

South Green Street Church of Christ

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Picking Up Sticks

Surely, picking up some sticks is innocent, right? God would never care if someone took a few minutes to gather a few limbs and branches, right?

Not so fast, my friend. Let us examine the matter carefully.

Consider with me what is recorded in **Numbers 15:32-36**.

Here we read about a man who was observed gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.

Today, it is very common to see folks doing yardwork on Saturday (Sabbath). It is even common to see lawns mowed, trees trimmed, and sticks gathered on Sundays. We don't think much about it when such activities take place.

But, for the man in Numbers 15, he lost his life as a result of gathering sticks on the Sabbath!

How could this be? How could God warrant ending someone's life just because they gathered sticks? Was picking up sticks really worthy of death?

Yes.

We answer in the affirmative because the man engaged in what is known as presumptuous sin.

He knew God's command and ignored it. He knew God had forbidden work (they were not even allowed to kindle fires in their homes on the Sabbath!), yet he did it anyway.

The 4th of the 10 Commandments was crystal clear – “you shall not do any work” (Ex. 20:8-11).

Additionally, the whole community was called together and instructed – and it was reemphasized how there was to be NO WORK done on this day (Ex. 35:1-3)! So, there were no excuses to be made.

It wasn't the magnitude of the sin per se – gathering sticks seems so innocent.

The problem was willingly ignoring God's command (Num. 15:30-31).

For New Testament Christians no longer living under the Law of Moses, we do not have to be concerned with Sabbath laws and customs (Gal. 3:23-25; Eph. 2:14-16; Col. 2:14). However, we do need to be very concerned about knowing, loving, and living the Word of God!

“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” (James 4:17)

“For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.” (Heb. 10:26-27)

The smallest of actions or attitudes can have the biggest of consequences and repercussions.

If we know what God has called to be and to do, let us do it with all of our hearts!

The stakes are too high not to...

--Bart

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29

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.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Remember in Prayer

Please remember to pray for the family of Ben & Brandi Honeycutt. Their 2 ½ year old son, Charlie, was killed Monday, May 19, in a car accident. Brandi continues to recover from her injuries. Ben is the son of David & Brenda Honeycutt and the brother of Marty Honeycutt.

Youth Minister

The youth and families (ages 7th-12th grades) are invited to attend a pizza party on Sunday, June 1, following the morning services to welcome our new youth minister, Scott Simons. Please make plans to attend.

There will be a brief reception following the evening services in the church basement on Sunday evening, June 1, for the congregation to welcome Scott Simons.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will be held on Thursday morning at 10:00 AM in the church basement. All ladies are invited to attend.

Taylor Christian Camp

Campers will arrive at camp on Sunday, June 8, at 2:00. Please be praying for the campers and staff of TCC. Pray that everyone will grow spiritually, remain safe and healthy. Camp will end, Friday, June 13, at 11:00. Should you have any questions, see Jeremy.

TCC Mail

If you would like to send mail to a camper and or staff member that is attending TCC, you may leave in the box provided in the church basement, no later than June 4. Mail is handed out daily, so mark the letters/cards which day you would like for it to be distributed. Should you have any questions, please see Jeremy Prichard.

Baja Mission Trip

Several members from South Green will be traveling to Baja, Mexico, on a mission trip. The group will leave on June 7 and return home on June 14. Please be praying that much good will come as a result of this effort. South Green Baja Mission Team members are: Roger Cline, Brad Lowe, Paul Lowe, Jimmy Smith, John & Carol Weaver.

Pantry

Items needed for our food pantry: spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce (no glass jars), canned fruit and crackers. Items may be left in the bin in the basement.

Family Matters

Prayer List

- Gibson Arnold, 185 Park Boundary Rd., Smiths Grove, KY 42171
- Shirley Birge, 34 Circle Rd., Glasgow
- Steve Birge, 22 Executive Dr., Tompkinsville, KY 42167
- Dorothy Brake, 300 Westwood St., Rm 34, Glasgow
- Stacy Bray, mother of Hannah Bray, Barren Co. Health Care, Room 6, 300 Westwood, Glasgow
- Steve Brown, 105 Wingate Ave., Glasgow
- Baylee Dubree, 1694 Halifax Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164
- Terry & Debbie Bunnell, 343 Winners Circle, Glasgow
- Shirley Coffey, 300 Westwood St., Glasgow
- Judy Dugger, 180 Scottie Dr., Apt. 152, Glasgow
- Gary Edmunds 5899 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- JB & Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
- Suzanne Fant, 122 Hi Haven, Glasgow
- Laurie Frame, Signature Health Care, 220 Westwood St., Glasgow
- Sherry Furlong, 130 Longhunters Trail, Glasgow
- Kenneth Garrett was injured in a fall on Friday and was flown to Skyline Medical Center in Nashville
- Stephanie & Lilabet Gilpin, 713 Rock Springs Rd., Summer Shade, KY 42166
- Ancy Glass, 1814 Hiseville Park Rd., Cave City, KY 42127
- Tish Gumm, 350 Paul Bastien Lane, Glasgow
- Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
- Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
- Sherri Perkins, 1081 Dripping Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Billy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
- Fred Proffitt, 307 Hall St., Glasgow
- Lenneth Rich, 308 Patton Terrace Rd., Glasgow
- LulaBelle Riddle, 473 Riddle Rd., Glasgow
- Fred Riley, 397 Lick Branch Rd., Glasgow
- Ed Spear, 1038 Poplar Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Monte Taylor, 4402 Happy Valley Rd., Cave City, KY 42127
- Debbie Turner, 112 Country Lane, Glasgow
- Norma Vance, NHC, Room #50, P.O. Box 247, Glasgow
- Jerry Wood, 917 Bristletown Rd., Glasgow

