

life lines

Jefferson Avenue
Church of Christ



Join us **Sunday, May 6 at 6pm** for **Senior Night!** On this night, we will honor our four High School Seniors and recognize their accomplishments. As it our custom, the dads of the Seniors will preach, lead singing, read scripture and pray. The Elders will read a charge to the Senior Class, then we will watch the Senior video. Following the video, we will walk over to the Fellowship Center where the Junior Class parents have prepared cake, refreshments, and tables of honor.

Shelby Mainord
Cameron Monks
Emma Olson
Katie Patterson

Our College Graduates

Logan Monks
Tennessee Tech University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kelli Morgan
East Tennessee State University
MS in Speech Pathology

Tyler Slagle
Tennessee Tech University
Fishery Biologists

GOOD NEWS

What is our mission?

It depends on whom you ask. Some might say that true worship is our mission. Others might say that caring for the poor is our mission. Still others may suggest that evangelism is our mission. These are all good answers. But how did Jesus define our mission? He said our mission is to love God and our neighbors (Matthew 22.36-38).

Loving God is easy. Loving our neighbors is hard. Maybe that's why so many of our churches are shrinking. We simply aren't doing what Jesus told us to do. In a time when church attendance is dwindling nationwide, we need a reminder to take the mission of Christ to our neighbors. Inward-focused churches with myopic vision will continue to decline and die. Outward-focused churches with hyperopic vision will grow and thrive.

So how can we improve?

First, we need to be attentive to each other's needs and the needs of our community. We need to put Jesus first, others second, and ourselves last. We can't just be about survival. Our church must have a larger purpose. We need to get out of our comfort zone and get to know our neighbors.

Second, it is our responsibility to take the first step in getting to know our neighbors. We need to be vulnerable with our neighbors. We need to give them the chance to get to know us.

Third, we need to serve our neighbors. We must remember that the path Jesus marked for us is a path of service.

We must continue to find new and interesting ways to love God and our neighbors. As Jesus said in Matthew 5: "We are the light of the world." Our church should be known as a loving community of people dedicated to good works. Loving God and loving others is our mission!

Buddy Johnson

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Sunday Morning Worship

Three Things You Need to
Know About Marriage

Sunday Evening Worship

What Did Jesus Say?
John 14-15

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY →



Collins' Corner

ROMANS 6:15-18

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Paul gets right after this idea in verse 16 — everybody is a slave to something. We are a slave to whatever we obey, we are a slave to whatever controls us. I don't know what you are a slave to, but you are a slave to something.

Maybe you're a slave to self-esteem. Maybe everything you do is geared towards boosting your own self-esteem. So you constantly position yourself in a way that makes you look good so that you can feel good about yourself.

Maybe you're a slave to others opinions. Maybe everything you do is geared towards making other people think good of you. So you constantly perform, hoping that how you act or what you say will make someone else happy.

Maybe you're a slave to an addiction. Maybe everything that you do is geared towards that addiction, and you do whatever it takes to get that next high. So you now surround yourself with people that help you foster and grow that addiction, leaving behind others that would only get in your way.

The reality is, all of us are slaves to something. Whatever it is that controls us, that's what we are slaves to. It might be different things to different people, but anything that we are a slave to that is not Jesus will not leave us fulfilled. It leaves us empty, constantly looking and searching for something to fill us up. Or maybe it gives us just a temporary pleasure, but just enough to leave us empty after a while and coming back for more. Slavery to sin and things that are not Jesus produces no eternal joy, no fulfillment, and no fruit in my life.

Paul lays out this idea in Romans 6 but also tells us what a life looks like that is in slavery to Christ. Verse 22 of Romans 6 spells it out nicely for us, but a life that is lived in slavery to Christ leads to eternal life with Christ, a productive (fruit-filled) life, and the ability to be sanctified (set apart for a holy purpose). In other words, slavery to Christ fulfills us, it doesn't leave us empty. **Matt**



Earful from Evan

We are blessed to have some many good teachers here at Jefferson Avenue. Below are the classes we will offer this trimester (May-Aug). Make plans to take part in our classes. They are a great way to connect with others and grow in understanding of God's word. If there is a subject or book you would like to study please let me know.

Sunday AM Class		
Class	Teacher	Topic
College	Brad Fortner Sam Brown	Media and the Messiah
Young Adult	Evan Burns	Old Testament Survey
30's & 40's	Sean Flatt	Counter Culture
Library	Charlie Moore William Birdwell	Acts
Fellowship Hall	David Fox	Mark 9-16
Small Auditorium	David Whiteaker	Revelation
Rm 114	Morris Mabry	Romans
Rm 115 Ladies	Laura Jackson	Ephesians
Wednesday 1:30 Class: David Vaughn—Acts		
Wednesday Night Class		
College	Rob Porter	Proving the Bible
Young Adult	Evan Burns	How Satan Works
Large Auditorium	Houston Bynum	Effective Bible Study
Library	Joe Hill	Spreading of the Gospel
Fellowship Hall	Buddy Johnson	Harmony of the Gospels
Rm 114 Ladies	Carrie Simpson Anna Gilbert	Philippians
Rm 115	Don Foy	1 John

News & Announcements

Remember in Daily Prayer!

