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**How Do I Become  
A Member of the Lord's Church**

- Hear** God's Word: *Romans 10:17*
- Believe** Jesus is Lord: *Acts 2:36; John 3:16*
- Repent** of Your Sins: *Luke 13:3-5*
- Confess** Jesus as the Son of God: *Romans 10:9-10*
- Be Baptized** for the Remission of Sins: *Acts 2:38 & Romans 6:3-4*

**Sunday Morning**

Bible Classes 9:30  
Worship 10:30  
  
Devotional  
at Waterman 4:00 pm

**Sunday Evening**

Worship 5:00

**Wednesday Evening**

Bible Classes 7:00

**Church Office**

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To help celebrate our **85<sup>th</sup> Homecoming, October 1, 2017**, we would like to publish a cookbook, with not only recipes but with the history of the Mount Dora Church of Christ from the beginning starting in 1932 to our present time.

You may submit 2 recipes from your collection and one from a friend or family member that has passed away or moved away that once attended here. (a way to remember our loved ones). Categories are; Appetizers, Breakfast, Desserts, Main Dishes, Salad & Soups and Side Dishes.

Please print legible and give to Maggie or email to [mtdorachurch@gmail.com](mailto:mtdorachurch@gmail.com)  
The cook books will be professional printed and yours for a donation to cover the cost and help pay for pictures to be put on display before October 1, 2017. For more information please see Maggie. Deadline for turning in your receipts will be the end of December 2016.

Sept 18, 2016

**I Pledge Allegiance**

**Order of Worship**

Scripture Reading

**"Mark 10:46-52"**

Prayer

Song

Song

Communion Song

Lord's Supper

Song

Offering

Children's Worship

Song

Sermon- Bob Bliss

**"Was blind, but now,  
I see"**

Song of Encouragement

Prayer

Closing Song

Evening Service: 5:00

Worship Coordinator

Robert Thornhill

A certain professional football player decided to sit in protest during the playing of the National Anthem to call attention to certain injustices that he felt our country was not addressing. Since his protest didn't really have any religious or biblical connotation I was surprised that many "Christians" decided to weigh in on his protest. Some decided we Christians shouldn't try to shame this football player into "pledging allegiance to the empire."

During the expansion of the church from Acts 2 onward, the Roman Empire ruled. The Empire demanded absolute loyalty to their authority from each country. Each country demanded loyalty from its citizens as well. This loyalty was often pledged by attending a temple service and saying "Caesar is lord." In some countries this meant having a meal featuring meat sacrificed to an idol of one of their gods or to an idol of Caesar. In doing this, a citizen was proclaiming Caesar as a god. I think this why the churches in Asia are addressed in Revelation chapters two and three. They were struggling with the concept of loyalty to Rome and loyalty to Jesus. Some thought they could do both while others said no, loyalty to Caesar conflicts with loyalty to Jesus. The reason for this conflict is that loyalty to Caesar meant proclaiming him as god.

Paul wrote to the Roman church and told them to respect the authority of the government (Romans 13:1). He also said show respect to those who are in the government (Romans 13:7). Our pledge in America doesn't demand that we lift up our leaders as gods. It doesn't demand that we put our country before God. When we pledge allegiance to the flag and stand in respect for our National Anthem it is my belief that we are showing respect for God. We will all stand in judgment for our loyalties at the end of time.

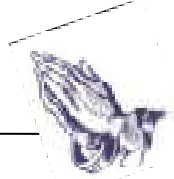
-Bob-

**Welcome Visitors**

You are our most honored guests. If we can serve you in any way or answer any questions you may have, please contact one of the Elders; Mike Carter or Gene Newton.

# This Week

# Prayer List



## Sunday Morning:

**Bible Study:** 9:30

- ◆ "Galatians" - adult class taught by Gene Newton in Auditorium.

**Worship Service:** 10:30

- ◆ Bob Bliss, Minister

**Sunday Afternoon:** 4:00

- ◆ Waterman Devotional: Singing to comfort and encourage others.

