

Success and Survival

by Tim Dooley of the Point Pleasant Church of Christ in Hebron, KY

Preparation is essential to success and survival. We stock our pantries with food, we purchase insurance, we save money, we publish a will, and we make plans. Yet, no one can possibly prepare for every possible contingency in life. Life is filled with risk. But wise planning can help us minimize the risk. Spiritually speaking, much of what the Bible says is meant to help us with the task of minimizing risk.

Let’s face it, without divine guidance men place themselves at far greater risk than those who follow the Word. Paul tells the church at Thessalonica to minimize physical and spiritual risk by abstaining from fornication (1 Thessalonians 4:3), possessing our bodies with sanctification and honor (v. 4), loving one another (v. 9), working hard (v. 11), and being honest (v. 12). What a wonderful world we would reside in if every man lived like this!

But many won’t and their existence, while fooled by Satan’s lies, is filled with sorrow and hopelessness. The one thing we can be prepared for, however, is the return of Jesus. While those of the flesh run headlong into the evils of the world, the spiritually minded are to abstain from every kind of evil. Those who live soberly go about their daily lives rejoicing, praying, bearing the fruit of the Spirit, loving the truth, proving all things, and holding fast to the good. Are you living soberly? How is your preparation? Are you ready?



Success and survival come from sober living.



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Class	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
* Sunday PM Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday PM Bible Class	7:00 PM

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\* There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.

Ladie’s Bible Class  
Tuesday - 10 AM at the building.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

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a place of worship and healing



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Speaker  
Phil Sanders  
www.searchtv.org

Time Warner Cable Channel 20  
Tuesday 5:30 AM  
Friday 4:30 PM

## Prayer List

*In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

***Those that attend:*** Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynam, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Jodie Kelly, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron & Jean Cameron, Joyce Cameron, Carol Jones, Tahlia Willis, and Brenda Nelson.

**People in other places:** Jennifer Walters, Renee Kinney, Diane Fritton, Tim Mellott and family, Billy Stine, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Congressman Ted Poe, Doreen Woods, Betty Leistner, James Proctor, Stephanie, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Sheila Donkley, Laval Baptiste, Mary Lou, Mila Roche, Tony & Egla Grana, Patrick, Susan Barrett & family, Lula Hall, Jack Openshaw, Sue Garner, Liz Holton, George Kohlbacher, Karen Anstee, Bob, Patrick, Randy Marten, Jeff Elder, Bobby Granton, Sherry Allen, Remi Perini, Isabella Rick, Pat Ferrio, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, and Sandy Kriesel.

**Updates:**

**Many of our number continue to deal with cold and flu symptoms.**

**Denise Garlitz** came forward with a heavy heart regarding her grandchildren and the health of their other grandmother, Betty Leistner.

**Jessica (Fees) Kyle and the girls** were in a car accident last Sunday and are bruised up but no one was seriously hurt.

**Lula Hall**, Bev McArthur's mom.... Prayers are requested for strength, peace, and comfort. She suffered a mini-stroke on Christmas day and was readmitted to the hospital.

## Liz Holton, TJ's mom, needs cancer treatment and prayers.

Also

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those who may be traveling.

Let's pray for the work we help support in Sardinia, NY and also Rogers City, MI.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's also pray for Tim Nelsen and his family whom we are helping support while Tim is in preaching school.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's give thanks to God for the Edmond, OK congregation for all the help they have given us.

## Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

**Jan. 15**    **Today.** Men's Business Meeting

**Jan. 16** Martin Luther King Day

**Jan. 21** Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM

**Jan. 27** Ladies Devotional at the building - 6:30 PM

**Jan. 29** Area-wide Singing Hosted by Linwood church of Christ - 4 PM

**Feb. 05 Potluck** (Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup & cleanup)

**Sermon Topic Today:** *Growing Up A Balloon*

**Trays Today:** *Linda Stine*

**Scripture Reading:** *Matt. 15:1-11, 15-20*

Sun. AM Adult Class 1 Corinthians

Sun. PM Class                      Isaiah 1-5

Wed. PM Class      Ecclesiastes

## Sunday PM Class - Weekly Questions

1. What is the situation or problem?
2. What is the meaning for the original readers?
3. What is the meaning for the modern church, or believer?
4. What do we learn about God?  
(or, What do you think God might think or feel about the situation or problem?)
5. What is the meaning YOU got from the reading?



## Read Me

## *a minute with Mark*

I was recently reading some articles on “church building” and how they are perceived by visitors. When someone walks into the auditorium what do they see and how do they feel? Do they see clutter in the corners or on tables and counters? Do they see scraps of paper in the pews and on the floor, do they see piles of things stacked in the pews or on the floor? Do they see people standing in groups talking who do not approach them or greet them? Do they feel comfortable sitting anywhere or are they afraid they are taking someone’s seat. Do they have people who invite them to sit with them?

Next time you walk into the building try something. Look around with new eyes, look around like you have never been here before. What do you see? What can we do to make our building more comfortable and inviting to our visitors? What can you do to make our visitors more comfortable and welcome, will you help?

### *Attention Ladies*

Ladies needed for visitation ministry.  
If you would like to participate please see  
Sharron Gantt or Audrey Dailey for details.

### *Ladies Get-together*

Ladies mark your calendars for the first ladies devotional of 2017. It will be on **Friday, January 27th**. Carol Jones is planning a fun and encouraging night for us. We hope to see you there.

## Ongoing Events

Personal care items for the vets at the V.A. Hospital in Buffalo and also non-perishable food items for Casey House on Cedar Ave. in N.F. are being collected. If you can help in this matter it is greatly appreciated.

Zambia Baby Fund - Several members are contributing to this.