

# life lines

Jefferson Avenue  
Church of Christ

## FALL Cookout



Young at Heart  
Fall Cookout at Ogden Center  
Lets Eat!!!

Our **Fall Cookout at the Ogden Center** is *this Friday*, **October 5 at 6pm.**

Sign-up on the sheet located on the YAH Board, *and* show-up for all the fun, food and games!! Bring your favorite dessert and/or side dish and come on. Enjoy the fellowship and our last outdoor event for this year!!!

See **Adriel or Roslyn Stout** for information.



### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Sunday Morning Worship  
*Evan Burns Preaching*

Sunday Evening Worship  
*Bo Perez Preaching*

**PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY**

### I AM A LAWBREAKER

For the past twenty days, I have been breaking the law. I have been driving with an expired license. I did not know it had expired. I did not choose to break the law. It was not my intention. However, the fact remains that I have transgressed the statutes of the State of Tennessee. When it was brought to my attention, I was embarrassed and motivated to get into compliance. I logged on to the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security website, clicked on the button to renew my driver's license, filled in my personal information, paid \$28, and the problem was corrected. The best part - it took three minutes to renew my license online and I did not have stand in line for hours! Thank you, Steve Jobs!

Have you ever broken the law? Some people choose to willfully defy the law of the land. Others (like me) break the law through negligence or by accident. No matter our intentions, transgressing the law is a serious offense.

Spiritually speaking, we are lawbreakers. 1 John 3.4 says, "*Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.*" Your sin may have been a willful act. You may have sinned through negligence or by accident. Nevertheless, you broke the law. Transgressing God's law is a serious offense. The good news? Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. Because of his sacrifice, God says, "*Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more*" (Hebrews 10.17). God chooses to forgive and forget. His grace will cover all our sins. If only the State of Tennessee operated that way...

### BOOK REVIEW

When is the last time you had a spiritual conversation that led someone to Christ? When is the last time you tried? If you would like to be a better evangelist, then you need to read Matthew Morine's latest book Natural Evangelism: An Everyday Approach to Sharing the Gospel. Matthew urges his readers to employ a more natural approach to evangelism.

Matthew shares his own amazing journey of spiritual awakening in the introduction. His excitement is contagious as he speaks of the joy he found in Christ. He writes with a bold yet conversational style to tell personal stories from his pre-Christian days that illustrate helpful and harmful evangelistic approaches. The author pleads for his readers to take the first step. "Don't wait for the lost to come to you. You need to go to them!" Morine reminds his readers that God is working before they arrive and after they leave. He places people in our path so that we might reach out to them. I respect the fact that Matthew practices what he teaches. The author intersperses his own efforts in evangelism highlighting what did and did not work. His willingness to share his own efforts is refreshing and encouraging.

This book will be encouraging for those who have tried various evangelistic techniques in the past with little success. When I finished reading this book, I was reinvigorated! Evangelism is the greatest work on earth. Our task is to sow the seed and our time on earth is short. Let's get to work!

**Buddy Johnson**



## Collins' Corner

**JOHN 17: 6-8; 18**

***"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.***

***As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world"***

There are all kinds of things that Jesus did to impact the world, all kinds of things that he did that made him famous, all kinds of things that he did that fascinated people, all kinds of things that he did to help people, all kinds of things that he did that that we could never do. But do you notice, as he's at the end of his life, what he is talking about? He is praying on behalf of the people that God gave him. People that God sent him to. People that were placed in his life. And now, what does verse 18 say? It says that he is sending them out in the same way.

Know this: We have been given people — we have been sent people — providentially, so that we may share the gospel with them and then they may be sent. God loves you so much. God loves others so much — many of whom don't know it. In fact, God loves them so much that he SENT YOU! You make the difference.

God has uniquely placed you where you are and has providentially provided people in your life — for you. God has sent you to them. These people have the same fears that you do. They have the same stresses as you do. They have the same worries that you do. They have the same doubts that you do. They have the same insecurities that you do. That have the same relational problems that you do. They feel moments of loneliness like you do.

The problem is — they don't know God as you do. They don't know the God who can protect their heart and mind. They don't know the God who can care for their broken hearts. They don't know the God who gives purpose and peace. They don't know the God who provides a family. They don't know the God who restores and remakes. They don't know God as you do — and God has providentially provided them with you, and you with them. **Matt**



## Earful from Evan

Transgression is one of the three primary words for sin we find in the bible. It usually is translated in our bibles as rebellion, offense, sin, transgression, and trespass. In Hebrew the word is pasha. What sets it apart is it usually designation of behavior representing an intentional disobedience, especially against God's law. In 2 Kings 3 Pasha is used to describe how Moab rebelled against Israel when Ahab died. The decided to break the established covenant between the nations ensuring not only a lack of conflict but a collaborative relationship. Israel once the stronger nation now must deal with a rebellious Moab. In Proverbs 18:19 it reads: *A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city.* The word translated as offended is the word pasha. A brother whose trust has been broken, a brother you have treated with contempt, a brother who you were once close to but transgressed against will be hard to win back. It will be even harder than attacking a strongly fortified city. It shows how personal pasha was not only spiritually but socially and politically. When it comes to our relationship with God it gets must more serious. Transgression a conscious, willful rebelling against Him and His commands. To trespass God's instruction is to rebel against God. Eve and Adam both transgress God's command in the Garden of Eden. Man has broken the covenant relationship with God. The history of Israel contain numerous occasion of transgressions against Him directly or His word (such as the Golden Calf). In the New Testament the greek word 'parabasis' is translated transgression or trespass. It means to go beyond. A trespasser is someone who crosses a line or climbs a fence that he should not cross or climb. A trespass may be intentional or unintentional. *Transgress or trespass* can also mean "to fall away after being close beside." It should be easy for us to recognize we at some point in time have "crossed the line" in thought, word, or attitude many times a day. We have even willfully rebelled and broken our covenant with God when we became new creations. Rom 5: 17 *For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.* Even though we have transgressed against God, He has created a mediator who can restore that relationship once again. He has paid the price so our transgressions and our willful trespassing won't be held against us. How great is our Savior! **Evan**

