



**A**fter a hiatus last week due to the weather, we continue in Matthew 6 with our series on the Sermon on the Mount. As a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the night sermon will be a little different (be prepared to sing!)

**IN NEED OF PRAYER :** **Rachel Bartley** is gradually getting stronger. **Jennifer Shaeffer** is continuing her treatments. **Roger Deckard** had a blockage in a small artery of his heart, but they are treating it with medication. He picked up a bug at the hospital and has to get over that as well. He is now doing better. **Connie Carter** has suffered some complications from her chemo treatments and is not feeling well. **Phyllis Dyer** is also under the weather. We are saddened at the passing of **Jessie Boyd Thompson**, brother to **Connie Carter**. **Kathy Kerr**, the aunt of **Gary Bartley**, **Mary Helen Bartley** and **Becky Wilkerson** also passed away this past week. Listen this morning for the funeral arrangements to be announced.

**Ladies Day:** Our Ladies Day will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Advertisements are out front. Many young ladies will be helping out on this, be looking for a large crowd.

**Preaching Class:** February is the month for learning more about presenting God’s word. We will have a class on lesson preparation and delivery open to all for no charge (if you want college credit for the course then there is a modest charge as you complete the course online). This class will be at Mt. Gilead on Tuesdays at 6pm.

**WORK LIST FOR JANUARY 31, 2016**

Announcements:	Michael McPherson	
Opening Prayer:	Timmy Hammer	
Closing Prayer:	Marshall Isenberg	
Scripture Reading:	Jeff Gerald	
Song Leader:	TBA	
Head Table:	Jarad Bartley	
Wait on Table:	Morris Scott	Gary Dyer
	Larry Copas	Wes Turner
Ushers:	Freddie Cornwell	Ray Cecil Lyon

**Another Reason We Need to Fast**

**We need to fast because we believe in restoring New Testament Christianity.** One of my biggest frustrations is inconsistency. If we are going to say we want to be the church of the New Testament, then fasting is a practice we must restore.

Jesus fasted (Matthew 4:2).

Jesus said His disciples would fast after He returned to heaven (Matthew 9:15).

Jesus gave instructions for fasting (Matthew 6:16-18).

The church fasted and prayed before sending missionaries out to preach the Good News (Acts 13:3).

The church fasted and prayed when appointing elders (Acts 14:23).

If we are truly going to be the church of the New Testament we must not only pray, we must fast as well.

I realize some people have medical conditions that make fasting impossible. And remember that you don’t have to fast for days or even 24 hours, you could simply skip a meal and spend that time devoted to prayer. And if you medically can’t fast from food at all, perhaps you could find other things from which to fast.

“But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you” (Matthew 6:17-18).  
Wes MacAdams

**FOLLOW-UP QUESTION ON FASTING:**

Is it okay to fast for dietary/physical reasons? Ans: Yes, it is okay, but don’t expect any specific blessing from God for doing so. None of the Biblical fasts were for such a purpose that I can think of. However, since a fast will generally have a good physical side-effect, fasting for that reason can’t be bad unless your doctor says no. --Tim

**Pantry Item:** more regular cut green beans

**Bible Bowl:** The Oak Hill Bible Bowl is March 5<sup>th</sup>. The text is on our website ([www.mtgileadchurch.net](http://www.mtgileadchurch.net)). We also have hard copies of the parables here at the church building.

**What Must I do?**

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

**Birthdays**

David	White	02/01
Mary Doyle	Clements	02/02
Mary Ruth	Emberton	02/02
Willodean	Geralds	02/02
Kayla	Murray	02/02
Halee Jo	Deckard	02/03
Heather	Ford	02/03
Brad	Harlan	02/04
Larry	Ford	02/06
Brian	White	02/06
Klaire	McPherson	02/07

**January 31, 2016**

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Schedule of Services:

**Sunday:** Bible Study... 9:30am  
Morning Worship...10:05am  
Evening Worship... 6pm

**Wednesday:** Bible Study... 7pm

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