

# life lines

Jefferson Avenue  
Church of Christ

## Church Safety News

We extend a warmth welcome to the officers who will be working with us on our church security. These are veteran officers who bring a lot of experience and knowledge to our safety program. Please join us in welcoming them and let them know you appreciate their service.



**Officer Kyle Farley**  
Sunday AM



**Lt. Mitch Harrington**  
Sunday PM



**Det. Sgt. Tammy Goolsby**  
Wednesday PM



**Officer Matthew Gribble**  
Alt Sunday AM



**Sgt. Mike Herrick**  
Alt Sun/Wed PM

The presence of an officer and patrol car can be a strong deterrent. We will also benefit from the officer's experience and training in many situations. Although it will not always be the same officer, the officer on duty will come from a small number of officers with whom we are contracting for their service. These officers will become familiar with our congregation, our building and grounds, and we will be working closely with them as we continue to develop additional safety/security plans. While on duty, the officer will have two-way radio contact with our ushers in the building.

We recognize that some could have mixed feelings about this practice. We are all wishing that these plans were not even needed. After much prayerful consideration, we believe this is a good decision that prioritizes your safety. As you see these officers, make sure to welcome them and introduce yourself.

You will also see some new roles for our ushers. You will see these men greeting people at the doors prior to services, and they will be a continued presence at entrances/hallways/vestibule, during services. The men will be aware of the planned response for various types of emergencies. To do this, they will meet regularly as a group to continually work on these topics. At the group's first meeting, we had about 22 people attend, which is a good start. But we need more people, and you can always indicate your desire to help with this important work. Ken Mayes is coordinating this activity. You can contact him at [kmayes@reagan.com](mailto:kmayes@reagan.com) or 931-260-9529.

Since we have started talking more about our church safety topic, many in the congregation have offered very good suggestions. Thank you for your thoughts on this important matter. Your input is always welcome, and you will be hearing more information soon, as other aspects of an overall plan are implemented.

### This Week's Lesson

#### Sunday Morning Worship

How to Say No when You Want to Say Yes—James 1.13-15

#### Sunday Evening Worship

#MeToo—2 Samuel 13.1-21

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**2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17**—God makes his people new. We find out how we are made new (vs. 17) by looking a few verses back in vs. 15 when Paul says “...**no longer living for themselves but for him who for their sake died...**” The Lord makes me new because he changes who I live for, and who I live for changes how I live.

We live today in a world that tells us to make everything about us. That’s not just the world today, that’s the world as its always been. From the beginning of time, people have done what they wanted to do because they wanted to do it. When we first see sin enter the world way back in Genesis, its because Satan tempted Adam and Eve to do what they wanted to do: eat the fruit. We see Paul telling the Corinthians that they are made new by no longer living for themselves. Even thousands of years ago, people were still looking out for and living for themselves first.

You can’t live for yourself and be a Christian at the same time. These two things just do not mix.

It’s easy if you take the time to think, to see how one lives life thinking only of themselves. We see selfishness in the way that a person treats themselves compared to others. We see selfishness in the way that a person talks to those around them. We see selfishness in the way that individuals respond to authority. We see selfishness in how entitled people feel (or don’t feel) about anything. We see selfishness in how someone responds when something does not go their way or someone does not get what they were hoping for. We see selfishness by the way someone works. We see selfishness by the way that someone serves when that serving does not benefit them.

Jesus takes this life, or this idea of how to live life, and completely turns it around. Instead of living for oneself, and living selfishly, he makes us new by turning our attention towards him. We live for Christ and no longer for ourselves, which in turn means we live for others. The way that we treat others begins to change, the way that we talk to others changes. We respond to authority with respect and love. We don’t feel entitled to things, instead, we work hard and accept what comes our way. When something does go our way, or we don’t get what we want, we consider what is best for the group as opposed to what I think is best for me. We serve all people, even when that service doesn’t benefit me in ways that I would like.

**Matt**



The Young Adult class will be studying the letter of James from January and April. We would love to have all the 20’s, young married, or young professionals join our study in room 214 on Sunday mornings. James is a challenging letter that provides multiple opportunities for self-examination and growth.