# News & Announcements

## Remember in Daily Prayer!

**Clarcie Bush** is in CRMC room #314.

**John Brown** is back at Vanderbilt Hospital with infection. Pray for **Barbara** too.

**Julie Doyle's** brother, **Kurt**, had surgery on his leg to remove infection. Pray for complete healing without further issue.

## Our Shut-Ins

### Remember Our Shut-ins:

**Bethesda:** Jan Shuster & Lyda Taylor

**Heritage Pointe:** Peggy Cooper

**LifeCare Sparta:** John Brown

**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

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

**Fall Break:** This week and next is Fall Break. We know that several of our young families will be traveling over the next weekends to go on vacation or to visit with family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Be safe and have a great Fall Break!

**Mission Sunday:** Save the date Sunday, November 11 to hear reports from our missionaries.

**Daylight Savings Time:** According to my calendar, Daylight Savings Time is supposed to end on November 4.

*Thank you!* Thank you for all the donations of time and money for the annual Cookeville High School Cavaliers Football meal this year. Another deeply appreciated success. We are proud to be an involved partner in our community. Thanks. **Ken and BJ Matheny**

**NHC Worship Service:** Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship services at **NHC Sunday October 7 at 2:00pm.** The **Early Bird Class** is scheduled to assist.



**Gift Bassinet:** A gift bassinet is in the back hallway for your gifts to **Ella Rose Kimbrough.** (Kerry & Kelly)

**The Amazing Ladies** are going to the **Farmhouse Restaurant** in **Byrdstown** on Tuesday, **October 9.** Please sign up on the YAH Board by Sunday, October 7. **The bus will leave at 11am!** Several have requested this, and we know you will not be disappointed in our day. Hope to see you then.

### College Group Meal:

**October 21**—meal/devo after evening service—Cupp



**Women's Prayer Group:** We will not meet on Wednesday, October 3 and 10 (School Fall Break).



**October 28: Speaker is Bill Watkins**

Make plans now to hear Bro. Watkins.

Bring yourself, bring a friend.

Watch for more details.

**Trunk-or-Treat:** Please start bringing loads of individually wrapped candy and place by Matt Collins' door. Trunk-or-Treat will be October 28 this year. Watch for details.

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*Say a good word for Jesus this week!*

<p><b>SHEPHERDS</b> Glenn Binkley Jann Cupp Doug Fowler Don Foy Bobby Lane *John Mason John Rhodes *Chairman of Month</p>		<p><b>DEACONS (cont.)</b> 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 Viar</p>		<p><b>Sunday, September 30, 2018</b> Bible Class.....217 Sunday Morning.....479 Sunday Evening.....190 Wednesday Night.....301 Contribution.....\$18,245</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><b>MINISTERS</b> Buddy Johnson Pulpit Minister Evan Burns Associate Minister Matt Collins Youth Minister Bo Perez Hispanic Ministry</p>		<p><b>DEACONS</b> Jason Bennett William Birdwell Sam Brown Phillip Burr</p>		<p><b>Email</b> 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><b>Service Schedule</b> Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Morning.....10:00 AM Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM</p>	

# BIRTHDAYS

**October 14-20**

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| 15—Evan Burns    | 18—Autumn Burr    |
| 15—Harold Gentry | 19—Kylie Frizzell |
| 15—Andy Milton   | 19—Stephen Stults |
| 15—Jen Webb      | 20—Patsy Gentry   |
| 17—Jean Reeves   | 20—Ellie Simpson  |
| 17—Don Viar      |                   |



## My Quiet Spaces

**2018 Bible Reading**

**Week Forty**

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|---|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b>                        | <b>October 3</b> | <b>II Timothy 2</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>                         | <b>October 4</b> | <b>II Timothy 3</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>                           | <b>October 5</b> | <b>II Timothy 4</b> |
| <b>Saturday-Sunday—catch up reading</b> |                  |                     |

**Week Forty-One**

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| <b>Monday</b>                           | <b>October 8</b>  | <b>Titus 1</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                          | <b>October 9</b>  | <b>Titus 2</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                        | <b>October 10</b> | <b>Titus 3</b>   |
| <b>Thursday</b>                         | <b>October 11</b> | <b>Philemon</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>                           | <b>October 12</b> | <b>Hebrews 1</b> |
| <b>Saturday-Sunday—catch up reading</b> |                   |                  |

## A News and Notes

- October**  
1-12—Fall Break  
14—Devo @ Simpson's  
20—Milton Hayrlde  
21—T4C @ Smithville  
27—ERUPT Youth Rally  
28—Trunk or Treat

- November**  
11—T4C @ Netherland  
14—Friendsgiving  
16-18—Fall Retreat  
25—Devo @ Gilbert's

- December**  
8—Christmas Party  
16—Opry Mills  
21—Jan 2—Christmas Break

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

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