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Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:30am  
Sun. Eve. 6:00pm  
Wed. Eve. 7:30pm

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**CHURCH PICNIC**

Everyone is invited to the church picnic at

**Overlook Park**

From **noon-6:00pm** on  
**Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

We will eat together at 12:00pm.  
Please bring food and place settings  
for your family and  
a food item for the sharing table.  
Water and coffee will be provided.  
The park has a ball field, tennis courts, a  
walking trail, a dek hockey rink, basketball  
courts and a jungle gym area.  
Plan on coming and  
joining in the fun and fellowship!

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** .....Church Picnic
- 26<sup>th</sup>** .....Promotion Sunday
- Sept 01<sup>st</sup>** .....Blood Drive–Details posted  
on the bulletin board
- 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** ...Keystone Christian Church  
Revival with David Jones
- 11<sup>th</sup>** .....Meetings – 6:30pm Elders  
7:30pm Board
- 15<sup>th</sup>** .....Work Day 8:00am-noon
- 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** ...Creative Crafters – **Scrapbooking**  
**Friday** 6:00-9:00pm  
**Saturday** 9:00am-noon
- 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** ...Fall Revival with Aaron Davis
- 29<sup>th</sup>** .....Revival Fellowship Meal 4:00pm

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**AND THE LORD ADDED** – Zebedee Marincic on July 29<sup>th</sup> and Colleen Cummings on August 05<sup>th</sup>, who were immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit. Please join in welcoming Zebedee and Colleen!

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**SYMPATHY OF THE CHURCH** – Is extended to Eric Rankin & family on the passing of Eric’s 77 yr old Father, Charles Rankin and to Judi Wiernik & family on the passing of her brother Ron Savitz. Please keep both of these families in your prayers.

**MONROEVILLE MESSENGER**

**Art’s Comments:**

**“IS THE ALMIGHTY GOD, THE CREATOR, STUPID OR NAÏVE?”**

I feel encumbered upon to share some thoughts that have bothered me for a long time. Just how dumb do some people think God is? Every child of God knows, or should know, that God is **ALL SEEING** and **ALL KNOWING**. Since this is a Biblical truth, why do some people think they can lie to Him and get away with it? Often we hear reasons why a Christian cannot be around the Memorial Table on the Lord’s Day. The Christian can go grocery shopping, can attend some fellowship, can attend a wedding, can go out to eat, can attend a graduation or do a dozen other things, but can’t be around the Lord’s Table as requested by our Lord. Here is a summary of God’s warnings from the Word of God, “Don’t come asking Me a favor when you treat Me like dirt”; “Don’t talk of your desire to be with Me and then you permit everything else, good and bad, to come before Me”; “Don’t try to justify lack of faithfulness by piling up words upon words”; “Don’t think I am like a human in knowledge”; “Don’t think I can be deceived”; And above all Christian, “Don’t think I will not call you into account someday”.

Do the words of God in Jeremiah apply to each reader?

*For they have turned their back to Me, and not their face.  
But in the time of their trouble they will say, ‘Arise and save us.’  
But where are your gods that you have made for yourselves?  
Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble;  
Jeremiah 2:27b-28a*

And how about *I Corinthians 3:19*

*For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.  
For it is written, “He catches the wise in their own craftiness”*

And how about this admonition to every Christian. You are not your own, you are bought at a price *I Corinthians 6:19c-20a*.

Such a Christian is in serious trouble. Well, what is such a Christian to do? (1) Obey Hebrews 10:25, “Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as some do”. (2) Quit trying to con ourselves, our friends and especially our God. (3) Every Christian needs to daily obey *I John 1:9 CONFESS OUR SINS*, since God is both faithful and just He promises to forgive and cleanse us.

As one great speaker once said, “To be saved it is just as important to hear God’s thunder as to enjoy His sunshine”. He Thunders, “All liars shall have their place in the lake of fire (Hell).”

I pray all is well with your soul and my soul.

