



**SUNDAY AM MARCH 8, 2015**

Announcements.....Jeff Hale  
Prayer.....Jeff Hale  
Song Leader .....Rick Harrell  
Communion .....Adam Guthrie  
Server .....Eddie Stewart  
Server .....Matt Stubbs  
Server .....Billy Bowles  
Prayer.....Chad Smith  
Scripture .....Jonathan Wilson  
Lesson .....Deland Guthrie  
Closing Prayer .....Matt Stubbs  
Nursery.....Brenda Fletcher  
Foyer Monitor .....Jonathan Wilson  
Greeters.....  
Lock Building.....Jonathan Wilson

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE**

Song Leader .....Jimmy Spivey  
Prayer.....Matt Stubbs  
Communion .....Adam Guthrie  
Lesson .....Deland Guthrie  
Closing Prayer .....Billy Bowles

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2015**

Song Leader .....Rick Harrell  
Prayer.....Chad Smith  
Lesson .....Matt Stubbs

**Gospel Plan of Salvation**

Hear the Gospel  
Romans 1:16 Romans 10:15-17

Believe the Gospel  
Mark 16:15-16

Repent of Your Sins  
Acts 3:19 Acts 17:30

Confess Christ as the Son of God  
Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins  
Acts 2:38 Galatians 3:27

Live Faithful  
Revelation 2:10

Study the Word  
2 Timothy 2:15

**For the Record**

Bible study----- 33  
Worship  
Sunday morning----- 53  
Sunday evening----- 32  
Contributions----- \$1885  
Wednesday evening ----- 18

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# Family Matters

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## The Great Love of God

Did you know that God loves and cares for you today? Since creating humans God has never stopped loving humanity. Paul teaches that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Rom.8:38-39). We must understand that God never fails on his part. Humans make the decision to turn away from God. For example, Adam and Eve had everything they needed with only one restriction. They were commanded not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17). But, what did they do? They turned to their own desires and sinned by eating from the forbidden tree. God created us with a free will and he wants us to choose to love and serve Him (Josh. 24:15). By examining the Book of Judges, you will learn that during prosperous times God’s people kept turning away from him and worshiping idols. When troublesome times came, they would repent and turn back to the living God by praying for deliverance. Consistently, God would have mercy on them and deliver them from their troubles. However, at one point, God was growing weary of his children falling away and told them to call on their idols to deliver them. But, they confessed their sins and they truly repented, putting away their idols and began to serve God once again. Due to God’s great love, he could no longer endure their misery so he delivered them once again (Judg. 10:12-16). God’s demonstration of love and mercy toward those who truly repent and serve Him should comfort and encourage us.

The greatest love that God showed for humanity was when he gave his best for us even though we did not deserve it (Rom. 5:8-9). Jesus says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (Jn. 3:16). Jesus came into this world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15; Lk. 9:56). God desires everyone to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). What is truth? It is the

Word of God (Jn. 17:17), which is able to set you free (Jn. 8:32), and save your soul (Jas. 1:18-21). The Word of God supplies us with everything we need to be complete (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and gives us all the things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). The Word of God has been put to the test by people in regards to its accuracy in history, science, math and its overall consistency. No matter how hard humans have tried to disprove the Bible, it has stood the test of time. The Bible is an amazing book. The Bible was written by about 40 inspired authors over a period of 1600 years on three different continents and in different languages. Yet the Bible stands in complete harmony with itself. The same cannot be said about any other book that humans have written because the Bible is the Word of God. In fact, there is a great deal of scientific foreknowledge in the Bible that people could not possibly have known during that time unless God had told them. For instance, the earth is round (Is. 40:22). There is an empty space in the north without a single star to be found which is a recent discovery, yet Job knew long ago (Job 26:7). The water cycle was not understood until the sixteenth century, yet God mentioned it long ago (Eccles. 1:7; Job 36:27-29). It wasn't until the 1800s that people started having the ability to explore the depths of the ocean, yet God speaks about the depths of the ocean and mountains being there (Ps. 33:7; 2 Sam. 22:16; Jonah 2:6). So, there should be no doubt that we possess the Word of God today. We should take it very seriously and study it to discover what our Creator wants from us. He wants us to study His Word (2 Tim 2:15), grow in knowledge (2 Pet. 3:18), obey his commands (1 Jn. 5:3; Jn. 14:15), believe in His Son (Jn. 8:24), repent (Lk. 13:3), confess Jesus as Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38) and live a faithful life until death (Rev. 2:10).

In Christian love,

The Lone Grove Church of Christ

## Announcements

- ❖ CONGRATULATIONS LAURA GUESS –  
BAPTIZED FEBRUARY 20, 2015
- ❖ Ladies Bible class Tuesday mornings @ 10 am
- ❖ March 16 ~ **6:30 pm** ~ “Struggle Seek Grow” ~ Ladies Bible class  
Please see Sharon for details.

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## In our Prayers

Dorothy Meeks, Wanda Deweese, Ruth Starling, Johann Sluss, Ray Norvell, Morris Copeland, Marsha Swain, Charles White, Haden Vinsen, Irene Horne, Wanda Hamm, Addison Johnson, Glenda Hyatt, Bob Myers, Beverly Strange, Wisenbaker family

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## Area Meetings

- ♥ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Leaderettes Luncheon – March 21 @ 9 am - Dasher church of Christ – All ladies are invited – Notice on bulletin board
- ♥ Gospel Meeting – Forrest Park church of Christ-March 22-25-Justin Rogers- Times posted on bulletin board in hallway
- ♥ Spring Revival – Redland church of Christ-March 22-25- Jason Chesser-Times posted on bulletin board in hallway

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## *Weekly Bible Verse*

**2 Thessalonians 2:11-12** New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, <sup>12</sup> that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.