

A Healthy Church!

A nice or new building doesn't make a church a healthy church. Big numbers of people don't make a church a healthy church. Big budgets don't make a church a healthy church. So what does make a healthy church? What does a healthy church look like? Here are some traits of a healthy church ...

- 1. Healthy churches talk about Jesus all the time. Their main focus isn't their building, their budget or their bottom line, it's Jesus. Healthy churches don't need gimmicks, they have Jesus. He's at the center of everything they do and teach. You cannot over teach/preach Jesus. He IS the message.
- 2. Healthy churches are intentional in making disciples. Jesus said, "Go and make disciples..." and that's the goal of a healthy church. Too many times, churches are guilty of simply making believers and not continuing to make those believers into disciples.
- 3. Healthy churches involve people. Healthy churches don't have 10% of the people doing 90% of the work. You've got to incorporate and involve people. Let them know they are needed.
- 4. **Healthy churches use the Bible**. It's the best book ever. It's full of answers for people's lives. When we teach the bible, we must teach about relationship not just facts. Knowing Jesus and having a relationship with him WILL get you to heaven. We must teach the bible.
- 5. Healthy churches put a BIG focus on children. Children are the future. You cannot put too much emphasis on the youth and children. VBS, bible classes, youth functions and youth ministers are all valuable assets in reaching, teaching and raising youth.
- 6. Healthy churches teach the Bible in a way people can understand. A lesson taught or preached without any application is a great mistake. People must be challenged. People need practical lessons that will help in their daily lives. God didn't make the bible difficult, so churches don't need to either.
- 7. Healthy churches open their arms and lives to others. Healthy churches know that there are times when physical needs are more important than spiritual needs. As the old saying goes, "People don't care about what you know, until they know how much you care." The church is not just about learning Christianity, it's about LIVING like Christ. Church isn't about what you do on Sunday during worship, but about how you love others in your community during the week.
- 8. Healthy churches are actively involved in outreach. One of the traits of a healthy church is they are always looking for ways to reach out to the lost around them. Dying churches make no effort to reach their community around them. Unhealthy churches have r placed the great commission of "Go into all the world" with "The lights are on, come if you want." A healthy church's mission is to share the good news anyway they can.
- g. Healthy churches have leaders who lead. Churches will take on the personality of the leadership. If the leadership is passive and unwilling to set an example of the things mentioned above ... the church will follow. But when a leadership stands up and goes to work, you watch, so will the church. Unhealthy church leadership is more concerned with being comfortable and keeping people happy, than discipleship.
- 10. Healthy churches have an atmosphere where people will want to bring their unchurched friends. I don't know how many times I've heard in the past, "The last place I wanted to bring my friend was to church, because I knew someone would say something to embarrass them or me." How sad. The church needs to be a safe environment where people know they can bring family or friends.

(thoughts from article "10 traits of a Healthy Church" by T.Morgan)



July 30th, 2023

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.

Bible Classes Following

Afternoon Worship 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

All services are live streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages

Daily Bible Readers 55 Bible Class Lesson 46

<u>Isaiah's Call</u>

Our item for this effort is: Vienna Sausage's

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday, July 30, 2023 A.M.
Lead Singing— Gage Matthews
Announcements— Alan Storie
Read— Mike DesRuisseaux
Opening Prayer— Ronnie Ray
Closing Prayer— Stephen Phillips

Officiating Lord's Supper Bengie Hines

Ushers and Security
Teddy Richey, Boyd Gist
Jeff Trousdale, Jason Bogus

PowerPoint for this week: Brian Jones, Kirby Hines

Sunday, July 30, 2023 P.M.
Lead Singing— Jared Hines
Announcements— Alan Storie
Opening Prayer— Jake Whitehead
Closing Prayer— R. C. Clemmons

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 Lead Singing— Jared Hines Announcements— Alan Storie Read— Nicholas Grigsby Opening Prayer— Keeton Hines Extend Invitation— Brian Smith Closing Prayer— Jimmy Phillips Sunday, August 6, 2023 A.M.
Lead Singing— Jared Hines
Announcements— Teddy Richey
Read— Stephen Phillips
Opening Prayer— Hunter Jones
Closing Prayer— Jonah Danley

