

Away at College:

Please share some love and comfort with our college students away from home.

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REJOICING IS BETTER THAN COMPLAINING

As we discussed on Sunday night, Paul urged the Philippian church to "rejoice in the Lord always" (4.4). However, he also told them to "do everything without complaining or arguing" (2.14). Why this instruction? In every congregation, there are difficult people prone to negativity and chronically unhappy. It is one thing to affirm a disgruntled person's feelings of disappointment. It is another thing to commiserate with complainers. Mature Christians join with their elders to make the church a positive place to learn and grow. James 5.9 says, "Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!" Bad behavior should not be encouraged or rewarded. It isn't necessary to be harsh, but it is essential to face the problem squarely rather than hope it will go away. What can you do?

- Redirect their attention - *What can we give thanks for?*
- Reconnect them with reality - *Actually, the sky is not falling.*
- Reaffirm support for what is criticized - *Let's celebrate!*
- Repeat support for those who are maligned - *Here's why I respect him.*

Remind them of values they overlook - *Rejoice always!*

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Matthew 7.1-2

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS IN BIBLE BOWL

Josh Piggott (participated for 13 yrs)	Callie Gilbert
John Piggott (scored 92)	Ernesto Pedro
Jesse Allen	Conner Liner
Parks Fowler	Michael Brown
Waylon Fowler	Elin McDonald
Gibson Fowler	Richlyne Bennett
Cara Lee Gilbert	Rowen Bennett

Also thanks to **Pat Shinsky** for writing questions, **Rick & Linda Gilbert** and **Seth & Brook Gilbert** by being coaches and **Dave & Jeana Piggott** for spearheading the Jefferson Avenue teams.

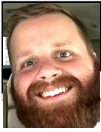
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Sunday Morning Worship
Spiritual Growth Strategy #2 - Fellowship
1 Corinthians 12.12-20

Sunday Evening Worship
The Importance of Daily Devotion
2 Corinthians 4.16-18

Buddy Johnson

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY →



Collins' Corner

TITUS 2:7-8

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

A holy life is one that others can't speak against. One of the first reasons that individuals give for why they continually leave the church or have given up on God is because they feel the church is full of hypocrites. They feel that the church is full of judgmental people who aren't loving or caring — and treat others as if they are not worthy of their time. They feel as if the church is closed minded or closed off, so why should they want to be a part of a group that lives that way?

Do you know why so many feel that way? Primarily, it's because Christians have made them feel that way. Many Christians have been hateful, both to each other and to non-Christians. Many Christians have used their words to hurt and not help, tear down and not build up — and its greatly affected their individual influence and the church's influence as a whole. In other words, Christians that choose to not live a holy life are doing great damage to the church, but a holy life does the opposite. A holy life is one that others, regardless of how great their hatred is for the church or its people, can't speak against. A holy life not only gives credence to the individual, but it also helps restore the reputation and perception of the church as a whole.

We also need to see that living a holy life makes the **gospel attractive for other people to see**. How many times have you seen someone come to church, met and formed lasting friendships, and given their life to Christ? We see it often, don't we? That's what living a holy life does — it points others toward Jesus. It makes his lifestyle something that attracts others. Everyone, across all generation, ethnic groups, religions, economic status, etc, are attracted to people that show love to them. People that treat others with compassion, that do the right thing, include everyone — those people cross all barriers! And that's what the gospel does — it calls all people, regardless of background — to Jesus. And we are his primary means to make that happen! So living a holy life not only sets the reputation for the individual and the church, but it also attracts the world to the one that we live our life for!

Matt



Earful from Evan

Class Spotlight:

Sunday Morning College Class

Teacher Don Viar . Topic Contemporary Issues

How do we apply the Bible to current events? That was the root question by many of our college age students. How can a book written thousands of years ago have anything relevant to say about issues like social media conflicts, religious terrorism, mental health, denominational problems, etc.? Starting with a lesson on "how" to study and apply scripture, we talk about the concepts of exegesis and hermeneutic and the importance of correct Biblical interpretation. Then, each week, we will tackle a different modern-day issue in a discussion-oriented format. Ahead of class, students are encouraged to read up on that issue in the news. More importantly, students are challenged to search the scriptures for relevant passages (in context) that can speak to the selected issue. At the end of each week, the class votes on the topic to be covered in the next class. Some of the topics that may be covered during the course include:

- Social media conflict
- Mental health issues
- Denominational conflict
- Gay rights / marriage
- Why does God allow ____ (evil, suffering, etc.)?
- Transgenderism
- Poverty
- Inequality
- Climate change
- Politics
- Foster care
- Pornography
- Gender roles
- Work addiction
- Family trauma
- Forgetting the past
- Obesity
- Divorce
- Single parenting
- Personal debt
- Religious terrorism
- Sickness and suffering



News & Announcements

Remember in Daily Prayer!

It was great to see **Leon Fletcher, Sylvia Tackett** and **Janice Parish** back in worship on Sunday!!

Geneva Davis is making progress. She has been out for nine months and misses us. Let's shower her with cards of encouragement.

Sue Wheeler is home following surgery on Monday and is recuperating very well, and continues to take chemo.

