

life lines

Jefferson Avenue
Church of Christ

What's Happening?

Young-at-Heart:



The trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse is this **Friday, March 2**. We will leave the JA parking lot at **2:30pm**. See **Larry Harkleroad**.



SOUP-ER GAME NIGHT

30s&40s Soup and Game Night:
Friday, March 2, 6pm, in the **Fellowship Hall** for our soup and game night. Bring your soup and games. See **Leah Milton**.

Wednesday Night Meal:

Soup Cook-off
March 7 at 5:00pm,
Fellowship Center
Bring your best soup!
Cost is \$4 per person
(\$16 family max).



THIS WEEK'S LESSON
Sunday Morning Worship
A Word to the Wise
James 3.13-18

Sunday Evening Worship
Can We Defend Ourselves?
Esther 8.11 / Matthew 5.39

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY



THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER

Have you checked on Kentucky basketball recently? It needs CPR. Better call 911. Get out of the way - we're coming to the Emergency Room. Or, maybe it's too late - just fire the coach. Is one and done finished?

The Wildcats have become the Mildcats.

Kentucky is the all-time NCAA leader in wins with 2,256, but the mighty Cats have fallen on hard times. Kentucky (9-7) will stumble into SEC play barely over .500. The loss to South Carolina was scary. Then they were swept by Tennessee. Their most recent game with Auburn turned into a nightmare. An 76-66 whipping by the Tigers.

Kentucky fans won't like what I'm about to say - but you're getting what you deserve. You have a history of great coaching. Adolf Rupp built the program. He led Kentucky to four National Championships. Rick Pitino was a good coach too - but he only won a single National Championship in 1992. You thought you deserved better. So you brought in Orlando "Tubby" Smith. And he was a good coach too - a quality coach with a quality reputation. But another championship in 1988 was still not enough. You weren't happy with Tubby Smith and asked him to leave. Another change in coaches didn't help. Remember Billy Gillespie? It was time for yet another change. Bring in the savior - John Calipari. He quickly led the Cats to the title in 2012 - but that was six years ago. Now it feels like you're entering the land of average. Mediocrity. You're not bad, but you're not very good. Middle of the road. And congratulations, you earned it.

What happened at Kentucky ("If we could just change coaches, surely we'd be better") often happens in life. A few illustrations:

- "If I could just change jobs, I'd make more money."
- "If I could get a divorce, I'd be happier."
- "If we had better leadership at church, we would grow."
- "If I had more education, I could get a better job."
- "If I had a better boss, I would be promoted."
- "If I had a bigger house or a better car, I'd be happier."

Perhaps a reminder from Philippians 4.11 would do us all good: "**I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.**" The grass is always greener on the other side. But remember - If the grass is greener on the other side, you can bet the water bill is higher too!

Oh, by the way, to you Kentucky fans who are getting ready to pounce, calm down. I know what I'm talking about. We thought a change at Tennessee would help too. On the gridiron, we got rid of Phil Fulmer in 2008 (with a record of 152-52) and still haven't found his replacement! Maybe we can borrow a coach from Alabama...

Buddy Johnson



Collins' Corner

MATTHEW 6:25-26—*“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”*

Worry has been a part of human life since the beginning. While our worries and fears may be very different now than they used to be, the truth is that many of us have experienced crippling worry and fear in some form or another. Those real worries are not limited to adults either. With technology ever present in the lives of our kids, they are growing up at faster rates than before and dealing with issues at a younger age. Barna research group documents some of the new age worries and fears that those who live on social media experience:

“The psychological distress of smartphone and social media use is related to the fear of missing out (“FOMO”), especially when those social encounters are documented online so relentlessly. Those who aren’t invited are keenly aware, through social media, of what is happening without them, leading to feelings of exclusion and loneliness. Those who post are also affected, anxiously waiting for the affirmation of comments and “likes”; this is most acute among young women.

In her book *The Happiness Effect*, Donna Freitas argues that the pressure to appear happy and successful online not only fosters inauthenticity, but can actually make people less happy. As one student told Freitas, “People share the best version of themselves, and we compare that to the worst version of ourselves.”