Officiating Lord's Supper Ronnie Ray

Ushers and Security
Bengie Hines, Steve Murks
Brian Jones, JD Hines

PowerPoint for this week:

Wes Ayers, Kurtis Aston

Sunday, August 6, 2023 P.M. Lead Singing— Jared Hines Announcements— Teddy Richey Opening Prayer— Danny Jenkins Closing Prayer— Alan Storie

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
Lead Singing— Keeton Hines
Announcements— Teddy Richey
Read— Bobby Roberson
Opening Prayer— Jake Whitehead
Extend Invitation— Tyson Behel
Closing Prayer— Nicholas Grigsby

Please Contact Mike DesRuisseaux at (256) 740-2720 if you are unable to fulfill your worship assignments!

SHILOH FAMILY MEMBERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Minerva Allen
Ted & Beverly Short
Clayburn Hines
Derance & Phyllis Smith
Jay & Brenda Stejskal
Misty Ray Moses
E.L. Richardson
Leon & Shirley Hines
Bill Canerday
Janice Ray

Janie Coker
Copeland Marks
Bob Gooch
Terry Don Roberson
Tim McClusky
Velma Hemmen
Danny Abernathy
Delton & Carolyn Wallace
Dennis Allen

FRIENDS & FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Billy Putman (friend of Johnnie Ruth Dixon– brain tumor) Lonna Hines

Kruz & Paizlee Davenport

Margaret Dishowngh (Janie Coker's sister)

Megan Klingbell

Steve Gist

R.T. Farmer (Janice Ray's Father)

Vergie McClanahan

Evelyn Ray (Ronnie Ray's mother)

Gary Redford

Leigh Warren

Virginia McDonald

Sherry Terry

Deb Rutland (cousin of Sheila Quillen)

Jerry Coker

Dennis Jenkins

Charles Storie

Ally Bond

Venson Freemon

Richard Stump (friend of Kathryn Scott)

Johnny Thomas

Kenneth Rogers

Mandy Hemmen

Ricky Johnson

Lonnie Holden

Danny Case

Ruby Baskins

Connie Wallace

Josh Steele

Mark Garner

Leon Quillen

Mary Ellen Moon (Jason Moon's mom-has cancer)

Tony Pritchett

Trish Coker

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING

El Reposo

Bradley Dupree—Room #303B

Cedar View

Sue Goins—Room #108

Mitchell Hollingsworth Nursing Home

Ron Hayes—Room #330

Mitchell Hollingsworth Rehab

Faye Chandler—Room #7

Television Bible Programs We Support

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning, 7:30 a.m. on Channel 54 with brother Phil Sanders of Edmond, Oklahoma Church of Christ.

Getting To Know Your Bible

DIRECT TV 379 Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. and on KTV Channel 264 (Dish) Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. CST.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday

31 Annie-Jo Pettus 8/3 Cheryl Hutchins 8/4 Ashley Murks

Happy Anniversary

8/4 Stephen & Heather Phillips

Records We Collected

Sunday, June 23, 2023

Bible Class—130 A.M. Worship—148 P.M. Worship—109

Contribution—\$6,705.00 Internet Views A.M.—102 Internet Views P.M.—99

Wednesday, June 26, 2023

A.M. Bible Study—29 P.M. Bible Study—108 Internet Views A.M—105 Internet Views P.M—93



Please Join Us For A

Medding Shower

Honoring

Faith Phillips
Bride elect of

Daniel Keeton Saturday, August 12th from 1pm-3pm Shiloh Church of Christ Registered at Dillard's and Amazon





Meets each Sunday afternoon in the fellowship hall from 1:30-1:45. This is for cradle roll-6th grade. Come join us for Bible questions and songs!

VISITORS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROGERS BAND: The Rogers Band is asking for cases of water for the students during band camp and practices. If anyone would like to donate, please bring by July 30th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES

August 2 — Brian Smith

August 9 — Tyson Behel

August 16 — Ben Siegal

August 23 — Austin Johnson

August 30 — Jonah Danley

SYMPATHY

Deepest condolences to the family of Arvel Curtis. His funeral was Thursday.



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ELDERS

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DEACONS

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