

life lines

Jefferson Avenue
Church of Christ

GOOD NEWS

On Sunday morning, the elders installed Jann Cupp and John Mason as elders of this congregation. These two men will join our six current elders in leading this flock of God's people. For those who may not have been here on Sunday, the elders shared the following information about these two men.

Jann Cupp first came to this congregation from Texas in 1972 with his parents: Herman and Claryce Cupp; sisters, Karen Edgington and Kelly Lucius; and brother, Jon Cupp. He led his first song when he was 12, preached his first sermon when he was 13, and has since served as both a song leader and pulpit minister at Monterey and at Freestate in Jackson County. He has also served as an associate minister at the Sycamore congregation (where he met his wife Sandy) and at Jefferson Avenue. He has been the song leader here at Jefferson for 26 years and is also a frequent Bible class teacher.

Jann and Sandy have a daughter and son-in-law, Morgen and Chris Perez, who attend the Mayfair congregation in Huntsville, Alabama, and a son, Taylor, who attends the Rose Hill congregation in Columbus, Georgia.

Jann attended David Lipscomb and holds degrees from Tennessee Tech and from the University of Tennessee. He is currently a professor in the Department of Counseling and Psychology at Tech, where he has served for the past 23 years.

John Mason is serving for a second time as an elder at Jefferson Avenue, having previously served from 1997-2009. He was born in McMinnville and grew up in Gainesboro, Livingston, Cookeville, Maryville and McMinnville while his father worked with the Tennessee Public Health Department. He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech and the University of Missouri, Rolla. He retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service and TTU after 16 years.

John and his wife Linda have a daughter Malissa in Florida and a son John in Texas, as well as four grandchildren. He and Linda have been members at Jefferson Avenue since 1995.

I am thankful for Jann and John, for their love for God and for the church, for their spiritual leadership, and for their willingness to serve. May God bless you!

MISSIONS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 13, will be a special day at Jefferson Avenue! Our foreign missions deacons have been planning a Missions Sunday. On that day, we will highlight several foreign mission works and invite guest preachers from those mission points to come and speak. All contribution that exceeds our regular weekly budget on that day will go to missions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Sunday evening, November 20, Jefferson Avenue will host the annual Thanksgiving Singing. We always have a good number of members who support this singing. I want to invite those who have not come to the singing in the past to come this year. We need you to be here since we are hosting the singing. It is always an uplifting time of worship!

Buddy Johnson



This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning Worship

Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God
Matthew 6:33

Sunday Evening

A Second Look at Nehemiah
Nehemiah 7-13

Collins' Corner

Hebrews 5:11-14 — *About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.*

This text starts as a reference back to Jesus being our great high priest. The one who suffered for the sins of his people, the one who made the ultimate sacrifice and became the source of eternal salvation.

The Hebrew writer here is talking to people that are stagnant in their spiritual life. Their faith is still on step one. These people, the writer says, are at the point in life where they should be teaching others. They should be reaching out and brining others to Christ, but they are not. They haven't been able to move on from the milk of the Word, and that's disappointing.

What is it that keeps my spiritual life from growing?

These people obviously haven't been growing. If I had to guess, I'd say a number of reasons that kept them from growing are many of the same reasons that keep us from growing. Here are a few of the reasons that I've come up with for why we don't grow spiritually:

- We have never challenged ourselves or have never been challenged by someone else.
- We are comfortable.
- We don't know Jesus.

There are consequences that come with a milk-only spiritual life. In the same way that one cannot sustain life on a milk only diet, you cannot sustain your spiritual life on a milk only diet. Not only are you not growing, but you are not being nourished, and, unlike physically, you might not be able to tell. The decisions that we make now with our spiritual lives will either help us to grow and thrive in the coming years, or will lead us to starve as the years go on.

The gospel in this text: The Lord wants to see me grow. He will provide you with every opportunity to see you live a spiritually nourished life. The good news of this text is that the Lord doesn't want you to be weak—but in the places where you are weak he can supply strength. The Lord is strong enough to equip you to become stronger.

Matt

Prayer List

It was good to see **Ruby Holloway** back in worship Sunday, following her surgery last week.

Leighton Sissom has been dismissed from Cookeville Regional, and is now at Bethesda in Room #111.

Kathy Anderson has been dismissed from Cookeville Regional, and is now at Signature Health Care Putnam in Algood, Room #409-A, for therapy.

Randy Spurlock was dismissed from St. Thomas on Sunday, and is now recuperating at his home.

Keep **Charles Williamson**, and his family, in prayer as his health is declining daily.

Clay Holloway will have knee surgery on Wednesday, at Cookeville Regional.

