

CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 1, 2024

Welcome to the Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study!

Invite a friend with
you to... **Y.E.A.H.**
(Youth Excited About Him)
**Wednesday nights in
the Church basement
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
Beginners – 4th grade



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Elders:
**Gary Cooper
Rick Gustin
George Schaffer**

Evangelist:
Dave Atchley, Jr.

Deacons:
**Doug Brown
Mike Gospodareck
Joshua Miller
Tim Peters
Derrick Richardson
Matt Wellman**

Services:
Bible School 9:00-9:50 a.m.
Sunday AM 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Sunday PM 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**SEEKING THE LOST
SENDING THE LIGHT
SERVING THE LORD**

HCC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 5, Sunday: Elders, Deacons & Evangelist Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

May 5-8: The Creation Truth Foundation presents *Dinosaurs, Design & Destiny* featuring the Museum of Earth History at the West Unity Church of Christ beginning at 6:00 p.m. each evening. See flyer for additional information.

June 2, Sunday: Mark your calendars...Robert Sullivan will be at Harlan at our evening service for a concert.

June 12, Wednesday: Matt Miller & Family from 1015 Thailand Ministries will be with us for the evening service.

June 16-21: CCYC

Campers: be sure to go online to www.ccycc.us and pre-register for camp! The pre-registration will let us know your T-shirt size and how many campers to plan on for classes and food. You will still need to fill out the regular registration form for camp. Camp is available for students between the ages of 8 and 18. See Mr. Atchley for more information. **HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR CCYC?**

July 10-13: CCFamCamp--HARLAN COOKS THIS YEAR ☺☺☺

July 22-25: Hillsboro Family Camp

August 4-7: Widga Didga Men's Camp

September 20-21, Saturday: Holmes Hill Church of Christ Youth Rally

October 19, Saturday: Bronson Church of Christ Youth Rally

October 20-23: Revival with Tony Sullivan

November 2, Saturday: Youth Rally at West Unity Church of Christ

November 9, Saturday: Camp Planning Meeting at Harlan

HCS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Registration open for 2024-2025!!! Please return registration forms to office by May 1.

May 13, Monday: Last day of school for Pre-K and K. Kindergarten Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

May 16, Thursday: All School Field Day for grades first-high school

May 17, Friday: Last day of school for first-high school

***Deadline to order yearbooks

Parents are welcome to attend the last day activities for grades first-high school beginning at 8:00 a.m. with Bible Bowl and Awards Ceremony

Dismissal at end of program (approximately at 9:15 a.m.)

Dress code: chapel attire

End of fourth-nine weeks/End of second semester

May 18, Saturday: High School Graduation at 11:00 a.m.

Heather Beerbower	Elijah Goins	Mason Murphy Verschure
Tristen Comer	Natalie Miller	Ben Troyer
Katie Fehman	Noah Miesle	Gabby Wellman

HCC YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

Thursday, May 2: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study @ YG Loft

****Thursday, May 23:** 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study @ YG Loft--Welcome new YG members!!!

Saturday, June 1: 7:00 a.m. Kings Island Road Trip

Thursday, June 6: 7:00-8:30 a.m. Bible study @ YG Loft

Thursday, June 27: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study @ YG Loft

HARLAN FOOD PANTRY

WCCH FOOD

LEG-UP MINISTRY

PRAYER LIST

New Additions and Updates

Paula Atchley	Alexis Eakright	Pam Hostetler	Hal Rogers
Travis Bell	Thomas Gospodareck	Holly May	Courtney Schaffer
Raymond Carey	Rick Gustin	Dave McClish	Ron Schmidt
Haley Cassaday	Carson Hampton	Poppy McKinley	Lila Stauffer
Matt/Elaine Cobbs	Mickilu Henry	Derrick Richardson	Jerry Willman
Hiawatha Daugherty	Sommer Hill	Jason Rister	

Spiritual

New Christians USA	Benson Amole Lumika Simon	Asinja Muthoma Samantha & Dave Waikel	Mariah Tucker
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Mission

Harlan Church of Christ	CCYC	GIJAPA	Uganda
Harlan Christian School	CCFamCamp	Leg-Up Ministry	WCCH
1015 Thailand Mission			

Health

Marlene Atchley	Nell Haynie	Cassidy Myers	Tom Roth
Darlene Cole	Benjamin Iannetti	Debbie Peer	Candy Wellman
Don & Emma Cooper	Rollie Johnson	Will Robinson	Melissa Wiehe
Norma Gustin	Tommy Johnson	Sally Roddy	
Bernie Hart	Marybeth McClish	Pam Spangler	