James Gentry is home following surgery on Monday and is recuperating well.

Faye Wilson has been dismissed from CRMC.

Sympathy to **Robert Mellema** in the passing of his step-mother, **Ann Mellema**, who passed away on Sunday. Visitation with the family will be Sunday, from 10am until time of the service at 2pm, at Anderson-Upper Cumberland Funeral Home in Gainesboro.

Sympathy to **Fred Burton** in the passing of his sister, **Pauline Kirby**. Her funeral was held on Sunday.

Sympathy to **Wilma Judd** in the passing of her sister-in-law, **Ann Smith Huddleston**. Her funeral was held on Saturday. She was the sister to our late **John Judd**.

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, Marty Smith, Lester Sparks, Sue Wheeler and Tana Taylor

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, 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



Jefferson Avenue Family, we appreciate the efforts of so many of you who have eased the hurt of Mother's passing. The kind words, cards, good and memorial gifts made this difficult time more bearable. She loved her church family here in Cookeville and we are grateful for the time she was able to spend here. May God continue His blessings on your efforts to live in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely, **Marty Clark**
for the family of **Rubye Anderson**

Bridal Tea

♥**Bridal Tea** for **Samantha Harold**, bride elect of **Hunter Parker**, Sunday, **September 16 from 1:30—3**, in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Borden's & Bed, Bath & Beyond.

7th Annual Cookeville High School Cavaliers Football Meal! **Thursday, September 20.** We prepare and serve the CHS Cavaliers Football team and cheerleaders each year. This meal is paid for entirely by private donations and the team always comments on how much they enjoy our meal we host here. Please give any donations to **Anna Gilbert** or **B.J. Matheney** by Sunday, September 16. Also let them know if you can assist in any way.

Fowler Farms Fall Family Fellowship: Saturday, September 29, the entire congregation is invited to the famous **Fall Family Fellowship** featuring fabulous friends, fun, favorite foods and fishing, all flowing in abundance at faithful Fowler Farms. More details to follow.



If you are interested in doing, or donating money or items for a Magi Box, please contact **Lisa Rhodes**. These boxes are going to children in the Dominican Republic and need to be returned to Lisa by **September 23rd**. Thanks!

Young at Heart—Lets Travel!!!

Monday morning our Young-at-Heart will be leaving on their annual motorcoach trip. This year they are traveling to Savannah, Jekyll island and Charleston, SC. We pray blessings, safe travels and good health for them all.

College Group Meals:

September 12—meal before Wednesday class at 5:30pm
September 23—meal/devo after evening service—Mayes

BIRTHDAYS

September 23-29

- 24—Sherry Binkley
- 24—Susan Fitzpatrick (Pat)
- 24—Virginia Simpson
- 24—Roy Tudor
- 25—Helen Kinnard
- 26—Cara Lee Gilbert
- 27—Hazel Burns
- 28—Lora Bates
- 28—Joe Carter



My Quiet Spaces

2018 Bible Reading Week Thirty-Seven

- Wednesday** September 12 I Thessaloians 1
- Thursday** September 13 I Thessaloians 2
- Friday** September 14 I Thessaloians 3
- Saturday-Sunday**—catch up reading

Week Thirty-Eight

- Monday** September 17 I Thessaloians 4
- Tuesday** September 18 I Thessaloians 5
- Wednesday** September 19 II Thessaloians 1
- Thursday** September 20 II Thessaloians 2
- Friday** September 21 II Thessaloians 3
- Saturday-Sunday**—catch up reading

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- September**
- 16—T4C Singing
- 23—Devo @ Lewis'
- 28-30—RUSH @ FHU (Jr/Sr)
- October**
- 1-12—Fall Break
- 14—Devo @ Simpson's
- 20—Milton Hayride
- 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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Say a good word for Jesus this week!

<u>Sunday, September 9, 2018</u>	
<p>SHEPHERDS</p> <p>Glenn Binkley Jann Cupp Doug Fowler Don Foy *Bobby Lane John Mason John Rhodes *Chairman of Month</p> <p>MINISTERS</p> <p>Buddy Johnson Pulpit Minister</p> <p>Evan Burns Associate Minister</p> <p>Matt Collins Youth Minister</p> <p>Bo Perez Hispanic Ministry</p> <p>DEACONS</p> <p>Jason Bennett William Birdwell Sam Brown Phillip Burr</p>	<p>Bible Class.....284</p> <p>Sunday Morning.....570</p> <p>Sunday Evening.....214</p> <p>Wednesday Night.....287</p> <p>Contribution.....\$20,247</p> <p>Church Office.....931-526-4605</p> <p>Information Line.....931-528-1006</p> <p>Fax Line.....931-520-8708</p> <p>Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email</p> <p>Church Office.....info@jacoc.org</p> <p>Buddy Johnson.....buddy@jacoc.org</p> <p>Evan Burns.....evan@jacoc.org</p> <p>Matt Collins.....mattc@jacoc.org</p> <p>Bo Perez.....bo@jacoc.org</p> <p>Mother's Day Out.....laura.fox@jacoc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Schedule</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday Morning.....10:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM</p>
<p>DEACONS (cont.)</p> <p>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>	