

# Do Not Change The Message

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It is exciting to be a part of a growing congregation. Certainly we do not aim to be small, for our desire for Christ is to save as many people as possible. We must be careful, however, not to seek numbers at all cost. There are some brethren who seek to water down the pure gospel in an effort to have large numbers on the church rolls. We may change our methods of reaching the lost—concentrating on bussing instead of door-to-door campaigns or using television spots rather than radio sermons—but we cannot change the message in order to draw bigger crowds!

Paul said, “*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes ...*” (Romans 1:16). The gospel is good news. How can we seek to improve on God’s plan for saving lost man? Jesus said, “*I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself*” (John 12:32). Christ is the drawing power—His great love and sacrifice speaks for itself. Often we attempt to draw large crowds through high-powered speakers, entertainers, or psychology-based preaching. The saving power of Jesus must draw the unsaved to Him!

God wants faithful members of His church, not just large numbers of people inside a building. When Jesus looked upon the church at Sardis, He commented that only a few were still worthy of white robes (Revelation 3:5). He does not say how many others were in the Sardis congregation, but whatever their number, they were not faithful—they were compromising with the world.

God expects us to be faithful to Him. He desires faithful preachers who will be good stewards of the message He entrusted to their care (1 Tim. 1:11). Men who will obey the command to “*Preach the word*” and “*not avoiding to declare the whole counsel of God*” (2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 20:27).

God also desires faithful elders who will watch over the church to protect God’s children from false teachers who draw disciples after themselves (Acts 20:38). Elders must make sure their sheep are fed only the pure gospel.

Brethren, numbers are great and exciting, yet we must realize it is possible to have numbers but not be faithful to God. Let us not get caught in the trap of seeking numbers at all cost. Let us not make a god out of numbers, but seek to faithfully live and preach God’s word in order to please Him.

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**Sunday**  
Bible Class – 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship – 10:30  
Evening Worship – 6:00  
**Wednesday**  
Bible Study – 7:00 P.M.

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## Privileged To Serve

If you can not serve as assigned please contact  
Jerry Willis, James Burden, or Bobby Davis as  
early as possible.

### Sunday A.M. April 13

**Song Leader:** Rob Frederick

**Reading:**

Matt. 6:25-34 & Prayer Aaron Imel

1 Cor. 10:14-17 Kelvin Keath

**Prayer:** Jim Brown & Ray Johnson

### Sunday P.M. April 13

**Song Leader:** Doug Frazier

**Prayers:** James Cody & Jim Kelley

**Menifee Support:** The Smoots

**Foyer Assist :** Kym Yates

**Greeters:** P.Carpenter, K. Pendleton, P. Sutton

### Wednesday P.M. April 16

**Song Leader:** David Donaldson

**Prayer:** Ken Webb

**Devotional:** Gerald Ingram

### Sunday A.M. April 20

**Song Leader:** Marty Gillespie

**Reading:**

2 Cor. 9:6-10 & Prayer: Brackstan Duncan

Acts 2:38-42 Tommy Wills

**Prayer:** Vernon Tipton & Brent Wilson

### Sunday P.M. April 20

**Song Leader:** Mike Donaldson

**Prayers:** Allen Johnson & Tom Caudill

**Menifee Support:** Allen & Norma Jo

**Foyer Assist :** Bonnie Robinson

**Greeters:** G.D. Donaldson & The Robinsons

### Wednesday P.M. April 23

**Song Leader:** Doug Frazier

**Prayer:** Jerry Willis

**Devotional:** Doug Mansfield

### Serve Communion During April

Robert Garrett Rod Kendrick

Kenneth Donaldson Bill Gerstenecker

Michael Wills Kenney Gullett

Brian Highley (rear) Tom Tipton

**Close Building April:** G.David Donaldson

**Announcements April:** Charles Moore

## **Remember These In Prayer**

“The fervent prayers of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16

### **Members Sick or In Need of Prayers**

*Missy Roberts* continues to have health problems. Keep this family in your prayers. *Eureva Donaldson* saw the doctors in Indiana and her conditions remains about the same. Please continue to remember *Bettie Congleton* and *Gladys Fugate*.