Additional Prayer Requests

- Tony Appleby, son-in-law of Mike & Kathy Williams
- Catherine Bagby, mother of Robert Bagby
- Maria Bryant, coworker of Sonya Hogue
- Jeff Burd, nephew of Karen Kerney
- Jimmy & Renee Burgess, friends of Shane Walton
- Jamie Corbin, sister of Erin Lockett
- Marie Crawhorn, friend of Runelle Jackson and the Frankie McCoy family
- Jim Creech, brother-in-law of Freda Dugger
- Roy Fox, family of Norma Redford and Sherry Furlong
- Pat Green, friend of Jewel Searcy
- Jim Gregory, friend/coworker of Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue
- Mark Hanstein, father of Laura Warren

- Jason Hapney, son of Gary & Teresa Hapney
- Cathy Holley, friend of Sonya Hogue
- Tom Hughes, friend of Tony & Melissa Shirley
- Amy Irwin, friend of Sherri Perkins
- Denise Jackson, friend of Don & Peggy Nims
- Byron & Connie Jeffries, neighbors of Jesse & Carolyn Page
- Roy Lanier, grandfather of Laura Warren
- Marjorie Palmore, mother of Kim Palmore
- Marty Pennington, friend of Don & Peggy Nims
- Natalie Philbeck, friend of Mike & Charlotte Pruitt
- Judie Pitcock, mother of Amy Gill
- Jed Pollard, son of Carl & Emily Pollard
- Evelyn Scott, friend of Shane & Lori Walton
- Kim Smith, sister of Tony Shirley
- Margie Smith, friend of Sandra Kidd
- Greg Stevens, friend/coworker of Sonya Hogue
- Jennifer Stump, friend of Freda Dugger
- Bart & Holly Tarrigin, great niece of Covella Hare
- Kim Turner, friend of Angie Kessler
- Charles Tyler, father of Karen Drake
- Cindy Wilkerson, friend of Kristin Denham
- Susan Williams, friend of Frenchie Belcher
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law of Becky Speer

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Mark Isenberg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 27, in Murfreesboro, TN. Mark was the brother of Lloyd Isenberg.

Our sympathy is expressed to the friends and family of Tommy Wells. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 31, at the Crow Funeral Home. Tommy was the friend of Guy & Annette Simmons

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance.....	395
Sunday Contribution <i>week of May 18</i>	\$13,362.00
2025 Weekly Budget.....	\$13,547.69
2025 Weekly Average <i>week of May 18</i>	\$13,471.82

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	7
Prayer Requests	5
Placing Membership	13

Deacons in Charge	Brandon Turner
.....	Zac Turner
Song Leader/Welcome	Jackie Perkins
Opening Prayer	Frankie McCoy
Scripture Reading	Adam Groce
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Jimmy Lowe
Serve Communion (Auditorium)	Robert Garmon
.....	Steve Birge
.....	Brad Lowe
.....	Wesley Cline
.....	Jake Kessler
.....	Elijah Franklin
Serve Communion (Balcony)	Kyle Arnold
.....	Beckett Burress
.....	Carter Alls
Serve Communion (Basement)	Allen Jones
.....	Bobby White
Closing Remarks	Scott Bradford
.....	Mark Bowman
Dismissal Prayer	Chris Page
Ushers	Jesse Page
.....	Lynn Beals
Pick Up Cards	Knox McGuire
.....	Sawyer Bishop
Control Room	Tarry Lockett
.....	Grant Turner
Bus Driver	Patrick Wright

Song Leader/Welcome	Jackie Perkins
Opening Prayer.....	Tony Shirley
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Asa Jones
Dismissal Prayer	Jet Warren

Announcements.....	Bart Warren
Song Leader	Robbie Fudge
Opening Prayer.....	Joe Prichard
Lesson	Allen Jones
Dismissal Prayer	Raymond Utzman

If you are unable to serve, please contact one of the Deacons in Charge

Mark Bowman	Tommy Gumm
Scott Bradford	Frankie McCoy
Robbie Fudge	Jackie Perkins
Leland Glass	

Bart Warren—Pulpit Minister
Allen Jones—Associate Minister

Robert Bagby	Joe Prichard
Allen Jones	Brandon Turner
Christian Kaumanns	Zac Turner
Tarry Lockett	John Weaver
Chris Page	Patrick Wright
Jeremy Prichard	

Search Information

Bart's Email bart@sgcofc.com
Allen's Email allen@sgcofc.com
Nancy's Email nancy@sgcofc.com

Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Sunday A.M. Worship.....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday P.M.	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Devo	6:30 p.m.

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