



Egg Hunt 2021

**Congrats to
Walker
Mayberry &
Alexis Russell
for finding the
most eggs!**

A special
thanks to
Crystal
Brown and
Cindy
Atkinson for
organizing
the egg
hunt!



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The Brushy Beacon

“Looking Toward the Son in 2021”
April 11, 2021

Schedule of Services

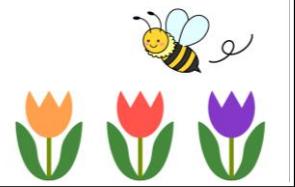
Sunday Bible Study	9:00
Sunday Morning Service	10:00
Sunday Evening Service	6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00

The church of Christ at Brushy

Elders	Preacher	Deacons
Ricky Atkinson	Kevin Johnston	Paul Johnston
James Atkinson		Kevin Johnston
Tony Duncan		

Can you find your religious practices in the Bible? By Brad Harrub

I have probably always had an inquisitive mind. I like to know how things work, why things are the way they are, and what is the evidence for it? When I was about 15, I started asking religious questions: Why do we have acolytes? Why do we observe lent? Why do we light an advent wreath? Why do we recite the Apostles’ Creed that mentions believing in the “holy catholic church”? Why do we say the Lord’s prayer every Sunday? Why do we only take the Lord’s Supper once per quarter? What exactly is a benediction? In high school I wrote a research paper to address some of these questions, and I discovered many of the traditions were traditions “borrowed” from the Catholics. (I actually still have this paper...but given that it was written in high school, it will stay neatly “tucked away.”) These initial questions led to even more questions. Oftentimes, when I asked adults why we did certain things, the answer I received was something like, “Well that’s just the way we’ve always done it” or “That’s just our tradition.” I knew these people were sincere—but I also recognized most had little or no knowledge of why they did what they did. My journey for answers continued, because I knew “traditions” had to be based on something. Traditions don’t just arrive out of thin air. And so, I continued to dig. I wanted to know what was the origin and true meaning of these traditions. For instance, why did preachers in this denomination wear robes and stoles? What purpose did that serve? Add to this, the massive confusion I had regarding other denominations. Why so many? Every week when I was a child we would drive past all of these various denominations, and I remember feeling this air of superiority, thinking: “Our denomination is better than theirs.” But I knew deep down I didn’t know “why.” For years, something was eating inside me—desperate for the Truth. I wanted to know why are there so many different religious groups if Jesus founded only one? (Matthew 16:18). And, if we really are all Christians, why can’t we get along? I ended up doing another research paper in college to try and find the answer to this, only to discover most religions were founded by men who sought to change something. Where was the unity Jesus prayed for in the Bible? And why were all these different denominations doing things that are not even mentioned in the Bible? Eventually, two things happened that forever changed my life. I discovered that God’s Word was inspired—God breathed—and therefore authoritative. I realized that “Truth” is found only in God’s Word (John 17:17). And second, I was led to a man who walked me through the book of Acts and showed me that there really is a New Testament church. It was like having scales come off my eyes. I finally found the thing I was searching for. I had finally discovered a body of people simply observing things they read about in God’s Word. If you find yourself asking, “Why do we...,” keep asking and keep digging. Don’t accept the answer: “Well, that’s just tradition” or “That’s just the way we have always done it.” The Truth is out there, and your soul will likely not rest or feel at ease until you find it.





Family News and Notes



Visitors If you are visiting with us today, we want to hear from you. We are thankful for your presence. Please fill out a Visitor card and leave it in your seat.

VBS Planning Meeting We will have a VBS Planning Meeting today following morning worship. We are in need of Bible Class Teachers, Teacher Helpers, decorators, and people to participate in the skit. This is a great work and a great time to serve our community and help spread the gospel!

