

not a fan.

COMPLETELY. COMMITTED. FOLLOWER.

“Then he said to them all: ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?’”

Luke 9:23-25

Are you a fan or a follower? That question continues to weigh on my mind. Have you thought about it deeply? An honest response can be difficult and even painful, but all of us need to know the answer personally—fan or follower?

Fans are “enthusiastic admirers.” They’re excited, upbeat, and vocal (usually). They admire their team, but you never see them on the field. Fans are active—they cheer others on.

Jesus didn’t come to earth to establish a deep fan base. He wasn’t looking for admirers who would cheer on His earthly ministry. He was clear and to the point—follow Me. Step out of your world and into Mine. Pull up your stakes and walk with Me. I’m calling you to leave everything and be my disciple—to live your life for me.

That doesn’t sound like a successful equation for church growth—come after me and die to yourself. That kind of talk doesn’t make for big crowds. Those who decided to follow Jesus became servants and slaves. They underwent radical lifestyle changes.

As I continue to process all we’ve read and seen over the past couple of weeks, I’m continually drawn back to Luke 9:23. Jesus said to His disciples: “Follow me.” And they knew following Him would require action on their part—come after, deny, take up, and follow. It would be risky, difficult, and deadly. Our decision to follow Him today will be no different. Are we committed to following Him anywhere and everywhere? Are we willing to sacrifice anything and everything to be one of His?

As we continue the “Not A Fan” series, may God help us be honest as we define our relationship with Him. Are we followers or just fans in the stands? I pray God will move us to leave the comfort of our pews and accept His call to be His disciple—to take up our cross and die daily. Are you a fan or a follower?

Larry Sawyer

Offering Christ to the Community

Following. Living. Serving. Sharing.

The Okolona Church exists to be a light for God
and make a difference in the world!

This Month/Every Month



Monkey Barrel

We are asking everyone to bring one item each month, to restock our pantry. May's items:
Cereal and Canned/powdered milk.



Mens Class

Every Tuesday, 6 am, location changed to Kentucky Foot & Ankle Center, 4612 Outer Loop (across from Jefferson Mall). All men welcome!
May 1st, May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd



Ladies Bible Class

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 am, AEA. Please join women of all ages in a study of *Ruth* and other topics. Childcare provided. Contact *Faye Gullett* or *Sharon Cooper* for more info.
May 1st and May 15th.



Mens & Ladies Bible Class

Wednesdays, 9 am, AEA. Studying the book of Revelation. All are welcome!
May 2nd, May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd, May 30th



Wednesday Night Suppers

Served from 5:30–6:15 pm. \$3 for adults, \$1 for children ages 3-10, and free for children under 3. Note: 5th Wednesday meal will be a missions supper (No charge, just donations).
May 2nd, May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd, May 30th



Seniors Lunch

1st Thursday, 11 am–1 pm
Lunch and table games. All Okolona Seniors are invited, and are welcome to invite their Senior neighbors and friends.
May 3rd



Senior Ladies Luncheon

Sunday, May 6th, after worship, in the Fellowship Center. Tickets: \$7 (Honorees-Free)



Girls Bible Study

Mondays, 7 pm
For junior/senior high girls, led by girls. All girls invited. May 7th, May 14th, May 21st, May 28th



Live Wires

2nd Tuesday of each month, those who are older but still “live wires” meet and go to lunch. Van will leave at 11 am for the ?? restaurant.
May 8th



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

2nd Thursday fellowship groups meet at 6:30 pm in various homes.
Cancelled for May



J.U.L.I.E.T.S.

Joyful Unique Ladies In Enjoyable Times Shared
2nd Friday of each month, 11 am, at the *Bob Evans* restaurant on Preston in Hillview. All ladies invited.
May 11th



ROMEOs

Retired or Otherwise Men Enjoying Ourselves. 3rd Friday each month, 9 am, Brooks *Cracker Barrel*
May 18th



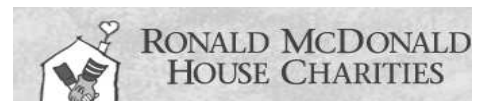
Missions Yard Sale

To benefit summer mission trips. Bring items to donate beginning 5/9. Saturday, May 19th.



