

## A Unique Opportunity

### Jobs

Peter's message to "be subject" rolls out of the realm of politics and into the realm of jobs. Many moderns have balked at what seems to be Peter's complacency concerning workplace injustices. Elsewhere, Paul tells slaves to obey their masters (Eph. 6:5) as if condoning slavery. "Why this tolerance? Didn't Christ teach that *all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights?* Aren't we supposed to picket and protest, demanding our rights and the rights of our neighbor?" These are great questions that cannot be adequately answered here in a short article. But, I wonder if our immediate impulse to demand our rights comes more from Jefferson than it does from Jesus.

Here's what Peter says to those "elect exiles" after admonishing them to be subject to even one as suspect as the Roman Emperor:

**"Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect,  
not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing,  
when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly."**

1 Peter 3:18-19

Most of us work in environments that are a little more employee-friendly than the environment Peter's audience knows. Not many of us refer to ourselves as "servants" or "slaves" nor to our bosses as "masters." Nonetheless, most of us work within some hierarchy of employment, having someone above us, someone telling us what to do, someone watching us, and someone to whom we're accountable.

And here's the sad truth: not many of us work for gentle, kind, and caring people. Sometimes bosses are not the most mature or admirable people. Bosses might be lazy, demanding, dishonest, crass, or greedy, all the while making a lot more money than those under them who oftentimes work harder than they do. Many of our work environments and situations are simply unjust, as they were in Peter's day.

Peter looks onto the world of unjust jobs and sees *a unique opportunity*. His initial impulse is not to picket and protest, nor is it to quit (though, there are times those actions are appropriate), but instead he tells these mistreated servants to "endure sorrow," as if to say, "As a Christian, you have a more important job than your job to do." As Christians, wherever we work, our primary job is to work in such a way that follows the example of Christ and points those around us to the Gospel.

-Matt



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## OUR SHEPHERDS

LEADER FOR FEBRUARY:

DON SANDLIN

Mickey Cox	501 288 0077
Dannie DuLaney	501 412 4337
Larry Pruitt	501 529 0080
Greg Richey	870 565 3454
Dick Robertson	501 288 0313
Don Sandlin	501 882 9225
Grant Sandlin	501 288 2569

Our Shepherds meet in prayer every Sunday morning @ 8:00 AM and Monday evenings @ 6:00 PM. If you have any need, please call and set up a time that is good for you.

### MINISTER

Matt Love 501 288 4070

### YOUTH MINISTER

Logan Thompson 423 306 0034

### SECRETARY

Joan Nickleson 501 858 8520

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening	5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 PM
3rd Sunday Small Groups	5:00 PM
Fifth Sunday	No Evening Service

INTERPRETER AVAILABLE  
FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

### Last Week's Record

Sunday Bible Classes	157
Morning Assembly	280
Sunday Evening Worship	83
Wednesday Evening Worship	132
Contribution	\$5934
Weekly Budget	\$5584



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## ORDER OF ASSEMBLY

Family Concerns & Prayer

Scripture Reading

*Songs & Spiritual Praise*

The Lord's Supper

Giving Back

(2-4 y/o dismissed to classes)

*Songs & Spiritual Praise*

Message from the Word

*Invitation Song*

Closing Prayer

### OUR DEACONS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS

Keith Burns	501 941 4860	Grounds/Maint.	*	Ian Cherry	479 595 3657	Family
Ray Gunter	501 288 4557	Fellowship	*	Brian Hirscheider	501 412 3797	Worship
Mark Johnson	501 288 4075	Hospitality	*	Jacob Landrum	870 476 7569	Educ: 0-6gr
Mark Lane	501 288 2874	Finance	*	Eric Pruitt	501 940 2098	Visitation
Micah Reynolds	501 827 5133	Missions	*	Todd Rodgers	501 626 3166	Seniors
Justin Shipp	501 259 2149	Service	*	Warren Spillman	501 388 4307	Involvement
		Jeff Wisdom	501 288 1731	Tech/Comm.		