The book deals with very little with many of the doctrinal issues that both Paul and Peter had to deal with later. His writing is stern and eloquent. Someone has observed that “If Paul is a writer of faith, Peter is a writer of hope, and John is a writer of love; then, James is a writer of a working faith”

It provides practical instructions applicable to living under the perfect law of liberty and for the persecution of those trying to obey the new law. James deals with several sins and attitudes which apparently existed among many Jewish believers. James provides a sobering comparison of true and vain religion. It does this by restating a considerable amount of what Jesus taught in sermon on the mount in Matthew 5.

- Joy in the midst of trials (James 1:2; Matthew 5:10-12)
- Asking for good gifts (1:5; Matthew 7:7ff)
- Teaching against anger (James 1:20; Matthew 5:22)
- Hearers and doers of the Word (James 1:22; Matthew 7:21,24)
- Keeping the whole law (James 2:10; Matthew 5:19)
- Blessings of mercifulness (2:13; Matthew 5:7)
- Blessings of peacemakers (3:18; Matthew 5:9)
- Friendship with the world is enmity against God (4:4; Matthew 6:24)
- Blessing to the humble (4:10; Matthew 5:5)
- Against judging others (4:11-12; Matthew 7:1-5)
- Moth and rust spoiling riches (5:2; Matthew 6:19)
- Against oaths (5:12; Matthew 5:33-37)

### **How can knowledge about James impact my life?**

A big idea of James: Faith should be fruitful in our lives. Real change and real actions. Each week as a group and individuals our class will try to live out and dig into the lessons that James provides. Hopefully by end of this study we will have a better grasp on how to purify our faith in regards to these themes.

**Evan**

## News & Announcements

### Remember in Daily Prayer!

**Jane Foy** responded to the invitation Sunday morning asking for prayers.

**Charlie & Linda Moore** requests prayer for their son-in-law **James Daryl Rice**. He is in Saint Thomas Hospital, room #405, recovering from heart surgery, where he had five stints placed.

**Herman Bean** is at Cookeville Regional, room #626, with pneumonia and the flu.

**Peggy Cooper** was transferred to Bethesda Tuesday, for therapy.

**Update on Judi Williams**—she called on Friday and sounded good. She started radiation treatments Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and had her first chemo treatment Friday. Because of illnesses, please no visits, food or calls at this time. She wants to thank everyone for the two million cards she has received, and misses us all very much.

**Harold Gentry** has been moved to Quality Center Rehab, 932 E. Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, Tn. 37087.

**Sympathy to Betty Brotherton** in the loss of her aunt, **Dessie D. Barkes**, who passed away on Monday in McMinnville. Her funeral was held on Friday. She is also the great aunt of Linda Williams and John Brotherton and the great great aunt of Travis and Mitchell Williams.

**Sympathy to Joe Henry** in the loss of his father, **James Rodney Henry**, who passed away on Saturday, December 30. His service was held Wednesday in Dyersburg.

**Sympathy** to the family of **Timothy Jennings**, friend of Anthony Reep, who passed away on Thursday. His funeral was held Saturday in McMinnville.

**Those who are dealing with cancer:** Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Helen Carr, David Cowan, Walter Fitzpatrick, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd, Marty Smith and Judi Williams

### Remember Our Shut-ins:

**Bethesda:** Jan Shuster, Cornelia Steakley & Lyda Taylor

**Heritage Pointe:** Peggy Cooper

**NHC:** Evelyn Solt and Geneva Glasgow

**Signature Health-Algood:** Matilda Craighead

**At Home:** Hugh & Kathy Adams, Rubye Anderson, Sue Clack, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Wilma Judd, Peggy Mackie, Ralph Medley, Pat McCanless, Robert & Jean Reeves, Claudine Smith, Ed & Rosella Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith, Jimmy Stafford, Jordan Terry

**Lads to Leaders—Boy's Song Leading Class:** This class will start tonight (January 10) at 5:45pm in room #209. If you have questions, please see **Steve Leddy** or **Jack Gaw**.