Cancer

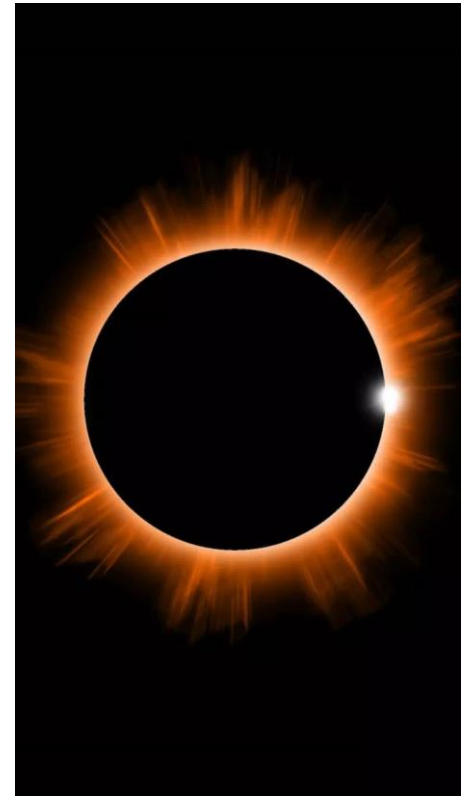
Marc Baker	Jasmin Hartman-Carpenter	Judy Raines	Melanie Williamson
Zoe Carlisle	Blas Jasso	Arlene Repine	J. V. Wells
Ron Fumarolo	Judy Jay	Fran Rister	
Gale Gerber	Dawn Payton	Dwight Savage	
Laura Girard	Kay Radloff	Steve Slawinski	

Military &

<u>First Responders</u>	Rob, Kathy, Conroy & Autumn Cooper, Austin Snyder, Hayden Cains, Landon Campbell, Boyer Gonwick	Andrew Peters
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Employment

Deana Hicks



Unapproachable Light

In his book, *Disappointment with God*, Philip Yancey relayed that once, as an experiment, the great scientist Isaac Newton stared at the image of the sun reflected in a mirror. The brightness burned into his retina, and he suffered temporary blindness. Even after he hid for three days behind closed shutters, still the bright spot would not fade from his vision.

"I used all means to divert my imagination from the sun," he writes, "But if I thought upon him, I presently saw his picture though I was in the dark."

If he had stared a few minutes longer, Newton might have permanently lost all vision. The chemical receptors that govern eyesight cannot withstand the full force of unfiltered sunlight.

Recently during a recent solar eclipse, observers were warned to be sure to wear the proper eyewear to view the eclipse. Looking directly at the sun causes irreparable damage. An eye doctor explains why one should never look directly at the sun by giving this analogy:

"Think of a magnifying glass that a child might use to burn holes in a piece of paper. When the rays of the sun focus on one single point, they create a lot of energy. The eye's lens is about four times as powerful as that of a typical magnifying glass. When you take a lens that is that powerful and point it directly at the sun, it creates energy strong enough to literally burn a hole in the retina."

Consider God in terms of the bright light of the sun. The Apostle Paul extolls the greatness of God: "He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who alone has immortality, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Whom no one has ever seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen" (1 Timothy 6:15-16 ESV). Perhaps Paul was reflecting upon his experience when he (called Saul at that time) was going to Damascus to find and persecute Christians. "Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him" (Acts 9:3). Saul fell to the ground as He was confronted by the risen Christ. When he arose, he opened his eyes but could see nothing; he was blind. Was it because he had seen the Son in the glory of His unapproachable light? Yet Saul in his blindness "saw" some things for the first time: he "saw" Jesus for who He was – the Messiah, the Son of God. He also "saw" his sin and his dire need for salvation.

Saul learned the Good News: God, who dwells in unapproachable light, approached us through His Son Jesus. He sent Jesus to die for our sins on the cross so that we can be forgiven and dwell with Him (John 3:16). Our holy God is also a God of love. Even though we – like Saul – have offended the holiness of God with our sins, He loves us so much that He has made provision through His Son to be reconciled to Him (Ephesians 1:7).

God will cleanse from sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9). Consider the glory of God and His Son Jesus. The glory of God will cause us to become painfully aware of our sinfulness, but it should also draw us to Him because of the greatness of His redeeming love.

-- David A. Sargent