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Attendance Record

8/9/26

Sunday AM.....147
Sunday PM.....57
Wednesday.....61

Men Serving Today: August 16, 2026

Announcements: Scott Thacker

Opening Prayer: Shannon Risner

Scripture Reading: Hunter Wilcox

Lord’s Table:

Recite: Brett McKenzie (Tim & Keith)

Usher & Count: Charles Hunt & Thomas Coleman

Evening Services:

Announcements: Jeff Wells

Lord’s Table:

Recite: Jeff Wells

Wednesday Invitation: Jim Slone

Prestonsburg Informer

*A weekly bulletin for God’s family
at the Prestonsburg church of Christ*

August 16, 2026

“A Nose Away from Smelling the Roses”

The 2024 Kentucky Derby produced one of the most exciting finishes in the race’s history. As the horses approached the finish line, Mystik Dan, Sierra Leone, and Forever Young were separated by only inches. No one could immediately tell who had won. After reviewing the photograph, Mystik Dan was declared the winner by a nose.



Sierra Leone had run a tremendous race. He had covered the same distance, endured the same competition, and crossed the finish line only a fraction of a second behind the winner. He almost won the Kentucky Derby—but almost did not earn him the roses.

That thrilling finish illustrates an important spiritual truth: **almost doesn’t get the prize.**

The apostle Paul preached to Felix “of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come.” Felix was so deeply affected by the message that he trembled. However, instead of obeying, he told Paul, “Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee” (Acts 24:25).

Felix heard the truth. He understood that judgment was coming. His conscience was stirred, and he came close to making the right decision—but close was not enough. As far as Scripture reveals, his “convenient season” never came.

Many people make the same mistake today. They almost obey the gospel. They almost repent of their sins. They almost confess their faith in Christ. They almost decide to be baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38). Others have obeyed the gospel but almost live faithfully. They remain close to the Lord without ever completely surrendering their lives to Him.

The Christian life is not a race in which the prize is given to those who merely start well or come close to finishing. We must “run with patience the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1) and remain “faithful unto death” to receive the crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

In the Kentucky Derby, only a nose separated victory from defeat. In eternity, the difference will not be how close we came, but whether we obeyed the Lord and remained faithful to Him!

Prayer Requests & Update

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Matt Tackett, Lois Reynolds, Seth Jackson, Amy Adams, Norm Davis, Dionna Burchett, Mary Dutton, John Campbell, Carl Bailey, KayCee Moore, Burnis Jarvis, Harold Coleman, Jr. Keith Turnmire, VL Slone, Ethan Owens, Felicia Honeycutt, Beverly Carter, Will Callahan, Brenda Campbell, Jerry Hall, Dave Gullett, Sarah Burchett, Danielle Coleman, Steven Newsome, Dustin Little, Phillip Hall, Susan Denny, Mckenna Wireman, Valorie Mace, Paula Gibson, Virginia Risner, Delmar Jarvis, Naomi Combs, Mike Hall, Carolyn Patton, Lillian Cantrell, Pam Hurley, Shawna Gibson, Maynard Coleman, Rodney Keathley, Janet Sanders, Don Hicks, Diane Comstock, Diana Adams, Jayden Gayheart, Kim Evans, Freddie Banks, Shirley Hall, Mary Lou Bailey, Teddy & Gloria Powers, Drexel Springer, David Scott, Nancy Scott, Alonzo & Shirley Conley, Matthew Hays, Sudie Allen, Amber Goble, Randy Wilcox, Paula Layne, Dean Hunt, Mary Joseph, Paul Hill, Anna Ottis, Matthew Goble, Loretta McCray, Brian Stapleton, Millie Parsons, Sherry Slone, Elizabeth Mulkey, Leland Ousley, Barb Crouse, Roy Hall, Fronie McKinney, Wesley Hyden, Denise Slone, Lou Hall, Betty Lazenick, Thelma Goble, George Goble, Denver Goble, Peggy Boyd.

Our members:

Doretha Hunt, Mona Mitchell, Joan Ousley, Bulavene Hall, Judy Adams, Marshall & Jackie Fugate, Rose Young, Rosie Daniels, Veda Fields, Connie Deskins, Ryan Johnson, Merle Marshall, Sparkel Conn, David Mosely, Larry Hall, Dean Cooley, Danielle McKenzie, Eula Stiltner, Curt Jarvis, Leonard & Ethel Sturgill, Glennis Slone-Smith, Geraldine Jennings, Henrietta Orsborn, Katelyn SESCO, John Hall, Roberta Sturgill, Sharon Marshall, Marcie Hays, Velvia Hall, Lora Dingess, Vernon & Judy Hall, Lynn Hill, Jackie Tackett, Candace Tackett, Raymond Daniels, Bethel Click

Friends/Family:

Landon Samons, Brenda Cook, Jimmy Fish, Axel Combs, Nicole Samons, Karson Roop, Jerry Kinzer, Terry McCutcheon, Janice Feltner, Danny Patrick, Bonnie Reed, Debbie Samons, Kathy Thomas, Irene Ramey, Bucky Ellis, Gilbert Marcum, Wilma Moore, Kevin Hays, Ruth SESCO, Vicky Moore, Rod Sturgill, Donna Boyd, Margaret Tackett, Leighanne Hastie, Corbin Harris, Hope Thacker, Gene Ramey, Luke Martindale; Liam Moore, Almas Shepherd

Sympathy:

Please remember the families of Dustin Damron, Libby Collins, and Carissa McCarty.

Riverview Nursing Home: Donald Coleman. Pburg Healthcare: Doretha Hunt & Marshall Fugate

Today’s Sermon Topics/Scripture Readings
AM: “Letting it Go, Forgiveness” (Mt. 6:14,15)”
PM: “Beware of Your Golden Calf”

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WINGS: Aug. 27th @ 6 pm.

East Ky Singing: Aug. 28th @ Campton CoC 7 pm.

Men’s Business Meeting: Aug. 30th @ 5 pm.

Have You Obeyed the Gospel of Christ?

Hear the Word Rom.10:17
Believe in Christ John 8:24
Repent of your Sin Acts 2:38
Confess Jesus is God’s Son Acts 8:37
Baptized into Jesus Mk. 16:16
Live a godly Life Titus 2:11-14

Schedule of Services

Sun. Bible Study – 10:00 am
Sun. Worship – 11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship –
Wed. Bible Study – 7:00 pm

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Greeters next week

Main Doors:
Auditorium: Karen Daniels & Brenda Crider

If you haven’t already, please fill out a visitors’ card. We would love to have a record of your visit with us today!