# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade



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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:

July 29-August 1: Riverbend Men's Camp August 4, Sunday: Elders & Evangelist Meeting at 5:00 p.m. The Dave Melton Family will be in concert at the Church of Christ at Grissom at 6:00 p.m. See flyer for more information. August 4-7: Widga Didga Men's Camp August 11, Sunday: Elders, Deacons & Evangelist Meeting at 5:00 p.m. 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

**July 24, 2024** 

Welcome to the Wednesday Evening Praver and Bible Study!

## HCS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Registration open for 2024-2025!!! July 29, Monday: Work Night at HCS August 12, Monday: Work Night at HCS August 13, Tuesday: Back to school night at 7:00 p.m. August 15, Thursday: First Day of School September 2, Monday: No School, Labor Day September 6, Friday: School Pictures ©

## HCC YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

Thursday, August 1: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible study @ YG Loft
Friday, August 16: 6:00-10:00 p.m. Dylan's Back-to School Bonfire. Please bring drinks, chairs and blankets.
Thursday, August 22: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study @ YG Loft
Friday, September 13: 6:00 p.m.--Progressive Dinner
Thursday, September 26: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study @ YG Loft
Saturday, October 5: TBD-WCCH Auction
Thursday, October 10: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study @ YG Loft
Friday, October 11: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study @ YG Loft

What does a nosy pepper do?

It gets jalapeno business.

What does a jet plane sound like when it makes a hard landing? Boeing, Boeing, Boeing

A big shout out to my fingers...I can count on them!

The first step is admitting you're a problem.

PRAYER LIST				
New Additions and Up Election Travis Bell Todd Faull Dan Fowler Amy Frederick Thomas Gospodareck Spiritual New Christians USA	dates Rick & Miriam Gustin Deana Hicks Colton & Sommer Hill Benjamin Iannetti Karen Johnson Kerrie Kesler Benson Amole Lumika Simon	Poppy McKinley Corbet Peters Jack Polk Derrick Richardson Jason Rister Hal Rogers Asinja Muthoma Samantha & Dave Waikel	Delilah Schaeffer Bob Schaffer Courtney Schaffer Dale Schmucker Connie Schuckel Jason Stoner Mariah Tucker	
Mission Harlan Church of Christ Harlan Christian School Health Marlene Atchley Paula Atchley Darlene Cole Don & Emma Cooper Hiawatha Daugherty Alexis Eakright	CCYC CCFamCamp Norma Gustin Rodney Hare Nell Haynie Mickilu Henry Pam Hostetler Tommy Johnson	GIJAPA Leg-Up Ministry 1015 Thailand Mission Dave McClish Marybeth McClish Cassidy Myers Will Robinson Sally Roddy Tom Roth	Hippo Valley Christian Uganda WCCH Ronda Schaffer Pam Spangler Lila Stauffer Candy Wellman Melissa Wiehe	
Cancer Marc Baker Zoe Carlisle Haley Cassaday Ron Fumarolo Gale Gerber Laura Girard Military & First Responders	Jasmin Hartman-Carpenter Blas Jasso Judy Jay Holly May Dawn Payton Kay Radloff Rob, Kathy, Conroy & Autum Austin Snyder, Hayden Cains Boyer Gonwick	Judy Raines Arlene Repine Fran Rister Dwight Savage Ron Schmidt Steve Slawinski n Cooper,	Melanie Williamson J. V. Wells Jerry Willman Andrew Peters	

### **Stairwells to Nowhere**

What do you know about the Winchester Mansion? One writer provides some background to the building of the mansion: Thousands of people each year visit the Winchester Mansion in San Jose, California. This massive structure was built by Sarah Winchester, the widow of the gun company owner. For thirty-eight years, from 1884 until her death in 1922, the house was under constant construction. Teams of carpenters, masons and other workers were employed around the clock. Various stories have been told about the reason for this unusual practice. Most center on Mrs. Winchester's belief that she either was haunted or would be haunted by the ghosts of those killed by her husband's weapons unless she kept building her house. Others claim that she thought she would not die as long as building continued.

Whatever the reason, she continued ordering more renovations and construction as long as she lived. There are more than 10,000 windows in the Winchester Mansion, doorways and stairs that lead to blank walls, and some 160 rooms in total. It is estimated that she spent more than \$70,000,000 in today's money on largely pointless construction — all in a desperate search for peace that was ultimately doomed to fail.

Many people today are seeking peace through equally fruitless means. They turn to pleasure, drugs, alcohol, immorality, wealth and other dead-end avenues. Like the staircases that lead nowhere in the Winchester Mansion, pursuing such paths will never bring peace.

True, lasting peace is found only in Jesus.

Jesus came to this earth to live among us to teach us about God and then to give His life on the cross for our sins so that we can be saved. He came to bring peace between God and man. Our sins separate us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). But God loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross to redeem us from sin (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7).

The Apostle Paul reminded Christians of how they had peace with God: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2).

When we are at peace with God, we can have peace within ourselves. Followers of Jesus have this assurance: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

God will forgive and give peace and eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus 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). No Jesus; no peace. Know Jesus; know peace.