### **Loved Ones and Friends**

*Elsie Evans*, mother of *Mike Evans*, remains in critical condition in the hospital in Frankfort. *Angela Dull*, daughter of *Gerald & Betty Vinson*, has pneumonia, asthma, and allergies. They would appreciate your prayers. *Frances Blevins*, *Monica Gilvin*'s grandmother, is in St. Joe MS.

# Welcome Home!

We are pleased to welcome *Steve and Ruth Lech* back to Mount Sterling and welcome them to our Rolling Hills family. Their address and phone number will be available when they get settled.

For the Record		
Budget: \$6800	April 6: \$8227	
Sunday	April 6	Last Year
Bible Class	182	205
Sunday Worship	335	481
Sunday Evening	204	155
Mid-Week Service	April 9	Last Year
Bible Study	175	180

**Potter Children's Home  
Commodities Program**  
Thank you to everyone who participated in this ministry.

Quarterly Financial Reports are available in the church office.

**Bible Camp Mattress Covers**  
If you took mattress covers to sew and have not brought them back please do so BEFORE May 1st.

**Mother's Day Bibles For Babies**  
Mother's Day is May 11th. Please submit the names of babies born into Rolling Hills families since last Mother's Day. Submit the name and birth date in written form (PRINTED please) to the office by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Visitation Group #2 will meet Sunday evening after worship.**

## **TEACHERS MEETING**

**Sunday, April 13th, 5:15 PM**

All Classroom and Bible Hour

Teachers are asked to attend a Teachers Meeting in the fellowship hall. If you are not currently teaching but have taught in the past or would like to teach or train to teach please come to this meeting on Sunday, April 13th at 5:15 PM.

Ladies Singing Night  
Monday, April 14, at 7 PM.  
Shelby Garrett will present the devotional. All ladies are invited to participate.

**The Elders Meeting/Dinner with the Women** of the congregation will be held on Monday, April 21st. If you plan to attend please sign up on the list located on the bulletin board.

**The Elders Meeting/Dinner with the Men** of the congregation will be held on Monday, April 28th. If you plan to attend please sign up on the list located on the bulletin board.

**The Area Wide Youth Rally** will be held on April 21st at 7 PM at the Fairfax congregation in Winchester. The topic is: "No Excuses!"

## **CHRIST—THE THEME OF THE BIBLE**

In GENESIS He is the Creator and Seed of Woman.  
In EXODUS He is the Lamb of God for sinners slain.  
In LEVITICUS He is our High Priest.  
In NUMBERS He is the Star of Jacob.  
In DEUTERONOMY He is the Prophet Like Moses.  
In JOSHUA He is the Captain of the Lord's host.  
In JUDGES He is the Messenger of Jehovah.  
In RUTH He is our Kinsman Redeemer.  
In SAMUEL He is the Despised and Rejected King.  
In KINGS and CHRONICLES He is the Lord of Lord and King of Kings.  
In EZRA and NEHEMIAH He is the Lord of Heaven and Earth.  
In ESTHER He is the Providence of God.  
In JOB He is our Risen and Returning Redeemer.  
In PSALMS He is the Blessed Man, the Son of God, the Coming One, The Reigning One, the Leader of Praise.  
In PROVERBS He is our Wisdom.  
In ECCLESIASTES He is the Forgotten Wise Man.  
In SONG OF SOLOMON He is the my Beloved.  
In ISAIAH He is the Suffering Substitute.  
In JEREMIAH He is the Lord of Righteousness.  
In LAMENTATIONS He is the Man of Sorrows.  
In EZEKIEL He is the Throne Sitter.  
In DANIEL He is the Smiting Stone.  
In HOSEA He is David's Greater King.  
In JOEL He is the Lord of Bounty.  
In AMOS He is the Rescuer of Israel.  
In OBADIAH He is the Deliverer upon Mount Zion.  
In JONAH He is the Buried and Risen Savior.  
In MICAH He is the Everlasting God.  
In NAHUM He is the stronghold in the day of Wrath.  
In HABAKKUK He is the Anchor of our Faith.  
In ZEPHANIAH He is the Judge and Cleanser.  
In HAGGAI He is the Lord of Presence and Power.  
In ZECHARIAH He is the Smitten Shepherd.  
In MALACHI He is the Sun of Righteousness.

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