

# COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid,  
which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11)

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## From the Editor...



This coming week my good friend, and one of my mentors, brother Jerrie Barber will be holding a meeting at Bishop Street. Jerrie is currently involved in interim ministry work. The following article is from his blog (<http://barberclippings.blogspot.com/>). If you get a chance, go over and hear him as I know he will have some encouraging and challenging messages. -Tom

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### **"Preacheritis"**

Often when people are fondly recalling their former preacher – repeating something he said, or telling how he did something, someone will say, "They have preacheritis." Certainly Paul addressed the harmful allegiance to men that was causing division in the church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 1:1-15). It is not right to follow a human instead of Jesus. It is not right to cause division in the church because of personalities.

However, it may be that some people are dealing with the loss of a preacher, a brother in Christ, a friend, in a normal way. Does a woman who is depressed, angry, disoriented, sad, and crying have "husbanitis" after her companion of twenty or more years is buried?

Did Job's wife have "oxenitis," "donkeyitis," "sheepitis," "camelitis," and "childitis" when she said to her very sick husband, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" (Job 2:9)? Years ago, I was critical of Mrs. Job for this statement. But I have never attended the funeral for all my children in one day in addition to going from being one of the richest persons in my community to losing every investment and the health of my companion in a short time.

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**ASSEMBLY SERVANTS**  
**Sunday Morning, March 7, 2010**

Opening Prayer: *Scott Sellers*  
Song Leader: *Jim Robertson*  
Prayer Requests: *Ed Cassetty*  
Preside at Table: *Terry Taylor*  
Assist at Table: *Don Boe, Jimmy Belew, Sammy Moses, Jack Mitchell*

*Etheridge House: Jim Robertson*  
*Greeters: Ed and Kathy Cassetty*

If unable to serve contact *Jimmy Belew @ 587-3344*

**Birthdays**

*Scott Sellers-March 12,*

**Upcoming Events**

*Second Sunday Fellowship Meal-March 14*  
*Third Sat. Breakfast at Ryan's-March 20 9:00 p.m.*  
*Gospel Meeting at Bishop Street with Jerrie Barber-March 7-10*

*"Pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

**Remember in Prayer**

*James May , Denise Taylor & Rollins family, the Berryhills, the Synders, Mike Cox, Bart White, Virginia Ryder, James Cleek of Troy (farming accident) Denise Lee, Naomi Cole, Sandy Clark suffering from cancer, Richard Chasteen, Jeremiah Bagley, Denise Lee, Royce Nicks and Jeff Nicks, Tom's cousin, Carol Cross, who is having complications from knee surgery. Many in the community currently undergoing cancer treatments. The Anchor and Angel House residents; the Zambia Mission; our congregation, country, military, enemies and the lost.*

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Did Mary and Martha have "brotheritis" when they individually said to Jesus when he came to visit, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21, 32)?

The normal human reaction to loss is grief. To deny people the right to work through their feelings of sadness, anger, fear, and jealousy or their feelings of joy, guilt, and frustration (depending on whether that person is the one who wanted the preacher to go or stay) is to create an atmosphere to act out in an unhealthy way what could have been talked out in a mutually beneficial exchange. It may be that listening and asking questions to allow more talking would be more helpful than being critical and assigning a negative label to the person talking about their recently departed preacher.

This is one of the benefits of interim ministry. A trained interim sees complimentary comments about the previous preacher as a normal part of the transition process and is not threatened. The interim preacher does not come to replace the previous preacher. He is working in the congregation in the in-between-times. Part of the service of an interim is to "be there" to allow time for grief and adjustment after a long ministry or during a time of conflict.

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To learn more about interim ministry and the work Jerrie is involved with go to <http://barberclippings.com/>