



Family Soup & Game Night

Friday, January 11 at 6pm

in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign up on the Family Board.

Bring games, soup, desserts and drinks.

See **Carrie Simpson** or **Leah Milton**
for details.

*God's
Mercies*

are new every morning
great is His

Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:23

SUNDAY LESSONS

Sunday morning sermon

How to Resolve a Conflict

Matthew 18:15-17

Sunday evening sermon

Game of Thrones

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Thank you!

Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Our children are a high commodity and blessing. Their spiritual growth is paramount for their future and the future of the Church. Kids are also scary. They represent an energy, honesty, and need many are not equipped to or desire to handle. They are also sticky. We have been blessed at Jefferson Avenue to have someone embrace the stickiness, fear, and spiritual needs of our Kids Avenue Program. Allison Burr has served for three years as the Kids Avenue Coordinator. Although she is leaving that position to pursue educational work in Putnam County, she has made her mark on the lives of our kids. We appreciate her years of service to them and our families. We thank her for the time and energy she put into each event, program, and class that brought our children closer to God. She has enriched their lives and helped guide them in their first steps towards God and their relationship with His Church.



Thank you Allison!

*We appreciate all you have done for
our kids and for our church.*



Collins' Corner

LUKE 1:26-38

Can you imagine how Mary must have felt when the angel came initially to talk to her? She must have been surprised, shocked, at what had just happened and what the angel had to say. Mary, the one who was a teenage virgin, was planning on being married soon — and maybe the thought of kids had crossed her mind before, but I doubt she gave it much thought as something that was an immediate possibility. Yet, here she was, having just spoken to an angel, and anticipating a child to come from her womb just a few short months away.

Not only did she receive news that she was to be expecting a child, but she also found out that her relative Elizabeth was also expecting. For Mary and Elizabeth both, this would come as a shock. Elizabeth, at least for a while, had been considered barren — unable to have kids. Elizabeth too would have been shocked by the news of her own pregnancy, and then the pregnancy of Mary, the teenage virgin. For everyone involved, these would have been shocking — and a few short weeks ago seemingly impossible — times.

But, as verse 37 of Luke tells us, that's just it. It was impossible. Mary had no business being pregnant. She was a teenage virgin. Elizabeth had no business being pregnant. She was a woman who was barren, unable to conceive. But here they are, both pregnant. The impossible had become reality. And the reminder of this story is this: **GOD CAN DO THINGS THROUGH HIS PEOPLE THAT WERE NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.**

It's not just the miracle that Jesus and John the Baptist were born. It's not just the timing of how the two pregnancy's worked out. What is so interesting here, and worth our time is the fact that God didn't just work a miracle because he is God — he worked a miracle for the benefit of his people, through his people. Did God send Christ to the world as a miracle, the one who would save our sins? Yes. But think about how he did it — through a teenage virgin. Did God send John the Baptist before Christ, as one who would “make the way” for Jesus, preparing the hearts of people for his teaching? Yes! But think of the way he did it — through a woman who was thought to be barren. It's not just that God can do the impossible — he certainly can. But it's that God can do the impossible through his people.

Matt Collins



Earful from Evan

Eli acted as a judge and High Priest in Israel before the time of kings. Like many men in the bible his character was not without flaw in his service to God. Unfortunately for Eli, the conduct of his sons, Phinehas and Hophni, became a glaring fault before God and the nation of Israel. Acting as priests these sons took prime cuts of meat from sacrifices in addition to committing adultery with the women who gather near the tabernacle. Although he delivers a weak reprimand to his son, he does nothing else to prevent further misconduct. God has enough and sends a messenger to pronounce judgement on Eli and his household for his passivity in his role as a leader.

In 1 Samuel 2 we read: **29** *Why do you kick at My sacrifice and at My offering which I have commanded in My dwelling, and honor your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the choicest of every offering of My people Israel?'*

As a high priest, Eli was the spiritual leader among the people. Although he himself was not a wicked man his reaction to sinful behavior set the tone for rest of the nation. God was not satisfied with a verbal warning. He saw Eli's response as honoring his sons above Him because he didn't handle the situation. Eli chose to favor his sons over God and His will. Eli chose to remain comfortable instead of courageous in dealing with a difficult situation. God wanted more than a passive response to sin among His people, especially when it involved leaders. Sometimes we can let 'love' for an individual drive us away from helping them past their faults. True love desires a person be eternally connected with God above them having a comfortable life. The fallout from unabated sin could lead to a hardened heart that takes advantage of passive resistance. It not only can lead to disaster for them eternally but all those whom they impact (such as the women at the tabernacle and those making offerings). God wants more than a 'do better' response. He wants a loving rebuke that leads to correction. He wants a standard to be enforced. Individuals, families, and churches are often lead astray by enabling behaviors in preference to carrying out responsibilities laid out by God. It is easier to be passive concerning a problem, but it is not healthier. Eli would later die after another foiled attempt by his sons and the child Hannah prayed for years before would take his place. Our challenge is to see what behaviors we are honoring above God and bring them before Him; to be renewed, to be changed, to take on courage to address the needs of others out of love.

Evan Burns

News & Announcements

Remember in Daily Prayer!

Paul McLendon has been dismissed from Cookeville Regional and is now at home.

Tim Durm, son-in-law of **Richard & Rita Lafever**, has been dismissed from Cookeville Regional and is now recovering at home from his quintuple bypass surgery last Wednesday.

James Chilous is scheduled to be dismissed from the VA Rehab Thursday. Keep him in your prayers while he continues to recover from knee surgery and rehab.