Linda Moore is home on bed rest with pneumonia. Please no visitors at this time.

Jimmy Stafford remains in room #23A for rehab at Cookeville Rehab.

Sympathy to Marcia Brown, in the loss of her father, **Andy Yoder**, who passed away Friday. His funeral was held Tuesday.

Sympathy to Bobby Allred on the death of his aunt, **Shay Allred**. Her funeral was held Monday.

Those who are dealing with cancer: Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Helen Carr, Walter Fitzpatrick, Jan Immel, 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

Signature Health-Algood: Matilda Craighead

At Home: Hugh Adams, Herman Bean, 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

Purge Notice: THIS IS HAPPENING NOW!! We have had so many folks create memorable items for a variety of activities over the years. Our closets are filled with memories of fun, growth, sweat and tears, but we now need room for new memories and your help to make it happen. The first week of May there will be a dumpster brought to the building for the purpose of our nursery remodel. We will use that time to purge our storage areas and the building. If you have a special connection to one of the items in our closets we encourage you to take it home before then. Or if someone thinks an item should "make the cut" to stay, they should label it with a note and their name in case there is a need to discuss. If not please know the item will have a special place in our memory and the dump but not in our closets. If you are interested in helping with this purge please contact **Evan Burns**.

Bridal Tea

♥**Bridal Tea** for **Alyssa Harold**, bride elect of **Chase Bishop**, on Sunday, **May 6, from 1:30—3**, in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Borden's, Bed Bath & Beyond and Wal-Mart.

♥**Bridal Tea** for **Madison Hill**, bride elect of **Logan Moody**, on Sunday, **May 20, from 1:30—3**, in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Borden's and Pottery Barn.

♥**Bridal Tea** for **Sara Viar**, bride elect of **Jonathan Terry**, on Sunday, **May 27, from 1:30—3**, in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Amazon, Borden's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Target, Walmart and Williams Sonoma.

NHC Worship Service: Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship services at **NHC Sunday, May 6 at 2:00pm**. The **Elders and their Wives** are scheduled to assist.

Young-at-Heart: Historic Trip to Bell Buckle, Tennessee, **Saturday, May 5**. We will leave the parking lot at **9:30am!** For more information, see Larry Harkleroad.

The Amazing Ladies will have lunch at the home of **Jackie Tidwell** on **Tuesday, May 8**. The bus will leave at 11am. Today is the last day to sign-up.

Young-at-Heart: The **\$75.00 deposit** is due by **May 17**. There is still room for more to sign up. **September 17-21—Motorcoach Trip** to Savannah, Jekyll Island and Charleston, South Carolina. \$489.00 for 5 days/4 nights. See J. C. Young.

30's & 40's Cookout: Save the date **Saturday, June 9 at 5:00pm**, the Milton's will host a cookout at the farm. Watch for more details later.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!! **2018 VBS (June 3 -6)**

We still need several volunteers. If you have two hands and a heart for Jesus, sign up ASAP on the VBS bulletin board.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonAvenueCOC>

Say a good word for Jesus this week!

Sunday, April 29, 2018	
Bible Class.....245	Church Office.....931-526-4605
Sunday Morning.....517	Information Line.....931-528-1006
Sunday Evening.....179	Fax Line.....931-520-8708
Wednesday Night.....259	Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861
Contribution.....\$16,171	
	Email
	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
	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	DEACONS (cont.)
*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

May 6-12

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| 6—Ross Alan Binkley | 11—Tyler Smith |
| 6—Addison Hamilton | 12—Herman Bean |
| 6—Sheila Thomison | 12—Roger Buckner |
| 8—Matilda Craighead | 12—Whit Carlen |
| 8—Brock Ferguson | 12—Inez Dunn |
| 8—Jane Scott | 12—Morris Mabry |
| 9—Cooper Gilbert | 12—Leah Milton |
| 10—Richard Lafever | |



My Quiet Spaces

2018 Bible Reading

Week Eighteen

Wednesday	May 2	John 20
Thursday	May 3	John 21
Friday	May 4	Acts 1
Saturday-Sunday—catch up reading		

Week Nineteen

Monday	May 7	Acts 2
Tuesday	May 8	Acts 3
Wednesday	May 9	Acts 4
Thursday	May 10	Acts 5
Friday	May 11	Acts 6
Saturday-Sunday—catch up reading		

A News and Notes

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May

6—Senior Night

23—100% Night

June

17-22 Short Mountain Bible Camp

W.A.S. is every Wednesday that school is in session

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