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS**

19 – Small Group Sunday  
 24-25 – Shepherds Conference-Pleasant Valley  
 24-26 – 7ups CHRISTeens  
 26 – Beebe Retirement Center 2pm  
 26 – Jail Ministry

**FEBRUARY 2017**

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

**MARCH 2017**

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

5 – Housing Authority  
 5 – Jail Ministry  
 12 – Jail Ministry  
 14 – Senior Sisters 10:30am  
 19 – Small Group Sunday  
 26 – Beebe Retirement Center 2pm  
 26 – Jail Ministry

**✂SIMPLE SUPPERS✂**

Good food & great fellowship guaranteed!! 5:30pm each Wednesday, we will have a simple supper to help our busy families. Donations of \$5 per person or \$10 per family is appreciated. The menu this week is **Olive Garden Salad & Cavitini.**

**Those Who Serve All Month – February**

**Communion Preparation**

Polly DuLaney Nancy Wisdom Kelly Woods

**Communion Ushers**

Brian Hirscheider Micah Reynolds  
 Tim Nickleson Keith Burns  
 Jeff Wisdom Jacob Landrum  
 Skip Hartsell Mark Lane

**Those Who Serve THIS WEEK Feb 19<sup>th</sup> through Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeter**

Polly DuLaney

**Prayer & Announcements**

SUN AM Ann & Opn Prayer/PM Close PM Opening Prayer AM Closing Prayer  
 Larry Pruitt Small Group Greg Richey

**Singing**

Wednesday Devotional Wednesday  
 Jacob Landrum Dick Robertson

**Nursery**

AM PM  
 Brandi Roller Robbie Williams Small Group

**Those Who Serve NEXT WEEK Feb 26<sup>th</sup> through Mar 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeter**

Mackye Sandlin

**Prayer & Announcements**

SUN AM Ann & Opn Prayer/PM Close PM Opening Prayer AM Closing Prayer  
 Don Sandlin Warren Ray Grogan Dannie DuLaney

**Singing**

Wednesday Devotional Wednesday  
 Tracy Nickleson Mickey Cox

**Nursery**

AM PM  
 Nona Richey Ava McClure Mackye Sandlin

If you are unable to serve, please contact Brian Hirscheider @ 501 412 3797

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP**

**Congregational Work** project sign up list is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a project you'd like to help with, and feel free to attend to it at your convenience.

**Warren Spillman**, our involvement deacon, wants to create a welcome packet for new members. Please let him know if you would like to help put this together or have ideas of what would be helpful to include.

**Justin Shipp**, our service deacon, has created some service information sheets for us to complete. There are blank forms on the foyer table along with a tray in which to place the completed forms.

**We need more volunteers** to help with worship services and the children's Bible hour on Sundays. See **Brian Hirscheider** if you can help with any of these services.

**Brandi Roller** is putting together a video of 'A Look Back at 2016'. To help, please send any digital photos/videos to her at b.roping.roll@gmail.com.

**Small group Sunday** is today, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Group #2 will meet at the building. Please look at the list on the bulletin board if you are unsure of which group you are in.

A **Ladies fellowship** has been planned for **February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the fellowship hall. Bring \$10-\$15 for fellowship and a fun activity. Wear comfortable old clothing. See **Nona Richey** for more information.

**Directories will be ready SOON!**

See other notes & events posted on our bulletin boards.

**CELEBRATE & PRAISE! ANNIVERSARIES**

Derrell & Debbie Cox Feb 14  
 Roger & Norma Haynes Feb 17

**BIRTHDAYS**

Carol Shadell Feb 9  
 David Kendall Feb 16  
 Jena Pruitt Feb 18  
 Tom Click Feb 19  
 Donna Sandlin Feb 21  
 Jacob Landrum Feb 22  
 Logan Thompson Feb 24  
 Lisa Hirscheider Feb 26  
 Easton Johnson Feb 28  
 Donna Sandlin Feb 28  
 Diane Shores Feb 28  
 Keith Burns Mar 3

**FANCY FEAST @ THE ROBERTSON'S 2017**



**TUPS NEWS & NOTES**

Weekly activities:

- Sunday 3:15pm Book Club
- Monday 3:30pm Bible Study
- Thursday 7:00am Prayer Breakfast.