Graduates

Graduates honored during Sunday morning worship on May 20th. Please turn in pictures, degree details, plans by May 13th.



Ronald McDonald House

3rd Sunday, 4th- & 5th-graders go and prepare a meal. Leave at 2 pm, return by 7:30 pm. See *Linda Hankins* to sign up.
May 20th

This Month/Every Month



Summer Bowling Fundraiser
Derby Lanes on Beulah Church Rd
May 21st

6-11 pm, ECE area. Cost: \$5/child/hour. Dinner and healthy snack provided. First aid and CPR-trained personnel. Appropriate activities for all ages. Pre-registration required. Proceeds benefit Honduras mission trip. May 25th



Parents Night Out



"not a fan" Celebration

Watch for details. Sunday, May 27th



Church Office Closed
May 28th, for Memorial Day



Home of the Innocents

Member Updates

New Christian

Kim Casper was baptized Apr 1st!
Larry & Kim Casper
Katie, Aden, Alexis
9108 Preston Hwy
Louisville, KY 40219

New Christian

Ashley Polakowski-Bailey, Elaine Massacci's granddaughter, was also baptized Apr 1st!
Connie & Ashley Bailey
304 Wilma Ave Lot 2
Louisville, KY 40229

New Baby

Congratulations to *Jackie & Bobby Justice*, on the birth Apr 23rd of *Kariann Paige Justice!* She weighed 4 lbs 8 oz and was 17-1/2 inches. There were some complications at first, but both are home and fine now. Jackie is a teacher at the *Sonshine House*.

New Address

Shana Cureton McMurray
Caleb, Aubrie
2605 Masemure Ct
Louisville, KY 40220

New Baby

Congratulations to *Mallorie & Jimmy Jagers*, on the birth Apr 11th of *Marlee Lynn Jagers!* She weighed 8 lbs 15 oz and was 20-1/2 inches. *Vanessa & Gary Williams* are the proud grandparents!

Baby Announcement

Congratulations to *Ginny & Ron Westman*, who are expecting a baby in December! Ginny is *Mike & Michelle Welter's* daughter.

New Address

Natalie Greenwell
1120 East Woodward Hts Blvd
Hazel Park, MI 48030



Just for Youth!



CHILL
for Junior/Senior High and College-Age, meets on Thursdays, 7-9 pm, Fellowship Center.



David Bowden
Poetry Tour w/ O'Chancey
Thursday, May 3rd, 7 pm
Public invited. Tickets: \$5 each, at the door



ACT 1
Rehearsals almost every Sunday afternoon.





Bereaved

- **Rommel & Ruth Ann Taylor & family**, on the death of his mother, **Jackie Taylor**, after a stroke. The funeral was Apr 14th in Texarkana, TX.



Cancer

- **James Berry**- **Sharon Cooper's** uncle- cancer has spread to liver- second round of chemo
- **John Bratton**- **Ron's** brother- liver and pancreas cancer- chemo postponed until blood clots in legs gone
- **Jennifer Calendine**- **Larry Sawyer's** relative- colon cancer spread to lymph nodes- 36 yrs old- chemo
- **David**- **Jack Hankins's** stepmother's son- bladder cancer
- **Joe Dawson**, melanoma
- **Ed DeWeese**- **Chuck's** father- different kind of chemo
- **Doug Dickens**- **Billy & Marie's** son- jaw cancer- hepatitis caused by medicine- will have to have another reconstructive surgery
- **Ron Eiler**- **Neill Brooks's** son-in-law- salivary gland cancer- radiation
- **Leslie Fisher**- **Scott's** sister-in-law- ovarian cancer
- **Shanise Gause's** friend's mother- lung cancer
- **Tara Istre**- **Linda & Tom Clark's** daughter- just diagnosed with breast cancer
- **Ollie Holaday**, leukemia
- **Sara Johnson**- **Alice Brinley's** friend- bladder cancer
- **Karen Jones**- **Carla Dadisman's** sister- bone/liver cancer- chemo
- **Ricky Leek**- **Betty Johnson's** nephew in Chicago- brain tumor- hospice called in