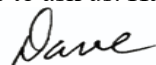
Love you,  
Art

## EVANGELIST'S MOMENT

### Back to School

Wow, it is already the middle of August. Many of our young people will be going back to college and school. Let's remember to pray for them daily and that each one continues to grow mentally, physically, emotionally, socially and most importantly spiritually. To our young adults that are going back to college remember to find a faithful Church of Christ to worship with every first day of the week. Check what the preachers and teachers are saying and make sure that it is matching up with God's word. If it isn't they are false teachers and you need to go somewhere else to worship. Don't support false doctrine and don't put your offering in the collection plate. If you do you are helping to support and spread false doctrine. If you want our Sunday sermons on CD please let me know and give me your address and I will get them sent to you. To all of our young people going back to school remember who you are. You are a Christian and a child of God. Do not love the world nor the things in the world. Be the salt and light that we are to be to this lost and dying world. Be a good example to those around you. Pray without ceasing and flee sinful activities. Draw near to God daily and He will draw near to you! Remember Satan is seeking whom he may devour, so be watchful and alert to your surroundings. Don't allow your friends to pressure you into sinful and questionable activities. If you doubt that something is right don't do it! Don't allow the teachers to put you down as a Christian, you have your rights under the constitution. Don't purposely fight your teachers and classmates, but remember to always confess Christ before men. Do not be ashamed of Jesus, His word or that you are a Christian. May God bless all of you, protect you and keep you safe under His powerful strong arms. If there is anything that Laura and I can do to help you please don't hesitate to ask us. Have a great day!

In His Service,



**P.S.** Remember our Church picnic at Overlook Park in Monroeville on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be eating at 12:00 followed by some good fellowship and fun. Plan on attending now.

**P.S.** Remember our blood drive on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at MCC and get registered now.

**P.S.** Remember our Fall Revival with Aaron Davis starting on Friday, September 28 at 7:30pm through Sunday morning the 30<sup>th</sup>. Saturday evening at 4:00pm we'll be having a Pot-luck dinner and at 6:00pm we will be having our second session with Aaron. Sunday morning for Bible School Aaron will preach again followed by our regular AM worship assembly. Aaron, Stephanie and their three boys will then have to leave to head home. Please clear your schedule and plan on being here for each session. Aaron is a great preacher and will encourage you with solid messages from God's word.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by  
**Monroeville Christian Church**  
From **9:00am to 2:30pm** on  
**Saturday, September 01<sup>st</sup>**

To schedule an appointment:  
Register online at [centralbloodbank.org](http://centralbloodbank.org)  
using group code **C5990034**

or  
Call Monroeville Christian Church at  
**412-373-3560**

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**Appointments recommended**  
**Walk-ins welcome**

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**PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION**  
**EAT WELL ~ STAY HYDRATED**  
**BRING ID**

**THANK YOU CARDS** – Posted on the bulletin board in the main vestibule from Cameron Clark, Karen Novak, Eric Rankin, Judi Wiernik and Covey & Nancy Wise.

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**BE SURE TO PICK UP A COPY** – The new Photo Directories are complete. **Please** one per family.

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### Following the Example of Paul

At the end of the third chapter of Philippians, Paul makes the following remarks, "Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again, even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body."

Paul begins with a plea to follow his example, the example of the other apostles, and the example of "all who live as we do." That is a tall order to follow! To live as Paul lived means to never give up—to never lose your joy. Paul exemplified service to Christ, giving us a glimpse of all that he went through at the end of 2 Corinthians 11. I have not known anyone in my lifetime who has experienced trials like Paul's.


He then reminds us of what we may witness from those who are our enemies simply because we choose to live for Christ. Those who are against Christ are headed toward destruction; they seek to satisfy the flesh and glory in shameful desires. They focus purely on earthly

gain. A faithful Christian must fight the temptation of falling into the same trap because he or she is no longer a citizen of this world.

Finally, Paul states the reason for why we should live as he did and why we should not live as the world: "We eagerly await a Savior." Christ is coming again! He will come with power and authority! We will one day rise to be with Him forevermore! What a great challenge from Paul. Life as a Christian will not be easy, and we too may shed tears as Paul did because there are so many enemies of the cross of Christ. However, one day it will be worth it all, so we must heed the charge and follow the example of Paul.

In His Service,  
Covey

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*"Shout for JOY to the LORD, all the earth....."*  
  
*Psalm 100:1*

There is beauty in the changing of the seasons, but the fall of the year seems to outshine all others as we see the colors in all their brilliance. It is a time of the year that tells us, there is a Divine Designer and a powerful Creator.

**Isn't it really a great time to be alive?**

Adding to the splendor of fall we have planned a Fall Revival. It's a special time of worship and fellowship as we look at reviving our souls. Your presence is so important to the success of the revival. Our speaker, Aaron Davis, comes with exceptional qualifications. We know you'll be glad you attended. We know those you invite to attend with you will also be blessed.