

# life lines

Jefferson Avenue  
Church of Christ



## 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. Matheny**; also let them know if you can assist in any way.



Thank you, thank you, thank you to all have participated in the Magi Box project. I have been overwhelmed with people wanting to do a box or give a donation. Please be sure to return your box to me by **Sunday, September 23rd**. Thanks again! Lisa Rhodes

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Sunday Morning Worship  
Spiritual Growth Strategy #3-Study  
2 Timothy 3.14-17

Sunday Evening Worship  
Paul's Letter to Thessonical

**PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY** →

### **Power Up!**

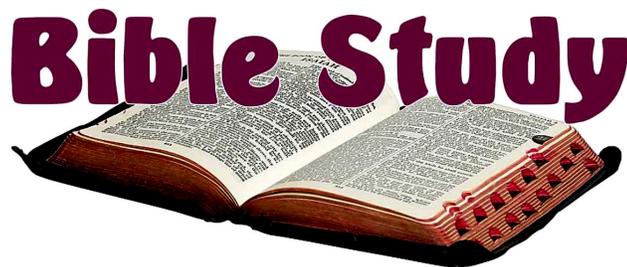
Many of you have expressed your appreciation for the recent sermons on commitment and fellowship. I hope you are looking forward to the rest of the series on spiritual growth. This week we will take a look at God's source of power for our lives.

When you are feeling weak, what do you do? Perhaps more is needed than a nap. Jesus said, *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life"* (John 6.63). Jesus' words are generative (life-giving) and transformative (spirit-renewing). They create and motivate. Paul declared, *"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek"* (Romans 1.16). In other words, the gospel is God's power to effect change. The Gospel changes destinies (it saves) and characters (it sanctifies).

Paul urged the Ephesians to take advantage of this power available to them in God's Word: *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil"* (Ephesians 6.10-11). God's might or power is the protection afforded by His inspired teachings. They impart life to those dead in sin and energy to those alive in Christ. People strengthened by the gospel become a force for positive change in the lives of others. They use their influence in honorable ways to move people closer to God.

Nutrition companies sell an assortment of power bars to provide athletes a pick-me-up to finish their workouts. How do Christians endure to the end and finish strong? More time *in* God's Word. More time *with* God's people. Power up!

**Buddy Johnson**



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## Collins' Corner

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5** *And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you **except Jesus Christ and him crucified.** And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.***

### FAITH ROOTED IN GOD WILL OUTLAST FAITH ROOTED IN PEOPLE.

You can see how Paul is getting to this big point by reading the first few verses in chapter 2. He reminds the Corinthians of what he preached when he came to stay with them — the person and work of Jesus. When Paul lived with them he was constantly teaching the people about who Jesus was and what Jesus did, specifically, his actions on the cross. Paul states that the reason he taught this was on purpose — he wanted the faith of the people to be in Jesus, and not in him. And if we continue to teach people and point people to the cross with our words and lives, that will be our end result as well. Unfortunately, many of us have a faith that is built on people.

How do I go about having a faith that is built on people? If my only connection to God and the church is through somebody else. In other words, maybe your connection to God or the church is only because of your parents. Maybe it's because of a spouse, or just another friend. Maybe it's through some kind of mentor or minister. But ask yourself — what would happen to my faith if something changed in my relationship with that key person?

If my parents went through a messy divorce or fight — would my faith change? Would my relationship with the church change? If my friendship with that person went through a rough patch — would my faith be affected? Would my relationship with the church be affected? If I went through a breakup that was dramatic — would my faith dissolve? Would my relationship with the church dissolve?

If my faith in God is directly connected to someone else, I'm living with a very shallow faith. All of us have people that have been influencers in our life. All of us have people that lead us toward Jesus and give us encouragement. That's good and we need those individuals in our life, but our faith and our connection to the church cannot be dependent on them.

**Matt**



## Earful from Evan

Chata'ah is the Hebrew word most often translated as "sin" in our bibles, means 'missing the mark'. When describing the warriors representing the tribe of Benjamin in Judges 20:16 it was said: *Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left handed; every one could sling stones at a hair, and not chata'ah (miss the mark).* This is sin. It is to miss the mark, to wander away from the right path, and to err (even mistakenly). In the New Testament the word for sin is translated from the Greek 'hamartia' and it also means missing the mark. Sin is not lust or murder, but lust and murder are sins. This is because these behaviors fall short of the goal.

When Adonijah sets himself as king over Israel when David is old, Bathsheba comes to David concerned on what would happen to Solomon. She warns David that all the people of Israel are watching how David handles the situation. If Solomon is not made king they will be treated as sinners. As a mother and son who fell short of the goal and not worthy to be leaders of Israel or royalty. David takes steps to make Solomon king to avoid this situation. There are other examples when chata'ah is used in this context, but they all imprint the same concept.