Cancer

- **Judy Long**, cancer
- **Lynn Palmer's** stepmother, breast cancer
- **Corky Raymer's** sister **Gwen**- stage III lung cancer
- **Brad Reid**- **Sharon Cooper's** brother- colostomy- chemo
- **Marty Reynolds**- friend of church for many years- chemo for cancer
- **Carter Sexton**, does NOT have cancer, but does have infection, home after hospital stay
- **Gina Schue**- **Amy Clay's** best friend- ovarian cancer- in remission!
- **Bob Sublett**- **Rhonda, Regina & Gayla's** father- lung cancer- chemo
- **Barbara Warren**- **Martin Johnson's** friend- pancreatic cancer
- **Varnita Willingham**- mother of student where **Lana Smith** works- inoperable cancer- chemo
- **Kristen Wilson**- **Elisa Doran's** friend- breast cancer, liver cancer- chemo- not doing well



Elderly

- **Louise Donovan**
- **Red & Dorothy Phelps**- **Chris's** parents
- **Mary & Bill Reid**- **Sharon Cooper's** parents



Expecting

- **Amy & Ben Hall**
- **Ginny & Ron Westman** (**Mike & Michelle Welter's** daughter)



Home-Bound

- **Pat Bowlds**- **Karin Davis's** mother- **Glen Ridge**- another infection
- **Zola Claxon**- **Ernie's** mom- **Meadowview**
- **Edith Davis**- **Harold's** mother- nursing home in TN
- **Carolyn Fisher**- **Scott's** mother- **Signature Healthcare**
- **Phyllis Trevathan**, **Nazareth Home**



Hospital

- **John Bratton**- **Ron's** brother- home after hospital stay for blood clots in legs after cancer surgery- chemo postponed
- **Angela Davis**, home after stay in **University Hospital**, migraine, requested prayers for health
- **Walter Givens**- **Chris Phelps's** relative- 11 yrs old- transferred from **Kosair Children's** to **St. Louis** for treatment of tumor at base of brain
- **Hjalmer (Jim) Haaland**, home after taken to hospital for fainting, tests showed heart okay
- **Kariann Justice**- newborn of **Jackie (Sonshine House teacher)**- home after stay in **Suburban Hospital NICU** for not eating
- **Carter Sexton**, home after hospital stay (does NOT have cancer!!)
- **Mary Simpson**, home after hospital stay for mild stroke, still some numbness on one side
- **Jean Walker**- **Linda Hankins's** mother- home after hospital stay- medicine caused kidney failure- adjusted meds- better now



Illness/Injury

- **Harold Conn- Barbara Klein's** brother- leg circulation problems
- **George Fussnecker- Jamie Tyler's** brother- brain aneurysm
- **Mary Glass-** grandmother of **Travis Smith (Coopers' son-in-law)-** heart problems
- **Lindsay Hankins,** Crohn's disease
- **Buddy Hawk- Angela Toler's** brother- hepatitis
- **Michael Holman- Betty Morrow's** nephew- MS
- **Susan McAfee,** MS
- **Charlotte Myers,** chronic pain
- **Judy Nelson- Janice Caudill's** cousin- put on seizure medication- seems to be working
- **Rylee Parks,** juvenile diabetes
- **Patti Roberts & family,** hereditary kidney disease
- **Brian Smith,** Crohn's disease
- **Robin Starcher- Sharon Becker's** daughter
- **Karen Van Curen- Grace Wade's** niece in SC- rheumatoid arthritis
- **Vanessa Williams,** Parkinson's Disease