Fun, Fishing, & Fellowship We are looking forward to going down to Bill McDonald's on Beaverdam to fish on Sunday, April 18. We will meet at 5 P.M. to eat hamburgers/hotdogs and then have worship at 6 PM. Bill McDonald will be speaking. You will need to bring your own lawn chair. We will not have evening worship at the building. You can fish any time before we eat at 5 pm and after the evening worship service. There is a menu/signup sheet in the back. Hope you will bring a friend and join us! If it rains, we will have to reschedule.

Our Food Pantry... is stocked and ready to help those in need. Cindy Atkinson and Crystal Brown are taking care of this ministry. Please let them know of anyone who needs a food box.

Meal Ministry We have a meal ministry for those who are dealing with sicknesses such as surgery, hospital stays, or extended illness. Kim Atkinson and Emily Atkinson will be taking over this ministry. If you were unable to attend the meeting last Sunday and would like to be on the list to help prepare a meal, please let one of them know. We appreciate Cathy Duncan who has taken care of this ministry for the last 3 years and for Kim and Emily being willing to continue this work.

A Happy Birthday to... Crystal Brown...April 11 Brad Porter...April 15

A Happy Anniversary to... Ricky & Jo Atkinson...April 14 Scottie & Crystal Brown...April 17

Looking for Jesus By Travis Robertson

A young girl, the daughter of a friend, was looking through one of her books when she was asked, 'what are you doing?' Her reply was simply; 'I'm looking for Jesus, daddy.'

Throughout the New Testament we find occasions where people were looking for Jesus, but for totally different reasons. Herod was looking for Jesus as an infant to put Him to death. The magi were looking for Him because they knew Him to be the King of Israel. Throughout His ministry the Pharisees and Sadducees were looking for Jesus to trap Him, ultimately to put Him to death. Multitudes looked to be fed and healed. Before His trial and crucifixion, an angry mob, accompanied by soldiers being led by Judas, came looking for Jesus. The question Jesus asked; 'whom do you seek?'

Are you looking for Jesus? If you are, what exactly are you seeking? Lots of people look for Jesus for all kinds of reasons. However, you will be truly blessed only when you establish a relationship with Him. Don't settle for just looking, once you discover who He is, establish your relationship with Him in obedience to the gospel.

Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

Tony Duncan is in continuing to recover at home.

Earline Warren Aunt of Emily Atkinson, is in ICU at Maury Regional Hospital.

Jeffrey Bryant son of Carl Bryant, is continuing to recover.

David Dansby will be having an MRI and bone scan on April 14.

Continuing Prayer Requests

<u>Dealing w/Cancer</u>		<u>Special Request</u>	
George Peterson	Fern Hill	Scottie Simmons	Dwayne Johnston Kim Boehms
Terry Hinson	Bruce Coates	Jeff & Angie Lynn	Fred Bowman William Kirby
Ricky Kelley	Raymond Stoltz	Deborah Brazil	Larry Hildebrandt Alma Jean Skelton
Aaron Bell			

Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Dickson Nursing Home... Larry Donaldson Lewis County Nursing Home: Lee Freese

- All in the military and civil workers overseas and their families.
- All those Preaching and teaching the Good News all over the world.
- Our Government Leaders – Local, State, and National (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Upcoming Events

*Sunday, April 18 ~ Fun, Fishing, Fellowship - Bill McDonald Speaking
~Eat at 5 P.M. ~ Evening Worship at 6 P.M. ~ Fish Before & After~

For the Record ...

Sunday Morning Bible Class	XX	Sunday Morning Worship	78
Sunday Evening Worship	31	Wednesday Bible Class	27
Contribution		\$1537	

We're Just a Click Away!



*We are excited to be Live Streaming our 10 A.M. Worship Service each Sunday via our Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/brushychurchofchrist> Be sure to like, share, and comment on our posts to help spread the word!

*Visit our website www.brushychurchofchrist.org to learn more about us and to view our bulletin!

*Send us an email at brushychurchofchirst@gmail.com.

*We continue to broadcast our services to the parking lot on 96.1 FM!