



Dear Brethren, thank you so much for your prayers (the reason I improved so fast) and all the beautiful cards you sent me. I enjoyed your visits also. I love each of you so much!

Peggy Cooper

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the funeral meal for the Todd/Matheney family. We are so thankful for all who expressed their condolences for the loss of Zac and B.J.'s Grandfather. Thomas Todd was a Vietnam Veteran who retired as a Major with five bronze stars. He will be greatly missed by our family.

The Todd/Matheney Family

To My Jefferson Avenue Church Family, we cannot express our love and gratitude enough for all the prayers, cards and flowers our family received in our time of grief. Thank you for your words of encouragement and those who brought food and served. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we deal with our loss. May God bless each and every one of you in any way that you may need for being such a blessing to others.

In God's Love,
Jackie Tidwell
Ronnie & Juli Tidwell
Doug & Lora Hicks

This Week's Lesson

Sunday morning

Standing On the Promises of God
Joshua 23.14

Sunday evening

Work Your Faith
James 2.14-26

GOOD NEWS

We have a new sister in Christ! On September 24th, **Sheila Thomison** was baptized into Christ for the remission of her sins. Sheila is the mother of our **Stephanie Chaffin** and she was baptized by her son-in-law, **Randy Chaffin**. Sheila has been worshipping with us for several months. She has a wonderful smile and a positive spirit. We rejoice with Sheila and her family in this most important decision! Please encourage her when you see her.

SCARRED HANDS

I want to tell you a story about a man named William Dixon who lived in England. He was a widower who had lost his only son at a young age. One day he saw that his neighbor's house was on fire. Although the aged owner was quickly rescued, her orphaned grandson was trapped upstairs in the blaze. Dixon climbed an iron pipe on the side of the house to reach the boy. The pipe was hot and badly burned his hands as he climbed up and down and lowered the boy to safety.

Shortly after the fire, the grandmother died. The townspeople wondered who would care for the boy. Two volunteers appeared before the town council. One was a father who had lost his son and would like to adopt the orphan as his own. William Dixon was to speak next, but instead of saying anything he merely held up his scarred hands. When the vote was taken, the boy was given to him.

Do you understand just how much God loves you? When God sent his only Son Jesus to the cross, He was thinking about you. When Jesus let those Roman soldiers drive the nails into his hands, he was thinking of you. When he drew his last breath, he was thinking of you.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him (John 3.16-17).

One day Satan will stand before the throne and demand your soul. God the Judge who sits on the throne will turn to Jesus and he will not need to speak. He will simply hold up his scarred hands. We need to thank God for his costly love.

Buddy Johnson

Collins' Corner

LUKE 18:9-14:

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

We see over and over again throughout the Gospels that the interaction between Jesus and the Pharisees is not great. The Pharisees are threatened by Christ and the following that he is gaining and try many times along the way to put an end to him. The problem is, they can't. The Pharisees weren't the only form of Jewish sects, however. The Essenes, Zealots, and Sadducees all had their place among the people when it came to the Jewish religion. Why don't we see many of Jesus' interactions with them? We don't really know, but it is possible that we don't see those interactions because the Pharisees were widely known as being the closet ones to the law. They were the keepers of the law. The Sadducees had a hard time believing in anything supernatural. The Essenes were very mystical people and were not as committed to their faith as the Pharisees. The Zealots continually produced political extremist and outlaws. Then you have the Pharisees. The "good guys." The normal ones who kept every letter of the law, or so it seemed.

So the question becomes, what is so wrong with the Pharisees? Instead of being some religious group that took others far away from scripture, the Pharisees stayed as close as they could to it. As a result, the danger of the Pharisees was in the subtle perversions of the law, not the gross misconduct of it. The Pharisees were guilty of, what John MacArthur calls, "Cosmetic Righteousness." All outward and 0 inward. Instead of using the law to reveal sin and cultivate humility, they used the law to cover sin and cultivate pride. They kept the details of the law, yet still missed the overwhelming message of the law, the gospel.

