives “to the devil” ([**Eph. 4:27**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%204.27)).  We must never be ashamed to walk closely with our Lord ([**2 Tim. 1:12**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Tim.%201.12)).

**Second, Peter sat among the enemies of God.** When Christ’s enemies “had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them” (22:55).  The verb tense for “sitting” in verses 55-56 indicates a perpetual activity.  The psalmist had warned about the danger of such a practice: “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!” ([**Psa. 1:1**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps.%201.1)).  Sitting down shows acceptance, ease and approval ([**Rom. 1:32**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom.%201.32); [**Eph. 5:11-14**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%205.11-14); [**1 Cor. 15:33**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor.%2015.33)).  We must refuse to willfully associate with those who are anti-Christ ([**2 Cor. 6:14-18**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Cor.%206.14-18)).

**Third, Peter stayed in that compromising situation.**  Peter’s first denial of Christ (“Woman, I do not know Him”) should have shaken him up (22:57).  It should have caused him to reevaluate where he was and what he was doing.  Instead, he stayed “a little while” longer (22:58).  This led him to deny Christ a second time (“Man, I am not!”).  Surely, after hearing those words from his mouth in response to a second person, now he will come to himself and leave.  Right?  Look at how verse 59 begins: “Then after about an hour had passed.”  This was not a quick episode.  Peter may have been there for more than two hours, which led him to deny Jesus a third time (“Man, I do not know what you are saying!”).

It was finally the rooster crowing and the look of the Lord that woke him up (22:60-62).  May God help us to not linger around evil, lest we end up doing evil ourselves!

--David Sproule