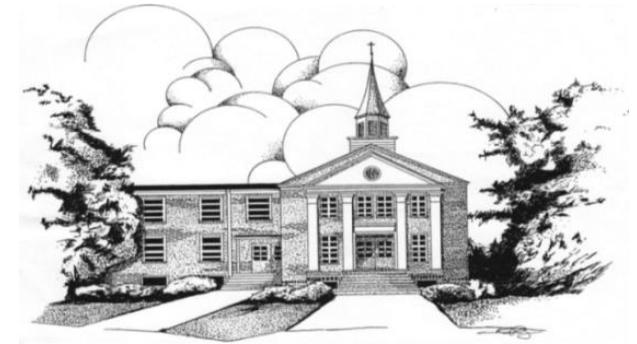


LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Early Worship Service: 31  
Morning Worship Service: 180

Sunday school: 131  
Evening Worship Service: 24



**STEELE MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

January 10, 2016

Welcome to Worship!

*The purpose of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church is to enable people to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to nurture them in their journey of faith; to offer opportunities to express their relationship with the living God through love, example, and service.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is a time to share the work of the church and recognize the community of believers as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord.

**\*HYMN** "Wonderful Words of Life" No. 600

**GOSPEL READING** John 10:1-10

**CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

Pastor's Prayer

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*HYMN** "Jesus Loves Me" No. 191

**SERMON** Psalm 19:7-14 Pastor Kevin Lantz  
"Our Guide Through the Mine-Field"

**\*CLOSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

The Worship has ended; Let the Service begin!

Prayer Concerns

Teresa Blake Sandy Boggess Julia Dickens  
Clay Johnson Shawn Kelley Peggy Morrison  
Lori Godfrey  
Kimball Family in their transition

Friends and Relatives

Brother of Jan Foss  
Ethan (Grandson of Peggy Hicks)  
Pollyanne (Sister of Rev. Sager)  
Guy Burgess (Cousin of Dick Jimison)  
John Day (Friend of Bill Dutton)  
Cindy Keefer (Daughter of Whit & Virginia Keefer)  
Carl Merritt (Father of Chip Merritt)  
Mary Ramey (1<sup>st</sup> cousin of Lou Jimison)  
Anna Ratcliff (Mother of Bob Ratcliff)

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Sunday, January 10**

9:00 Early Worship Service  
9:45 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 Celebration Choir  
Christmas Program in gym  
6:00 Youth  
6:30 Evening Worship Service

**Thursday, January 14**

1:00 Lydia Circle  
7:00 Troop 88  
7:00 Financial Peace Orientation  
In NFH

**Friday, January 15**

7-10 Church Family Night in gym

**Monday, January 11**

6:30 Sea Scouts/Cub Scout  
Trustee Meeting 7:00  
7:30 Boy Scouts

**Saturday, January 16**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 12**

Finance Meeting 7:00

**Sunday, January 17**

9:00 Early Worship Service  
9:45 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 Morning Worship Service  
6:00 Youth  
6:30 Evening Worship Service

**Wednesday, January 13**

5:30 All Stars  
5:30 Youth  
6:45 Bible Study  
7:45 Choir Practice

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Pastor's Cell: 304-638-4840 Organist: Becky Chenoweth  
Pianist: Lynette Call Lay Leader: John Call

The Church Family extends prayers and sympathy to Carolyn Jenkins and family in the passing of her brother and to Pat Gwinn and family in the passing of her niece Sandra Jaynes.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** The Children's Choir will share their Christmas Program on Sunday morning, January 10, in place of the 11:00 AM worship.

**JANUARY SERMON CALENDAR:** Pastor Kevin has begun a new series trying to answer the question for believers, "I don't understand the Bible. What does the Bible mean?"

2. The second message discusses whether the Bible contradicts itself or whether it is the inspired Word of God! Then we affirm four things about the bible: 1. It is God's Revelation; 2. It is Inspired by God; 3. It is Truth; and 4. It is Relevant!

3. The third sermon explains that "the fear of God" is more than awe or respect. Those who met God in the Bible were terrified. So this helps explain or understand why we are called to "fear" God – and to hear God from out of that posture of fear, who says to those He meets, "Fear not!"

4. The fourth message affirms that the only way to understand the Bible is to believe that the Bible is God's Word, a tool He uses to teach us, counsel, and instruct us. God uses the Bible to relate to us! If we have faith in the Bible as God's word we will conform our lives with expectancy and anticipation!

5. The final sermon answers the faith paradox, "The first will be last and the last will be first," as we examine what it means to serve and sacrifice our will in order to want the will of Christ! We naturally lean toward serving our own ego needs, but Christ is turning us to serve His kingdom and His love, as we think of others!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The 2016 offering envelopes are located in the hallway near the elevator. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Please take time to pick up your boxed set of envelopes. If you do not already use offering envelopes but would like them, please let the church office know by calling 304-736-4583. Also, if you do not wish to use offering envelopes, let the church office know.

**WORSHIP CDs:** We are having better success recording our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Those who might want a

recording on CD can contact Jonnie at the Church office, 304 736-4583, or by email at steelememorialumc@frontier.com

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Men of the Church are invited to join together on Saturday mornings, 8 – 9 AM downstairs in the old fellowship hall for a study and discussion group using a simple daily devotion, *Men of Integrity*.

**OPEN GYM:** The Church gym will be opened on Friday nights for basketball play, from 7 – 10 PM beginning January 15. Members and friends are invited to take part.

**FINANCIAL PEACE:** Have you struggled with debt? Are you finding it hard to stretch your finances to cover all the expenses and emergencies that arise? Are you unable to agree with your spouse when it comes to spending, saving, and investments?

There never seems to be enough! And if there is, we may not always be happy with the way our partner handles money! "Financial Peace University" is a nine-week course offered by your Church to help you with budgeting, managing debt, preparing for those unexpected emergencies, and knowing the sound investments any family should consider as they plan for the future. The course does not try to sell participants any investments or insurance, but helps you make your way through any confusion that can be created by your circumstances. *Financial Peace* is a DVD-driven course with an entertaining format by Dave Ramsey, popular speaker and teacher, helping participants understand how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** One of the roles for the Church is in the after-care for those who have suffered from substance abuse or been through treatment and are getting their lives restarted in a new direction. Too often, those who return from treatment fall back into the old patterns, not because they wanted to – but because they didn't find the support they needed to succeed. Celebrate Recovery allows the Church to become the "third place" in the lives of others, the place where everyone knows your name, that cares about you and loves you!

It is only in Jesus Christ that any of us find the power to make positive changes – and Jesus becomes the "Greater Power" in the 12-Step program with Celebrate Recovery!

There are some of you that God wants to use in this

outreach ministry! Maybe it's because you've had a terrible experience with addiction or because a family member or friend was lost to substance abuse, and you're now ready to be used by God to reach out to others. You are invited to attend the team meeting on Tuesday, January 19, for dinner at 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM for the lesson. Ed Peckham or Pastor Kevin can answer further questions that you may have.

**GREATER BARBOURSVILLE COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** The next meeting of the GBCO will be Monday, January 11, 7 PM

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet on January 14 at 1:00 PM in the parlor.

**THANK YOU:** What an awesome God we serve! Thank you for the many prayers, visits, cards and delicious food during Tim's surgery and recuperation. God has blessed us with a loving and caring church family. The Damron Family