Matt

BIBLE CLASSES

PRESCHOOL-PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES

Sunday Morning

Cradle Roll	Jane Foy	Anna Gilbert	108
Toddlers	Laura Fox	Linda Gilbert	105
2 year olds	Rebecca Baggett		106
3 year olds	Kayla McCord		100
4 year olds	Brook Gilbert	Seth Gilbert	103
Kindergarten	Jeana Piggott		107
1st Grade	Macey Korth		202
2nd Grade	Jason Bennett	Stacey Bennett	203
3rd Grade	Andy Milton		206
4th Grade	Andy Milton		206
5th Grade	Mae Fowler		208
6th Grade	Dave Piggott		210

Wednesday Night

Cradle Roll	Whitney Bowman		108
Toddlers	Cindy Mackie	Lauren Mackie	105
2 year olds	Olivia Simpson	Molly Chaffin	106
3 year olds	Stephanie Chaffin		100
4 year olds	Lynn Lane		103
Kindergarten	Pam Rawdon		107
1st Grade	Lisa Rhodes		202
2nd Grade	Sarah Lane		203
3rd Grade	Courtney Norton	Lindsey Norton	206
4th Grade	Courtney Norton	Lindsey Norton	206
5th Grade	Rick Gilbert		208
6th Grade	Glenn Binkley		210

Teens Bible Class—Matt Collins—Downstairs

ADULT CLASSES

Sunday Morning

- Harmony of the Gospels**—Don Viar-College (215)
- New Testament Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecies**—Chad Gilbert-20s-30s (214)
- A Christ Centered Life**—Randy Chaffin/Bob Mackie-30s-40s (213)
- Gospel of John**—Charlie Moore/William Birdwell-Library
- The Life of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark**—David Fox-Fellowship Hall
- Confidence in Your Salvation**—David Whiteaker-SmallA
- Bible Word Studies**—Houston Bynum-(114)
- Revelation**—Laura Jackson-Ladies (115)

Wednesday Afternoon Class 1:30pm

John—David Vaughn-(115)

Wednesday Night

- Characters of the New Testament**—Brian Carver-College (215)
- The Message of the Minor Prophets**—Buddy Johnson-Large Auditorium
- The Promise Land (Ray Vander Laan)** - Joe Hill-(114)
- Empires: How God has used the Kingdoms of this Earth for His Purpose**—Jann Cupp-Fellowship Hall
- The Apostles**—Wanda Jared-Library (Ladies)
- Building Better Marriages**—Bill Flatt/Sean Flatt-(115)

News & Announcements

Remember in Daily Prayer!

Roy Carter, grandfather of **John Nichols**, had heart surgery on Monday and is in CRMC room #346.

Allison Burr's grandmother, **June McCormack**, is at Summit for therapy, following heart surgery.

Angela Leffew, Johnny Bates' sister, is receiving shots to boost her blood levels in order to restart her chemo.

Bobbie Locke is now in room #542 at CRMC.

Wilma Judd remains at CRMC room #407.

Sympathy to **Jackie Tidwell** on the death of her niece, **Deborah Sharp**, who passed away in Oak Ridge. Her funeral is Saturday, October 21 at 2pm, at the Central Baptist Church in Oak Ridge.

Sympathy to **Tim Long** on the passing of his mother, **Olene Haile Long**. Her funeral was held on Saturday.

Sympathy to **Linda Moore** on the passing of her brother **Bill Hutchinson** in Virginia. His funeral was held on Monday.

Remember those who are dealing with cancer:

Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Walter Fitzpatrick, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd and Marty Smith

Remember Our Shut-ins:

Bethesda: Jan Shuster, Cornelia Steakley & Lyda Taylor

Heritage Pointe: Peggy Cooper and Wilma Hayes

NHC: Evelyn Solt, Aletha Tino

Signature Health-Algood: Matilda Craighead

At Home: Hugh & Kathy Adams, Sue Clack, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Wilma Judd, Peggy Mackie, Ralph Medley, Pat McCanless, Claudine Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith, Jordan Terry and Joyce Williamson

Deacon Budgets 2018: Deacons, prepare for the 2018 budget. Your YTD expenditures are in your boxes. Budgets are due to Glenn Binkley or one of the other elders by Sunday, **October 29, 2017**.