We are to be aiming and hitting at the mark set by God. What is the mark? The most simply way is to look at how God summed it up before the nation of Israel when the 10 Commandments were delivered. They could be boiled down to 2 concepts which Jesus said were the greatest. Love and honor God. Love and honor others. All the commandments then and after fall into these two categories. Sin is imperfectly loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Sin is imperfectly loving our neighbors as ourselves. A lot of times we simply try to avoid certain behaviors that are specifically mentioned in the bible, but being a christian is more than avoidance. It's drawing back the arrow of our lives and placing it in the bullseye of love for God and others. This requires mindfulness on our part. It is not something that can be hurried.

In Proverbs 19:2 it reads...*He who hurries his footsteps chata'ahs (sins).* It paints the picture of someone who fails to plan their journey and in their hurry take the wrong path. A goal for this week could be to slow down, take time to aim, and bullseye loving God and others.

**Evan**

# News & Announcements

## Remember in Daily Prayer!



**Congratulations to Kerry & Kelly Kimbrough** in the birth of their daughter, **Ella Rose**, who born on Friday. She weighed 6 lbs & 15 oz and **IT'S A GIRL!** was 18 inches long. The proud big brother is **Knox Kimbrough** and proud grandparents are **Neil & Kay Ranft**.

**Sheila Thomison** says thank you for all of your caring thoughts and prayers for her nephew **Brad Johnson**. Brad has had a breakthrough and was able to sleep for long stretches of time with very good pain control. He woke up Sunday morning with a strong sense of peace about the recovery process and is feeling upbeat emotionally. He feels the prayers and said "The Lord has truly blessed me." The latest update was Tuesday stating that they are safely home and he has use of his right hand!

**Sympathy to Lorie Watson** in the loss of her aunt, **Mary Poole**, who passed away on Saturday. Funeral services will be held at 11am Friday at Hunter Funeral Home in Sparta. Visitation will be after 5pm on Thursday evening.

**Sympathy to Wayne Roberts** in the loss of his father, **John B. Roberts**, who passed away Wednesday. His funeral was held on Sunday.

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



Many Thanks to our Church Family for the cards, calls, visits and prayers during recent illness and the passing of our sister, Pauline Kirby. Friends are a Blessing God gives us to carry us thru trying times. In Christian Love,  
**Fred and Phyliss Burton**

Dear Fellow Christians, thank you for your time and effort in preparing food for my family during this sad, difficult time. Dock was a very special person and the memory of him is sweet.

In Christian Love, **Gale S. Little**

To My Jefferson Avenue Family, you have lifted my spirit with all the beautiful cards and caring visits. I appreciate them so very much. I am still yearning for the day I can come back to church and be with all of you. I miss you dearly. Thank you for thinking of me. **Geneva Davis**

### College Group Meal:

**September 23**—meal/devo after evening service—Mayes

**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.

**Vision Basketball Sign-ups** will be held this

**Saturday-Sept 22 from 9:00-11:00am**

**Make-up Day is Thursday-Sept 27 at 6:30**

in the Jefferson Avenue gym. Fee is \$45 (\$10 late fee after Sept 30). If you have questions or would like to coach a team, please see or call

**Jeana Piggott** for more information. (260-0794)

[www.visionbasketball.com](http://www.visionbasketball.com)

### Young at Heart—Lets Get Ready to Eat!!!

Our **Fall Cookout at the Ogden Center** is **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.

# BIRTHDAYS

**September 30—October 6**

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| 30—Connie Fowler | 3—Makayla Rawdon  |
| 30—Ian Guidry    | 3—Megan Dycus     |
| 2—Jerry Ford     | 6—Kaden Bandy     |
| 3—Julia Foy      | 6—Hazel McCanless |
| 3—Wanda Jared    | 6—Callan McCord   |
| 3—Ethan Lankford | 6—Jeff Williams   |



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*Say a good word for Jesus this week!*

<p><b>Sunday, September 16, 2018</b></p> <p>Bible Class.....290                  Sunday Morning.....555                  Sunday Evening.....196                  Wednesday Night.....279                  Contribution.....\$19,848</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>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>	
<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 Vlar</p>	<p><b>DEACONS</b>                  Jason Bennett                  William Birdwell                  Sam Brown                  Phillip Burr</p>
<p><b>SHEPHERDS</b>                  Glenn Binkley                  Jann Cupp                  Doug Fowler                  Don Foy                  *Bobby Lane                  John Mason                  John Rhodes                  *Chairman of Month</p>	<p><b>MINISTERS</b>                  Buddy Johnson                  Pulpit Minister                  Evan Burns                  Associate Minister                  Matt Collins                  Youth Minister                  Bo Perez                  Hispanic Ministry</p>

## My Quiet Spaces

**2018 Bible Reading**

**Week Thirty-Eight**

- Wednesday** September 19 II Thessaloians 1  
**Thursday** September 20 II Thessaloians 2  
**Friday** September 21 II Thessaloians 3  
**Saturday-Sunday**—catch up reading

**Week Thirty-Nine**

- Monday** September 24 I Timothy 1  
**Tuesday** September 25 I Timothy 2  
**Wednesday** September 26 I Timothy 3  
**Thursday** September 27 I Timothy 4  
**Friday** September 28 I Timothy 5  
**Saturday-Sunday**—catch up reading

## A News and Notes

**September**

- 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

[www.jayouth.org](http://www.jayouth.org)