Laura Jackson remains at Lifecare Sparta for therapy.

Update from Julie Doyle about her sister: Jan is extremely weak and out of breath, we have empty chairs set up all over the house so if she can't make it to wherever she's going she can sit along the way. She's still planning trips (that she may never go on) but it makes her feel alive. Thanks for continued thoughts and prayers.

Those who are dealing with cancer: Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Barbara Brown, Helen Carr, Walter Fitzpatrick, Von Fortner, Jan Immel, Rhett Massey, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd, Lester Sparks and Tana Taylor

Remember Our Shut-ins:

Bethesda: Jan Shuster & Lyda Taylor

Heritage Pointe: Peggy Cooper

NHC Cookeville: Evelyn Solt

Signature Health-Algood: Matilda Craighead

At Home: Hugh Adams, Sue Clack, Margaret Cunningham, Geneva Davis, Mary Dyer, Harold Gentry, Wilma Judd, Peggy Mackie, Pat McCanless, Ralph Medley, Gaylon Presley, Robert & Jean Reeves, Claudine Smith, Ed & Rosella Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith, Jimmy Stafford and Jordan Terry

Daily Bible Reading Schedule for 2019 is available in both foyers for those who wish to have the full year at a time. We will also have the weekly schedule in each bulletin.



Meeting Announcement: *Tonight* after class, we are going to have a quick meeting to go over the **spring calendar** and have sign-ups for the **Sunday breakfast list**.

This coming **Sunday (13)**, we are going to meet before PM service at 5:00 for all those interested in going on the **mission trip to Manna** in June. If you are interested in going, please do not miss this meeting! **Matt**



Women's Prayer Group: We will have our first meeting of 2019 today, Wednesday, **January 9**, at 10am in the Library. See Laura Carter.

Monthly Deacons and Ministry Leaders Meeting: **Sunday, January 13 at 4:00pm in room 114.** Please check your e-mail for additional information.

Bridal Tea A Bridal Tea for **Cecilia Karina Campbell**, bride elect of **Austin Patterson**, will be held Sunday, **January 27 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Borden's, Wal-Mart and Amazon.



College Group Meal:
meal/devo after evening service
January 27-Doug & Mae Fowler

Sweetheart Banquet: Save the Date—**February 8** in the Fellowship Hall. Details to follow.

The Amazing Ladies are going to **Nick's Restaurant** on **Thursday, February 14**, for **Valentine's Day Lunch**. Please sign up on the Women's Ministry Board by Sunday, November 11. Watch for more details.

Marriage Retreat: **March 29-31 • \$325/couple (includes meals and lodging) • limited spots • no kids allowed!**

Take this opportunity to make your marriage an intentional focus. Yes, it will mean saying no to those other important relationships but it is a yes worth saying. It might mean saying no to some things financially so you can attend but it is a yes worth saying. If you are ready to say yes to an encouraging and uplifting weekend let **Evan** know.

BIRTHDAYS

January 13-19

- 13—Kristy Cunningham 16—Samantha Harold Parker
- 13—Katherine Clark (93) 17—Charles Frasier Sr
- 13—Gaye Ann Hill 17—Mary Beth Gentry
- 13—Calvin Skinner 17—Quentin Guidry
- 14—Kim McDonald 18—Allison Burr



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<u>Sunday, January 6, 2019</u>	
<p>SHEPHERDS Glenn Binkley *Jann Cupp Doug Fowler Don Foy Bobby Lane John Mason John Rhodes *Chairman of Month</p> <p>MINISTERS Buddy Johnson Pulpit Minister Evan Burns Associate Minister Matt Collins Youth Minister Bo Perez Hispanic Ministry</p> <p>DEACONS Jason Bennett William Birdwell Sam Brown Phillip Burr</p>	<p>DEACONS (cont.) Brian Carver Randy Chaffin Jim Dale Tim Farris Sean Flatt Jason Fowler Chad Gilbert Rick Gilbert Seth Gilbert Zach Henson Johnny Lane Chuck Lankford Bryan Liner Bob Mackie Ken Mayes Andy Milton Charlie Moore Courtney Norton Jimmy Patterson Dave Piggott Rob Porter Bud Simpson Pete Story Don Vlar</p>
<p>Bible Class.....301 Sunday Morning.....557 Sunday Evening.....262 Wednesday Night.....244 Contribution.....\$22,359</p> <p>Church Office.....931-526-4605 Information Line.....931-528-1006 Fax Line.....931-520-8708 Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email</p> <p>Church Office.....info@jacoc.org Buddy Johnson.....buddy@jacoc.org Evan Burns.....evan@jacoc.org Matt Collins.....mattc@jacoc.org Bo Perez.....bo@jacoc.org Mother's Day Out.....laura.fox@jacoc.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Service Schedule</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Morning.....10:00 AM Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM</p>

My Quiet Spaces

2019 Daily Bible Reading

January	13	Sunday	Genesis 37-39
	14	Monday	Genesis 40-42
	15	Tuesday	Genesis 43-45
	16	Wednesday	Genesis 46-48
	17	Thursday	Genesis 49-50
	18	Friday	Exodus 1-4
	19	Saturday	Exodus 5-7

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January 18-20—Evangelism University

April 5-7—Spring Retreat in Gatlinburg

June 4-11—Mission Trip to Manna

June 16-21—Short Mountain Bible Camp

July 7-10 Vacation Bible School

Wednesday After School (W.A.S.)
 every Wednesday when school is in session

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