

Announcements & Prayer Requests

- Website is now live at hwy70church.com. Content still being added.
- Let's keep the following in our prayers:
 - Jimmy Woodall's brother Jack passed away last week. Please pray for him and his family.
 - Jimmy Woodall: Recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - Carol Jarabek: Recovering from foot surgery
 - John Wolfe: Early lung cancer diagnosis
 - Kim Self: Stomach ulcers and weekly Chemo treatments
 - Angie Self: Arthritis and Parkinson's
 - Joann Larkin: Advanced dementia
 - Barb Agee's son (James)
 - Bernida Wolfe's father: Dementia & Parkinson's; in hospice
 - Rick Parks' parents: Roy has prostate cancer; Helen has dementia
 - Jimmy Woodall's sister: Cancer
 - Dorothy Macon, Sandra Perez's grandmother: Dementia
 - Frank Wineinger, Sandra Perez's uncle: Stage 4 cancer

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear Gospel – Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:30-31
- Believe – Heb. 11:6; Mk. 16:16
- Repent of & Turn from Sins – Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess our Faith – Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32
- Baptism – Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith [Believe]**, having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience [Repent]** and our **bodies washed with pure water [Baptism]**. Let us **hold fast the confession [Confess]** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. – *Heb. 10:22-25*



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Invitation

'Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' – Mt. 22:9

Address

5080 Highway 70 East
Rockwood, TN 37854

Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship – 11:00 AM

Please text/email any announcements, questions, or concerns to Bill Fix, (865) 934-9239 or fix.bill@gmail.com

www.hwy70church.com

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We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and members. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let one of us know.

Adult Bible Class – Eph. 5:15ff

Sermon Topic – Salesmanship and the Gospel

Memory verse:

Exalt the LORD our God,
And worship at His holy hill;
For the LORD our God is holy. – *Ps. 99:9*

Let's Get Together

By Dan S. Shipley (PLAIN TALK, April 1974)

Maybe it's the fast pace of life, or it may be just plain indifference, but whatever the reason, it occurs to me that Christians are not having enough personal contact with each other. Many rarely see their brethren except at Bible class or worship. Surely we owe one another something more than our customary vestibule visiting and exchanging of parking-lot pleasantries, a sort of in-passing relationship that is mainly church-building oriented. Must we become old, infirmed, or unfaithful to warrant a visit from our brethren? Man is a social creature, ever subject to the influence of those about him. As evil companionships corrupt (1 Cor. 15:33), keeping good company can be profitable for all (1 Pet. 3:1; Mt. 5:6)—especially for Christians who will be what they ought to be to each other. And that simply means, “be kindly affectionate to one to another; in honor preferring one another” (Rom. 12:10).

Such love involves more than passive feelings toward other Christians. Christ alludes to deeper dimensions when he says, “even as I have loved you, ye also love one another” (Jn. 13:34). His love for the disciples was made **apparent** in what He did! So must ours. Such love is the mark of discipleship; its presence is observable and influential (Jn. 13:35). Therefore, the fullest expression of sincere and fervent love (1 Pet. 1:22) is impossible apart from some form of personal contact and association.

Consider, for instance, the admonition to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2). How does one bear who is not there? We may pray and sympathize from afar, but fulfilling the law of Christ in this area usually requires both heart and hand. Keeping in touch helps brethren to know when a helping hand is needed. But more than that, being together more means better communication between us; the kind where we confess our sins to one another (Jm. 5:16); where we admonish, edify, and exhort each other (Rom. 15:14; 14:19; Heb. 3:13). When the weak need to be encouraged (1 Ths. 5:14) or the sorrowed need to be comforted (1 Ths. 4:18), we need to be there. And even when no particular need is evident, our being there may mean more than we know. But we also must see our personal opportunities to serve the King by serving even the least among our brethren (Mt. 25:40) for we too must give account. Others cannot represent us in such service, we must be there.

Even if we cannot have the day by day association enjoyed by many of the early disciples, we can and ought to have more time for each other. So, let's get together!— for a home Bible study, for a meal, for coffee, or for just an old-fashion visit. For the sake of every benefit and blessing that can be given or received by kin in Christ being together, let's get together!

Fixating on What's Important: *I Need Your Help*

By Bill Fix

“I need your help.” Sometimes those four words are rather tough to say. We often don't want to admit that we can't do something totally on our own, or we don't want to “bother” others with our problems or needs. But when it comes to our work in the church, we're supposed to work together as we're all members of the one body (Rom. 12:4-5). You can't expect a pinky toe to complete all functions of the whole body all by itself. God didn't create us that way...

In what ways can we need the help of others? Or give help to others?

- Jn. 13:34 – A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- Gal. 6:2 – **Bear one another's burdens.**
- 1 Ths. 5:14 – Now we exhort you, warn those who are unruly, **comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak**, be patient with all.
- Jm. 5:16 – **Confess your trespasses one to another, and pray for one another**, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- Jm. 5:19-20 – Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that **he who turns a sinner from the error of his way** will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.
- Tit. 2:15 – Speak these things, **exhort, and rebuke with all authority**. Let no one despise you.

There are many other ways we can help, encourage, and edify one another. Here is perhaps a simple way you can help the church here. We just published our website at hwy70church.com. Darrell Austin has helped immensely by recording audio and video of recent sermons. I will be uploading those files, along with previous bulletins and articles, to the site this week. **Please review the site as soon as possible and give me your feedback.** What elements should be added or amended? Please let me know how we can make this site a more useful tool to spread the gospel in this local community (or online) and encourage one another.

I need your help.