**CHRISTeens 2017** is in Russellville February 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.

The **7ups** are collecting donated items for a rummage/yard sale, scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to help offset costs of 7up events & mission trips. Please talk to **Logan** about donating items or leave any usable items outside **Logan's** office. If you have large or heavy items, we will pick them up.

**NEW FAMILY MEMBERS**



**Talor & Griffin** Glaude would like it to be known that they are officially a part of this church family. Their address is:  
 302 East Mississippi Street  
 Beebe, AR 72012



**Ben & Belinda Williams** placed membership Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Their address is:  
 122 Alisha Lane  
 Searcy, AR 72146



**Nataleigh Lindsey** was baptized Wednesday night.

**WELCOME, VISITORS!  
 WE ARE HONORED THAT YOU ARE HERE WITH US.**

Please complete a visitor's card and stop by our visitors' booth to sign our registry.

**✂PRAY WITHOUT CEASING✂**

**Logan Thompson** had a gum transplant February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Tommy Thompson, Logan Thompson's** 89-year-old grandfather, who fell, broke his hip and had surgery December 10<sup>th</sup>, went home from rehab February 16<sup>th</sup>. Prayers please for a smooth transition and continued recovery. He lives in Johnson City, TN.

**Nathan Jackson**, 39-year-old nephew of **Joe & Jacque Gaskins**, who had a massive heart attack in September, will be returning back to their home in Horseshoe Bend on March 3rd. His stay at Timber Ridge has been a blessing. They are ready to be together again as a family and start living their new normal.

**Jerry Foshee** was seen by his doctor last Monday to get the results of the PET scan that was done the previous week. Jerry was told there is **no other cancer was seen** aside from the small area on his intestine. The doctor will not do surgery now and will begin **Jerry's** treatment with 3 rounds of chemo followed by radiation therapy. A port will be placed Wednesday so he can begin his chemo.

**Eddie Kirby, Joan Nickleson's** brother, was placed on hospice February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Pauline Mason, Brandi Lindsey's** grandmother, has fluid on her heart and had a pace maker implanted February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**✂KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS✂**

... the family **Janice Kirkland, Kelly Landers's** grandmother who passed away February 7<sup>th</sup>.

... **Ann Marie Lloyd** has recurring brain cancer.

... **Teetsie LeBouef**, 88-year young great-grandmother to **April Picou**, may have colon cancer. She had a double mastectomy 9 years ago. She lives in Chauvin, Louisiana

... Pray that **Mary Ruth Grogan continues** to improve after her fall.

... **Scout Rodgers**, a local young lady who is battling cancer, and is mid-way through another round of chemo treatments. She will be transferred to St Jude's for a bone marrow transplant soon.

... **Beth Forbes's** brother-in-law, **Claude Garner**, as he goes through further testing for intestinal cancer in Houston.

... **Theresa Finley Mason, Joe Bill Finley's** daughter, who has begun treatment for breast cancer.

... **Reva Neideck, Eva Hall's** sister, who has resumed chemo treatment for recurring cancer.

... **Bob Clark, Susan Grogan's** brother in Alaska, who had a tumor on his brain, and surgery November 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a malignant tumor and very fast growing.

... **Ernest Fuller**, husband to **Irene**, who came home from the hospital December 7<sup>th</sup> with recurring haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH).

... **Jack Cauley**, an 11-year-old nephew of **Larry & Jena Pruitt**, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

**✂ OUR SHUT-INS & MILITARY ✂**

<b>Home</b>	<b>Rehab or</b>	<b>Military</b>
Shirley Beaumont	<b>Nursing Home</b>	Joseph Gaskins
Harold Culwell	Opal Burns	Jeremy Hankins
Charlene Smith	Jim Davidson	Brandon Johnson
Lyvonne Smith	Owen May	
Waymon Hammons	Odell Hammond	

**✂ REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES ✂**

Roy Merritt	Zambia	Africa
Emily Nutt	Burkina Faso	Africa
Neil Reynolds	Ark Tech / Student Center	Arkansas
Jones Family	Burrell Boom & Flowers Bank	Belize
Randy Gardner	Upper Valley Church of Christ	Vermont

The most current reports and pictures are posted on the 'Missions' bulletin board.