**Baby GIRL Shower:** All ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Chad & Jill (Rhodes) Mynatt on Sunday, **January 21 from 1:30-3:00** in the **Fellowship Hall**. They are registered at Babylist.com. Please contact **Angela Johnson** if you would like to help with the shower.



**BIBLE BOWL 2018**  
Bible Bowl books for 2018 are **Daniel and Ecclesiastes**.

**Quilting Group:** Beginning next **Sunday, 14th**, we will start a new quilting group to make quilts for the girls at Happy Haven to take with them when they leave. If you are interested in helping, please come to the **Library, Room 113, after the morning service**. See **Ruby Holloway** for details.



**Women's Prayer Group:** We have resumed meeting on Wednesdays, at 10:00am, in the Library. All ladies are invited to come pray.



**New Address:**  
**BELL, Chris & Laurie**  
**5240 Verble Sherrell Rd**  
**Cookeville, 38506**

### REMINDER: WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT TEXT LIST

We have a method of informing members of important announcements such as cancellation of services. We will also continue to inform members via other means, such as by telephone, Facebook and the website. If you want to be included in this text system, text "**JACOC**" to **40650**.



# BIRTHDAYS

**January 14-20**

- 14-Kim McDonald
- 16-Samantha Harold
- 17-Quentin Guidry
- 18-Allison Burr
- 20-Rita Ashburn
- 20-Erik Carter
- 20-Jonathan Carter



## My Quiet Spaces

### 2018 Bible Reading

#### Week Two

- Monday**    **January 8**    **Matthew 6**
- Tuesday**    **January 9**    **Matthew 7**
- Wednesday**    **January 10**    **Matthew 8**
- Thursday**    **January 11**    **Matthew 9**
- Friday**    **January 12**    **Matthew 10**
- Saturday-Sunday—catch up reading**

#### Week Three

- Monday**    **January 15**    **Matthew 11**
- Tuesday**    **January 16**    **Matthew 12**
- Wednesday**    **January 17**    **Matthew 13**
- Thursday**    **January 18**    **Matthew 14**
- Friday**    **January 19**    **Matthew 15**
- Saturday-Sunday—catch up reading**



**Evangelism University**  
Savannah, Tennessee

**January 12-14**



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*Say a good word for Jesus this week!*

<u>Sunday, January 7, 2018</u>	
Bible Class.....	267
Sunday Morning.....	539
Sunday Evening.....	214
Wednesday Night.....	273
Contribution.....	\$20,708
Church Office.....	931-526-4605
Information Line.....	931-528-1006
Fax Line.....	931-520-8708
Mother's Day Out.....	931-260-7861
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<b>Evan Burns.....</b>	<b>evan@jacoc.org</b>
<b>Matt Collins.....</b>	<b>mattc@jacoc.org</b>
<b>Bo Perez.....</b>	<b>bo@jacoc.org</b>
<b>Mother's Day Out.....</b>	<b>laura.fox@jacoc.org</b>
<b>Sunday Bible Study.....</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning.....</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening.....</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Bible Study.....</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>DEACONS (cont.)</b>	
Sam Brown	
Phillip Burr	
Brian Carver	
Randy Chaffin	
Ken Clark	
Jim Dale	
Jason Fowler	
Chad Gilbert	
Seth Gilbert	
Jim Hicks	
Chuck Lankford	
Bryan Limer	
Bob Mackie	
Ken Mayes	
Brian McDaniel	
Andy Milton	
Dean Olson	
Jimmy Patterson	
Dave Piggott	
Bud Simpson	
Pete Story	
Don Viar	
Donnie Westbrook	
<b>SHEPHERDS</b>	
Glenn Binkley	
Jann Cupp	
Doug Fowler	
*Don Foy	
Bobby Lane	
John Mason	
John Rhodes	
*Chairman of Month	
<b>MINISTERS</b>	
Buddy Johnson	
Pulpit Minister	
Evan Burns	
Associate Minister	
Matt Collins	
Youth Minister	
Bo Perez	
Hispanic Ministry	
<b>DEACONS</b>	
Jason Bennett	
William Birdwell	