Military Service

- **Coleman Brindley- Linda Hankins'** nephew- TX
- **Cory Collier,** NC
- **Brandon Cosman-** son of former member **Michelle Downey-** Iraq
- **Melanie Embry,** Louisville
- **Matt Karr,** USMC, Parris Island
- **George Kok- Sandy Morrow's** son-in-law- in Afghanistan with USMC Reserves



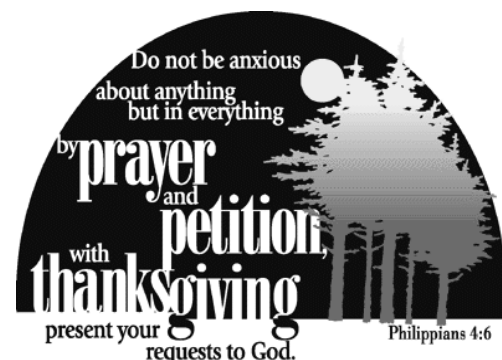
Special Requests

- **Angela Davis,** requested prayers for health
- **Lindsay Hankins,** requested prayers
- **Michael King-** father of **Shelley Mattingly** (has been attending)- has had 2 strokes- requested prayers
- **Blake Mattingly-** 15-month-old son of **Shelley-** cyst on brain



Surgery

- **Sonja Bates (Vanessa Williams' sister),** home after leg amputation, emergency gall bladder surgery, inoperable blockages around heart
- **Jay Curtis,** home after partial knee replacement, doing well
- **Martin Johnson,** home after shoulder replacement, went well
- **Elaine Massacci,** home after rotator cuff surgery, went well
- **Jan Mattingly,** home after two separate cataract surgeries
- **Molly Vanhooose- Lois Yoakum's** brother's mother-in-law- had broken hip surgery



Sonshine House

As we look to May we have exciting things going on at the *Sonshine House*. We will be welcoming some new teachers to our staff for the school-age summer program. Three of those new teachers belong to our congregation: **C.T. Palmer, Jeannie Hankins, and Kacey Dadisman**. We welcome them and are confident they will do wonderful things for our program. Along with that, however, comes another sad goodbye as **Wyatt Palmer** leaves us. Children, parents, and teachers alike will miss him. Wyatt has proven to be an effective staff member while adding "flavor and fun" to our mix. We truly wish you the best, Wyatt!!

We sure do appreciate **Billy Dickens** and all the work he has done for our center with the emergency lights and

fire exit diagrams, not to mention all the other little jobs he has helped us with. Thanks to you, we had lights the last time the electricity went out! The children liked that they were not completely in the dark!

Many of you know **Jackie Justice** had her beautiful little daughter, **Kariann Paige**. She did need to go to the NICU but as of this printing, she should be able to go home the first week of May. Thank you for your continued prayers for this family. We look forward to having Jackie come back to work in July, as well as getting this new precious little child to join our *Sonshine House* family!

—Liz

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Ushers:	Norris Caldwell, Russell Phelps, Jim Simpson, Bert Smith			
Announcements:	Charles Hopkins	Todd Thomason	Gator Glass	Murray Butler
Scripture/Prayer:	Tony Jones	Rommel Taylor	Greg Childers	Clint Peyton
Closing Prayer:	Lyle Palmer	Gator Glass	Murray Butler	Rick Collier
Communion:				
East:	Steve Dadisman	Kevin Herndon	Jason Jones	Richard Thompson
	Eric Cheatham	Bill Pierson	Brian McAfee	Jon Williams
	Doyle Gullett	David Keller	Tim Knieriem	Brian Holt
	Bryce McAfee	Chance Keller	Taylor Smith	Matthew Collier
West:	Ben Hall	David Pierson	Ben Hall	Gary Jones
	David Morrow	Larry Jones	Jerry Claycomb	James Searcy
	David Reece	Larry Casper	Brian Curtis	Charlie Poore
	Chris Johnson	Joe Dadisman Jr.	Tony Mitchell	Steven Searcy

Note: Please check in with Ronnie Bratton by 9:50 on the Sunday you are to serve.