Young-At-Heart Holiday Dinner: It's Holiday time and our dinner will be **Friday, November 10**, in the Fellowship Hall, at 12 Noon. Please sign up on the YAH Board. If you would like to decorate a table, there is a sign-up sheet for that too. Please see **Linda Farris (537-3351)**.

Fellowship Day—October 29

Join us on Sunday, **October 29**, for a day of Fellowship and a Potluck Meal.

* **9:00 am—Regular Morning Classes**

* **10:00 am—Morning Worship Service**

Following the morning worship service, we will have a *potluck meal* in the Fellowship Center, recognizing

Leighton Sissom

for his many years of service and dedication to this congregation.

We will ending with a short devotional.

There will be no evening service.



L2L Sign-ups: **Sunday, October 22**, following the evening service, we will have sign-ups in the Fellowship Hall, *and snacks!* See **Dave Piggott**.

Happy Haven is looking for a part-time employee (20-25 hours per week) who is proficient in Peachtree or Quick-Books, Microsoft Word and Excel. Applications are available at www.happyhaven.org. See **Houston Bynum**.



Trunk or Treat **Saturday, October 28, 5:30-7:30** is our Trunk-or-Treat in the upper parking lot. Please bring individually wrapped candy and drop it off at Matt's office. **Also**, please sign-up on the Children's Bulletin Board for decorated cars, sandwiches, deserts, drinks and chips!

Fall Family Fun, Food and Fellowship at Fowler Farms:

The entire congregation is invited to a Fall Fellowship on **Friday, November 3** at **5:30 p.m.** Come and enjoy the cool, crisp weather, the colorful leaves and family fun. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and your favorite campfire dishes for the pot luck meal. There is a sign up sheet on the family bulletin board; however, if you forget to sign up, come anyway! All of this is weather permitting, of course. See **Doug or Mae Fowler**. (FFFFFFF)

Ladies Bible Journaling Workshop: If you are interested in attending a Bible Journaling Workshop, please call or text **Anna Gilbert** (931-265-0629). The date is **November 4** from **1-8pm** at Jan Kendall's Lake Camp. The day will be spent crafting (literally) spiritual truths that fight our strongholds. Lots of hand-on fun. Dinner provided. The fee is \$15 for supplies. Limited space is available.

BIRTHDAYS

October 22 - 28

- 22 – Harrison Burr
- 23 – Audrey Birdwell
- 24 – Sonia Mayes
- 24 – Cheri McCormick
- 27 – David Anderson
- 28 – Dennis Fitzpatrick
- 28 – Bobby Lane



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<u>Sunday, October 15, 2017</u>	
Bible Class.....267	
Sunday Morning.....503	
Sunday Evening.....157	
Wednesday Night.....240	
Contribution.....\$18,089	
Church Office.....931-526-4605	
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Fax Line.....931-520-8708	
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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	

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OCTOBER 20-22-Fall Retreat at Cedar Lake Camp
28—Trunk or Treat (**BRING CANDY!**)
??—Devo @ Viar's
18,25—W.A.S.

NOVEMBER 19—Devo @ Mackie's
22-24—Thanksgiving Break
1,8,15,29—W.A.S.

DECEMBER 2—Christmas Party
21—Opry Mills
21-1/2—Christmas Break
6,13—W.A.S.

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DEACONS (cont.)
Phillip Burr
Brian Carver
Randy Chaffin
Ken Clark
Jim Dale
Jason Fowler
Chad Gilbert
Seth Gilbert
Jim Hicks
Chuck Lankford
Bryan Limer
Bob Mackie
Ken Mayes
Brian McDaniel
Andy Milton
Dean Olson
Jimmy Patterson
Dave Piggott
Gaylon Presley
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Pete Story
Don Viar
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