

Church of Christ Deer Park



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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There's No Place Like Home

A good home is such a wonderful place. It seems that we are always wanting to go home. And we especially love being home for the holidays. In fact, there is a traditional song that testifies to that fact. What is it that is so great about home? Let's note a few of them through an acrostic. And since the church is our heavenly home on the earth (Eph. 2:19), these will certainly apply there, as well.

Harmony – How marvelous it is when family members get along with each other. When this happens, the times together are cherished and memorable. This is also true with the church family. *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity”* (Psa. 133:1).

Optimism – A good home is desired, in part, because of the positive nature it presents. Everyone enjoys being together in a home where there is lots and lots of cheerfulness and sunniness. Without a doubt, this is true of a church home, also. *“Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end”* (Heb. 3:6).

Mercy – Home is the place where bountiful forgiveness is offered. The best homes are the ones

that demonstrate agape love for one another, which always leads to overlooking shortcomings. There should be copious amounts of love and forgiveness in the Lord's church, as well. *“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you”* (Eph. 4:32).

Encouragement – Another of the reasons we enjoy being part of a wonderful home is the strength and inspiration that we receive. It is where we can get great encouragement to keep on keeping on. The church home should also be a place of boosting one another. *“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing”* (1 Thess. 5:11).

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Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY

Next issue 1-1-2023



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
(SEE DETAILS INSIDE)

- * **Arms of Hope Children's Home Christmas Tree Ornament Project**—Gift Cards were Over-nighted 12/13/22.
- * **Christmas Baskets**—Eleven beautiful Christmas Baskets were delivered 12/13/22
- * **Life Line Screening**—1/19/23- We have 4 Free Certificates



Please be Praying for...

PRAYER NEEDS & REQUESTS: Our Country; Our National Leaders be guided by God; The whole world as we battle COVID; Adair Family as they recover from house fire; Justin, Tammy & RJ Imel as they travel to Kentucky for Christmas, Matt Miller, son of Mary Miller, has RSV; George & Karen Reyez, friends of Dale Guillory; Susan Williams has been ill; Larissa, friend of RJ Imel, in KY is having serious sinus surgery 12/23;

Gerald Starns is having a lot of trouble with his leg; Jared Robertson, friend of Scott Burke, recovering from brain surgery & rehab to regain left side strength; Erin Burke as she travels with her work, Joe Skinner, friend of Gerald, is now walking with walker, Ronnie Hock, Rebecca Holifield's brother-in-law, has HCC liver cancer stage four; Robert Gordon, Sanoma's cousin; is doing better in new rehab facility; Reagan, Gerald Starns' 3 yr old granddaughter (her little finger tips are blue); Gerald's niece, Lisa Fowler, that was recently baptized, recovered from 2 aneurysms but has lupus; Tommy Frasier (38 yrs old) acquaintance of the Holifield's, has an inoperable brain tumor-he is undergoing chemo/radiation; The people of Ukraine; Hillary Harrison (Tim Culp's cousin is on wait list for double lung transplant); Janet Skinner, Noreen Rock, Karen Green, Martha Hayes, Steve & Kathy Franz, (friends of Gerald Starns); for the Men at the Wheelhouse, for success as they work thru their individual programs; Inmates of our Prison Ministry who have asked for our prayers. We have responded to 183 inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material this year; Be rich toward God, Delight yourself in the Lord, Jesus said, "Do you love me?"; Earnestly seek our God! Come, great is the Lord and most worthy of our praise, Be an Andrew & Bring Someone to Jesus

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Eileen Adair; Kristen Adair; Tammy Adair, Auguste Family; Gene Barton; Justin Bills (Carolyn Carpenter friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Kris (Flanagan) Bowman; Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; Whitney Brummett; Jimmy Burke, Patsy Camp; Michael Conn; Danny Culp (Tim Culp's father); Pat & Karon Flanagan; Louise Friday; Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Leslie Hoffman; Randy and Cathy Imel (Justin Imel's parents); Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (friends of Peggy Burke); Kevin Koctar; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Cindy Russell (Gina Branstetter friend); Johnny Salas; Curtis Salter; Andrew Shirley (Scott and Erin's Son-in-law); Stephen and Mary Ann Smith; Jim and Linda Thomason; Karl Vinson; Sheri and Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's Sister); Susan Williams; Cathy York

Please remember these who have been diagnosed with cancer:

Lori Bailey; Becky Bice; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Joe D'Vries who has lung cancer (father-in-law of Gerald Starns' daughter); Tom McCulley (Bradley Burke's Great Grandfather); Travis Irwin (friend J & P Burke); Kalle, friend of Gerald Starns Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Gerald Starns; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).