In Matthew 6, Jesus gives his followers encouragement by pointing them to the birds of the air and the flowers of the field. If they are taken care of and provided for, why wouldn’t we be as well? Let’s not be confused and misunderstand, this certainly does not mean that things are perfect if you are a child of God. Far from it. There are challenges that will come our way. There are disappointments that will come our way. There are temptations that will come our way. That’s part of the reality of life. Being a child of God does not insulate you from the problems of the world. However, being a child of God does allow you access to something that the rest of the world doesn’t have: peace. His peace doesn’t solve all of my problems and worries, but it does allow me to endure those difficult times, giving me a proper perspective to see his goodness through it all. **Matt**



Earful from Evan

The tongue is one of the most powerful things God gifted to man. It is capable of the greatest good and the most far reaching harm. James lays out several warnings concerning the tongue in his letter.

In chapter one he states that if anyone regards himself to be externally devoted yet doesn’t completely control their tongue, he continually tricks himself under the delusion his faith is acceptable to God, fruitful, and valuable. God is looking to us to gain control of this powerful part of our body. He gives 3 examples of what to remember in regards to the taming of the tongue.

James 3:1 *Now if we put the bits into the horses’ mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. 4 Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. 5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.*

These first two give a great image. The powerful horse and great ships are both directed by something small. We as God’s creatures although smart, strong, gifted, and etc we are directed by what the tongue has spoken. If our tongue speaks from a heart filled with anger, bitterness, other evils our destination will also probably be likewise.

See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. 8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

The third example gives more insight to the power behind the tongue. Much like the youths who cause the Great Smoky Mountain fire a few years ago we are seldom aware of the damage our words can do once we speak. Much like fire it claims in vs 8 that the tongue can not be tamed. It may be consciously controlled. It may be forcibly held silent. But like fire it will never be something we can just set free. Our tongues have power. Let us hope we can with God’s help harness it to better serve and glorify Him.

Evan

News & Announcements

Remember in Daily Prayer!

Joe Hill, Sr. (father of **Joe Hill**) is back in CRMC room #415; his sodium levels had dropped.

Leon Fletcher is now at Cookeville Rehab room #21A for therapy.

Mitch Harrington, one of our security officers, is having shoulder surgery and will be out for about three weeks.

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

Our Shut-Ins

Remember Our Shut-ins:

Bethesda: Jan Shuster, Cornelia Steakley & Lyda Taylor

Heritage Pointe: Peggy Cooper

NHC: Rubye Anderson, Evelyn Solt, Geneva Glasgow

Signature Health-Algood: Herman Bean & Matilda Craighead

At Home: Hugh & Kathy Adams, 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 and Jordan Terry

NHC Worship Service: Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship services at **NHC** on **Sunday, March 4** at **2:00pm**. **Sunday Library Class** is scheduled to assist.

BE STILL Ladies' Day at Jefferson Avenue

Join us for a time of insight with **Jennifer Gerhardt** at our **BE STILL Ladies' Day** on **April 6 and 7**

The event is Friday night from 6-8; Saturday morning from 9-11 (food and beverage served).

Sign-up online at jayouth.org or call the church office.

Happy Haven's 53rd Anniversary Celebration Banquet is **Thursday, March 22**, at Leslie Town Center, with Therold's Little Opry as the entertainment. See the bulletin board for details or **Houston Bynum** at 615-427-8861.



Thank you so much for all the beautiful get well cards while I was in the hospital and at rehab. They really made my day. I'm so happy to be back at church. Thanks for your visits, gifts and every act of kindness.

Sincerely, **Peggy Cooper**

The Amazing Ladies would like to thank the **Capps Family** for the candy and **Randy & Stephanie Chaffin** for our flowers, making our Valentines lunch very special for all of us!