**Sunday Evening:**

**Worship Service:** 5:00

- ◆ Bob Bliss, Minister

**Tuesday Evening:**

- ◆ Sisters' Bible Study, at Pat Bliss' home at 6:30 pm

**Wednesday Evening:**

**Bible Study:** 7:00

- ◆ "The church of Christ" - adult class taught by Bob Bliss in Auditorium.

**Thursday Morning:**

- ◆ Ladies Bible Class: 10:30

## Pray For Our Church Family:

Betty Badley, Treva Childress, Jan Garnto, Betty Goins, Katherine Moss, Dot and George Pegues, J.M Pickren, Harry Plunkard, Mary Roberson, Larry Shyers, Pat Sides, Jerry Wagner, Lee Victorelli and Steve Watson.

## Hospital Updates:

Jerry Wagner is at home and improving daily.

## Shut-in's, Rehabilitation and Assisted Living:

Will Heflin: The Cove at Tavares Village  
Marcella Hudson: Home  
Mary Williamson: Home

## Our Loved Ones:

Harrison Thornhill, brother of Robert.  
Teresa Bennett, sister of Pat Anderson.  
Laurie, sister of Tina Watson.  
Vicki Pentecost friend of Jan Garnto.  
Mother of Andrea Carter.

## Remember our Troops and especially:

Edwin Dailey, nephew of Phillip Haskins.  
Jerred Durkovic, son of Steven Durkovic.  
Jeffery Hall, husband of Britney (Liles) Hall.  
William Lovelady.  
Brian & Jessica Wilson, granddaughter of the Thornhills.  
Christopher Williams, great-grandson of Janet Lindsey.

## Body Builders Change...

Due to our decrease in attendance, the need for Body Builders has also decreased. We will no longer meet on Monday mornings, we will meet for a few minutes after Wednesday night service. We do not send as many cards each week as we did so we will concentrate on making phone call. We will try to call most of the members who were not here Sunday and Wednesday. It will be 10-15 calls.

If you will come to room six after services I will give you the name of a member to call. There may also be a card or two to sign.

We will try this, and if another change is needed, we will do it. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

-Gene Newton-

Things to

# Remember

## September Birthday and Anniversary Celebration:

Dinner will be at the Mellow Mushroom in Mount Dora on Thursday, September 22 at 6:00. If you can attend please sign up on the bulletin board.

For more info see Kim Newton.

## Million Dollar Sunday:

On Sunday, September 25th we will have a special offering for the Eastern European Mission to help raise money to place Bibles and Biblical material in the public schools of Romania, Croatia and Ukraine.

## Congratulations Emma Kessinger:

Emma is a Junior at Umatilla High School and is also enrolled at LSSC. The Girls Soccer coach from Umatilla High School has chosen Emma to be the Varsity Speaking Captain for the 2016-2017 season. She was chosen for her Communication Skills and Academic Eligibility.

## Mary Gary has a new address:

You will find her letter to the congregation and her new address on the bulletin board.

*Happy Birthday*

September 18 - Brenda Matchett

# Youth & Family

## Teen Classes:

**Sunday Morning:**

"Ephesians"

**Wednesday Evening:**

"The Story"

## Children's Worship

Children will be dismissed to meet in the foyer after the offering. Please pick your kids up from the **Youth Room** after service.

## Volunteers Needed!

We need two people to help out once per month in Children's Worship. Our helpers are there mainly to encourage the children to stay focused and participate. If you can help or would like to know more, please see Damien.

## Park Day

Our next Park Day for our pre-school and elementary school children will be September 25<sup>th</sup> after morning worship. Bring a sack lunch and join us!

## Upcoming Events

Sept 25 - Park Day

## Acts 3:16 (NASB)

"And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him perfect health in the presence of you all."

# Our Goal

*"To glorify God in all we do."*

# Our Mission

*"To go to Heaven and take as many with us as possible."*

# For The Record

September 11, 2016

**Bible Study** 55

**AM Worship** 94

**PM Worship** 60

**Wed - 9/14** 49

## Contribution

\$3,174.

**Year to date avg.**

\$3,795.

## Goal

\$3,357.