

**TIME OF SERVICES**

**Sunday:**  
Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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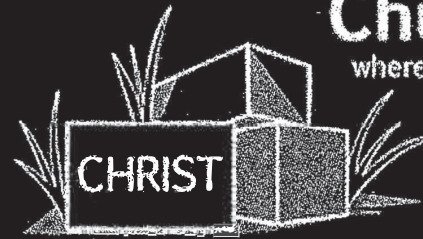
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MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS  
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COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE  
NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.**

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where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone  
1 Peter 2:7



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**The Moon Us Our Friend**



**Truly, the heavens declare the glory of God** (Ps 19:1). We became more intrigued by the moon since man walked on it in 1969. And even more so with the recent eclipse of the sun, in which the moon played an important role. There is no air, water, or life on the moon. God had other plans for it.

1. **It gives us light at night.** It reflects light from the sun. How clever was that by our Intelligent Designer! It has to be at just the right place to do that. When you consider the vast amount of space out there, what are the odds of it being exactly where it needs to be?
2. **It is a way to measure time.** As it circles the earth it gets separated from the sun. The sun's light is then blocked by the earth casting a shadow on the surface of the moon. Som every month the moon seems to disappear shortly, but it's still there. The moon is there even during the day when it's hard to see. The moon changes from completely dark to completely light every 29 days. We can keep trace of the month just by watching the moon.
3. **It causes the oceans to move.** As it moves around the earth, the moon's gravity pulls on the seas and causes them to rise and fall. We call this ocean tides. These tides help the oceans to circulate. That movement is necessary to maintain life in the seas.

The depth of craters and variations in color of rocks on the moon make it appear that the moon is smiling – an added bonus. It's our friend!

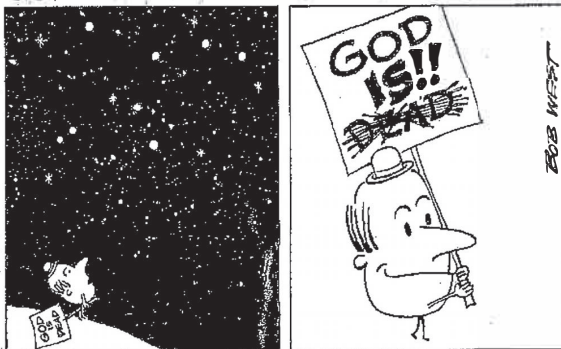
Yes, the heavens declare the glory of God. -db

## You Can't Make It Alone

Have you ever tried to seesaw all alone? It's just one big down with no ups. It reminds me of Ecclesiastes. "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Ec 4:9-12).

Little wonder then, that God made local churches and wants you to be a member. "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 10:24,25).

If you are not a Christian, you cannot make it alone. Or, maybe you're a spiritual dropout. Have you surpassed your fellow Christians so that you no longer need them? Don't fool yourself. Just remember what it's like trying to seesaw all alone: It's all downs and no ups. (When the editor was preaching at Northside we had one-minute sermons on KFIN. This was one of them. You can read it aloud in one minute if you read it fast. Let me know if you tried it!)



Spring is the sprouting season but wild oats grow all year long.

It is always best to take what God has spoken than what so-called "scholars" say He meant.

## News/Notes/Quotes.

**THE SICK.** ... Linda Ladyman had a stroke last week and has been in ICU at St. Vincent's in Little Rock. Prayers are really needed... Karla Morgan has been suffering from gall bladder issues... Angel Stubblefield has a broken jaw and will need to have oral surgery... Mike McFarland is better after dealing with Covid and bronchitis... Cherilyn had an ablation and is doing well... Lynissa Davis is still having more tests. Hopefully they will learn something from this one... Karen Livesay and Autumn Lampkin are still dealing with migraines ... Debbie Spencer is still taking injections for our back pain. This involve trips to Little Rock... Remember to pray for Chloe Humblet is back home and wrote a nice note to the congregation. John posted it in an email... Several times we have mentioned friends and relatives of the members here as needing our prayers. Let's remember all those who continue to undergo health challenges... **Shut-ins:** Rhea Vines (at Roger's house)... Rita Kieffer, St. Bernard Village, ... Shirley Coots, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... Karen Livesay at home... Joyce Riley at St. Elizabeth's Place... Jean Evans at home... Betty Shrable at Ridgecrest, room 304... Pray for these!

**BEREAVED.** Several here remember Ryne Kimbrough and supported him in the Breaking Bonds program. Ryne's grandfather, Jerry Kimbrough, passed away last week and the funeral was conducted Friday at Southside, near Batesville. Prayers for the family.

### GOSPEL MEETINGS

June 22 – Ladies' Bible Study (three speakers) – 9a.m. -12 noon

July 21-25 – StoneRidge – VBS!

**PODCAST** John Mundy – Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. On Facebook & YouTube.

**GROUP MEETINGS.** May 18. Group 1 – 6 pm at the Mellows; Group 2 5:30 pm at the Lands.

*Untold thousands are lost almost every day – untold!*

*We need more men with more "bone" in their backs and less "bone" in their heads.*