Baby GIRL Shower: All ladies are invited to a baby GIRL shower honoring **Jordan & Becky Fitzpatrick** this **Sunday, March 4**, from **1:30-3:00** in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target, Babies R Us, and Amazon. If you would like to help with the baby shower, please see **Angela Johnson**.



Come-and-Go Birthday Party: Come celebrate the 80th Birthday of **Sue Clack** with us on **Saturday, March 10**, from **2-4pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Your love and presence is the only gift she needs.

The Amazing Ladies will be traveling to Livingston on **Tuesday, March 13**, for lunch at "The Clark House". The bus will leave at **11am**. Please sign up on the YAH Board for this special time of fellowship.



New Phone Numbers:

Clay Holloway—931-303-3877

Ruby Holloway—847-732-7829

Young-at-Heart Golden Sixties Banquet: It's Hawaiian/Beach Night on the Cruise Ship! Please join as the Young at Heart set sail **March 23 at 6pm** for dinner. In the Fellowship Hall. Sign ups are on the bulletin board. Dress in your finest beach ware attire and be prepared to learn the Hula Dance!

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Say a good word for Jesus this week!

<u>Sunday, February 25, 2018</u>	
Bible Class.....	271
Sunday Morning.....	572
Sunday Evening.....	219
Wednesday Night.....	283
Contribution.....	\$22,395
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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Evan Burns.....	evan@jacoc.org
Matt Collins.....	mattc@jacoc.org
Bo Perez.....	bo@jacoc.org
Mother's Day Out.....	laura.fox@jacoc.org
	Service Schedule
Sunday Bible Study.....	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning.....	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study.....	6:30 PM
SHEPHERDS	
Glenn Binkley	Sam Brown
Jann Cupp	Phillip Burr
Doug Fowler	Brian Carver
Don Foy	Randy Chaffin
Bobby Lane	Ken Clark
*John Mason	Jim Dale
John Rhodes	Jason Fowler
*Chairman of Month	Chad Gilbert
	Seth Gilbert
	Jim Hicks
	Chuck Lankford
	Bryan Limer
	Bob Mackie
	Ken Mayes
	Brian McDaniel
	Andy Milton
	Courtney Norton
	Dean Olson
	Jimmy Patterson
	Dave Piggott
	Bud Simpson
	Pete Story
	Don Viar
MINISTERS	
Buddy Johnson	
Pulpit Minister	
Evan Burns	
Associate Minister	
Matt Collins	
Youth Minister	
Bo Perez	
Hispanic Ministry	
DEACONS	
Jason Bennett	
William Birdwell	

BIRTHDAYS

March 4-10

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| 4—Walter Fitzpatrick | 7—Phylliss Burton |
| 4—Kyncee Gilbert | 7—Sue Clack |
| 4—Phil McCanless | 7—Joel Cowan |
| 4—Courtney Norton | 8—Rachel R. Jordan |
| 5—Whitney Bowman | 8—Marilyn Scott |
| 5—Wayne Roberts | 9—Porter Davidson |
| 6—Rowen Bennett | 9—Roslyn Stout |
| 6—Sean Flatt | 10—Glenn Binkley |



My Quiet Spaces

2018 Bible Reading

Week Nine

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| Wednesday | February 28 | Mark 15 |
| Thursday | March 1 | Mark 16 |
| Friday | March 2 | Luke 1 |
| Saturday-Sunday—catch up reading | | |

Week Ten

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| Monday | March 5 | Luke 2 |
| Tuesday | March 6 | Luke 3 |
| Wednesday | March 7 | Luke 4 |
| Thursday | March 8 | Luke 5 |
| Friday | March 9 | Luke 6 |
| Saturday-Sunday—catch up reading | | |

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| March | 4 | T4C @ Willow Ave |
| | 12-16 | Spring Break |
| | 23 | Golden 60's |
| | 25 | Devo @ Milton's |
| | 30-Apr 1 | L2L |
| April | 1 | Easter |
| | 20-22 | Spring Retreat |
| | 27-29 | EU (rescheduled) |
| | 29 | Devo @ Henson's |
| W.A.S. is every Wednesday that school is in session | | |

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