Memorial & Endowment Fund
 Created with funds from a member's estate.
 Please consider the Okolona Church of Christ
 Memorial & Endowment Fund
 in your estate planning.

Early Childhood/Elementary Education






Rotation Workshop Centers for May

Paul's Missionary Journeys	Sun May 6	Wed May 9	Sun May 13	Wed May 16	Sun May 20	Wed May 23
Service	Arabians	Palominos	Group Activity This Evening	Percherons	Appaloosas	Promotion Party [finish Honduras bags]
Cooking	Palominos	Percherons		Appaloosas	Arabians	
Art	Percherons	Appaloosas		Arabians	Palominos	
Computer	Appaloosas	Arabians		Palominos	Off	
Promotion	Sun May 27	Wed May 30				

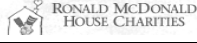


The Next Two Months



June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Honduras Mission Trip →	2
3 Honduras Mission Trip →	4 Girls Bible Study Shack-in-the-Back	5 Mens Class Ladies Class AHG COA	6 Bible Class Summit	7 Seniors Lunch CHILL	8 J.U.L.I.E.T.S.	9
10 Honduras Mission Trip →	11 Girls Bible Study	12 Mens Class Live Wires	13 Bible Class Summit	14 Guess Who's ? Coming to Dinner CHILL	15 ROMEOs	16
			Spring Mill Bible Camp Junior Week →			
17	18 Girls Bible Study	19 Mens Class Ladies Class	20 Bible Class Summit	21 CHILL	22	23
24 Belize mission meal	25 Girls Bible Study 	26 Mens Class	27 	28 	29 	30 

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Girls Bible Study	3 Mens Class Ladies Class	4 Bible Class Summit	5 Seniors Lunch CHILL	6	7
8	9 Girls Bible Study	10 Mens Class Live Wires	11 Bible Class Summit	12 Guess Who's ? Coming to Dinner CHILL	13 J.U.L.I.E.T.S.	14
	Spring Mill Bible Camp Senior Week →					
15 	16 Girls Bible Study	17 Mens Class Ladies Class	18 Bible Class Summit	19 	20 ROMEOs Belize Mission Trip →	21
22	23 Girls Bible Study 	24 Mens Class	25 Bible Class Summit	26 CHILL	27	28
29 Return from Belize	30 Girls Bible Study	31 Mens Class				

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Carolyn Dawson—1
Clint Peyton—1
Kermit Phelps—1
Chloe Cary—2
Theresa Dadisman—3
Phyllis Thompson—3
Erika Donahue—4
Amy Knieriem—5
Lois Pogue—5
Jordan Butler—7
James Peden—7
Trey Vize—7
Aaron Glass—10
Patsy Shelton—14

Jan Mattingly—16
Mickey Hartlage—19
Ana Phelps—19
Jon Williams—20
Vicki Lewis—21
Larry Webb—21
Greg Childers—23
Kathryn Frank—23
Amy Konermann—24
Susan McAfee—25
Emmalynne Thomason—25
Linda Hankins—26
Taylor Parks—29
Sandy Elmore—31
Patty Puleo—31

Mark & Sandra Bryant—5/3/91
Jerry & Diane Claycomb—5/6/60
Tony & Martha Ciaburri—5/9/46
James & Tammy Albers—5/11/91
Gary & Sherry Noel—5/12/78
Daryl & Grace Wade—5/12/83
Kevin & Lori Herndon—5/13/00
Chuck & Heather DeWeese—5/17/08
Wayne & Betty Lewis—5/18/63
Ron & Sharon Cooper—5/19/73
Kermit & Chris Phelps—5/20/72
Don & Suzanne Barbiea—5/22/99
Brian & Nicole Curtis—5/25/02
Sal & Jenny Cox—5/29/04
Kevan & Elisa Doran—5/30/04