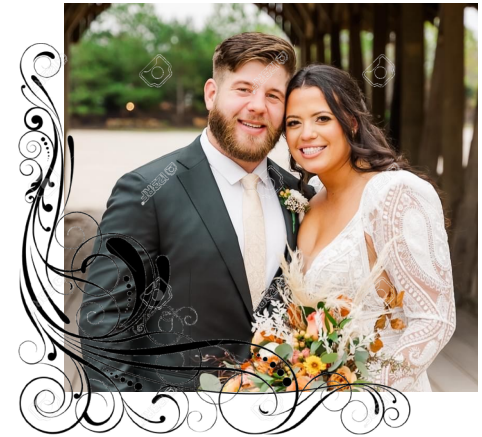
To Gene and Nancy Barton in the loss of Gene's brother

Gerald Barton

who passed 12/12/2022.

The funeral was 12/15/2022 in Hopkinsville, KY.

We have had Gerald on our prayer list for several years & continue to hold the family up in prayer.



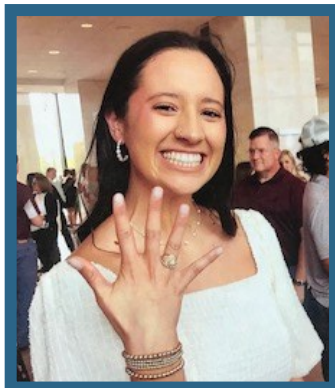
Mr. & Mrs. Campbell Burke CONGRATULATIONS

CJ & Liane

who were united in marriage December 3, 2022.

God's Blessings and Best Wishes for the happy couple!

Family News & Activities



Congratulations to **Reyna Holifield** who received her Senior ring at TAMU 11-11-2022!



Congratulations to **Susan Elaine Burke** who graduates from Texas A&M University 12-16-2022 with BS in Education, Cum Laude. She will go on to get her MS Ed in Curriculum & Instruction at Texas A&M University in the spring.



Congratulations to **Jolie Marie Burke** who graduates from UT Dallas 12-19-2022 with MS in Speech-Language Pathology. Jolie will start working at Spring Creek Elementary and Wellborn Middle School in College Station Independent School District January 4, 2023!



Family News & Activities



Just Born

Congratulations to
Bryan & Emma O'Bannon
on the birth of their son
Beckham "Beck" Wayne O'Bannon
on 12/14/2022.
also Congratulations to
Billy & Gloria on their first grandchild!
Love to everyone!



Kevin & Michelle Koctar 8th



Carolyn Carpenter	5	Gene Barton	18
Mary Miller	6	Jeff Riggs	18
Reyna Holifield	11	Tim Culp	20
Gloria O'Bannon	11	Louise Friday	21
Kristen Adair	16	Adalyn Cable	28
Jake Riggs	17	CJ Burke	28
		Briana Adair	31

Annual Christmas Baskets

Thank you to everyone that participated!!
We delivered eleven (11) beautiful Christmas baskets
Tuesday morning full of lots of Goodies and Love!!



Are You

Reading Your Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading Dec 18—Dec 24

Sunday 18	am	Jonah
	pm	Rev 9
Monday 19	am	Micah 1-3
	pm	Rev 10
Tuesday 20	am	Micah 4-5
	pm	Rev 11
Wednesday 21	am	Micah 6-7
	pm	Rev 12
Thursday 22	pm	Nahum
	pm	Rev 13
Friday 23	am	Habakkuk
	pm	Rev 14
Saturday 24	am	Zephaniah
	pm	Rev 15

Daily Bible Reading Dec 25—Dec 31

Sunday 25	am	Haggai
	pm	Rev 16
Monday 26	am	Zech 1-3
	pm	Rev 17
Tuesday 27	am	Zech 4-6
	pm	Rev 18
Wednesday 28	am	Zech 7-9
	pm	Rev 19
Thursday 29	pm	Zech 10-12
	pm	Rev 20
Friday 30	am	Zech 13-14
	pm	Rev 21
Saturday 31	am	Malachi
	pm	Rev 22



A HUGE
THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
ANNUAL ARMS OF HOPE
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT PROJECT!

Our total gift this year was \$650.00
The Children **THANK YOU!**



PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!

We now have 183 Inmate Students. They all need encouragement letters from the church. We need World Bible School Bibles (\$5.00 ea) to send them. We have form letters or you can write your own. We have a few that only speak/read Spanish. There are specific guidelines we have to utilize in corresponding with the inmates. Let David Camp know and he will get you involved.



Through the Bible in a year

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word: Matt 7:24-28, John 14:15, Romans 10:17
Believe the Word: John 3:16, 20:31, Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6
Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3-5, 15:7, Acts 2:37-38, 17:30
Confess Jesus to others: Matt 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation: Mark 16:16, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21
Why do you delay? Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully: 1 John 1:7, Revelation 2:10



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Service this Week:

December 18, 2022

Coffee & Donut Fellowship 9:00am
 Bible Class 9:30am
 Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Tim Culp**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Matthew 1:18-25

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **An Unexpected Birth**
Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:
Scott Burke

Greeter **Tammy Adair**
Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**
Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

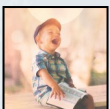
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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship	9:00am
Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Worship	10:30am

Children's Bible Hour offered for
 3yrs to 3rd grade during Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30PM



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REMEMBER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!