Continue to keep the following in prayer:

Kathy Adams

Rebecca Bean

Fay Borden

A. C. Clark

Lisa LaFever

Cheri McCormick

Those who are dealing with cancer:

Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Karma Carter, Joy Carter, Walter Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Fortner, Nathan Goolsby, Anthony Hammock, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Buddy Morgan, Paula Palk and Jan Shepherd

Our Shut-Ins

Bethesda: Lyman Schroeder, Jan Shuster, Leighton Sissom, Cornelia Steakley & Lyda Taylor

Heritage Pointe: Peggy Cooper, Wilma Hayes & Marian McDoniel

NHC Healthcare: Evelyn Solt & Aletha Tino


Signature Health-Algood: Kathy Anderson

At Home: Hugh & Kathy Adams, Herman & Becky Bean, Sue Clack, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Ralph Medley, Pat McCannless, Opal Nichols, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Jordan Terry and Charles Williamson

News & Announcements

Corporation Meeting: There will be a short meeting of the corporation of the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ on Sunday evening, November 16, 2016, after class, to elect directors of the corporation. The purpose of the corporation is to facilitate routine conducting of business (e.g., banking, contracting for services, etc.). We will meet in the Library.

NHC Worship Service: Sunday, **November 6**, Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship service at **2:00pm**. The Teens are scheduled to assist.

Blood Drive  The American Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Center, **Monday, November 7**, from **1pm to 5pm**.

Area Meeting: On Tuesday, **November 8**, we will leave the church parking lot at 5:45 pm to hear **Gary Hampton** at Carthage Church of Christ. See John Mayher



Thanksgiving Singing this year will be here at Jefferson Avenue on **Sunday, November 20, 6:00pm**. Please make plans to join our brothers and sisters in Christ from the area to sing praises to God!

Vision Basketball: We need three Christian coaches for vision basketball; K through third Grade girls, K through third Grade boys, fourth through seventh Grade boys. Call **Kevin Daugherty** if you are interested 931-261-4889.



MAGI: The items we need for November are soap, toothpaste, play dough and bubbles.



Deacons: Your year-to-date budget reports are now in your boxes. Please have your 2017 budget turned in to Glenn Binkley by Sunday, **November 13th**.

Ladies
LUNCHEON

will be at **Spankies** this **Thursday, November 3**, at **11:30 a.m.**

Wednesday Family Fellowship Meal: **Wednesday, November 9**, from **5:30 - 6:15 pm** in the Fellowship Center. We are having **Breakfast for Supper!** Cost is \$4.00 per person or \$16 family max. Be sure to sign up on the Family Board and indicate the number of people attending.



The children of **Bob & Nancy Jared** request your presence to celebrate fifty years of marriage with them on Sunday, **November 6**, from 2-4pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

The Amazing Ladies will be going to **Miss Marendia's Tea Room** in Sparta on Tuesday, **November 8**, for lunch. We will leave at 11:00am and transportation will be provided. If you would like to be a part of this outing, please sign up on the YAH board.

Lads to Leaders: We will have signups Sunday night, **November 6**, after service in the Fellowship Hall. Signup sheets are located on the bulletin board behind the auditorium. Please pick them up and turn them in to **Dave, Andy, or Jason**.

Wedding Tea: There will be a wedding tea for **Hallie Edgington**, bride elect of **Cody Hillis**, on Sunday, **November 13** from 1:30 - 3:00, in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Borden's, Kohl's and The Market.



Young At Heart Annual Catered Dinner **Friday, November 11 at 12 noon** in the Fellowship Hall - Sign up on the YAH Board to attend and to decorate a table. For questions or to volunteer, call: **Mary Alice Kinslow** (931-854-1061), **Mickie Loyd** (931-432-0288) or **Dorisse Yokley** (931-854-1070).

BIRTHDAYS

November 13-19

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 13 - Bill Shuster | 18 - Marcia Byrge |
| 14 - Stacey Bennett | 18 - Tim Farris |
| 14 - Laura Carter | 18 - Susan Fitzpatrick(D) |
| 14 - Kendall Washburn | 18 - Leon Fletcher |
| 15 - Lisa LaFever | 18 - Amanda Fox |
| 15 - Joey Stephens | 19 - Jim Hicks |
| 17 - Russell Fowler | 19 - Jim Loyd |
| 17 - Conner Liner | 19 - Micah Norton |
| 17 - Linda Mason | 19 - Summer Stroud |



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November

- 6 - Devo @ Mayes'
- 13 - T4C @ Smithville
- 16 - Friendsgiving
- 18-20 - Fall Retreat @ Indian Creek

December

- 9 - Christmas Party @ Mackie's
- 21-3 - Winter Break
- 22 - Opry Mills

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<u>Sunday, October 30, 2016</u>	
Bible Class.....	271
Sunday Morning.....	564
Sunday Evening.....	207
Wednesday Night.....	295
Contribution.....	\$17,520
Church Office.....	931-526-4605
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John Mayher.....	john.mayher@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

DEACONS (cont.)

- Phillip Burr
- Brian Carver
- Randy Chaffin
- Ken Clark
- Jim Dale
- Jason Fowler
- Chad Gilbert
- Seth Gilbert
- Jim Hicks
- Sean Kelly
- Chuck Lankford
- Bryan Liner
- Bob Mackie
- Ken Mayes
- Brian McDaniel
- Andy Milton
- Dean Olson
- Jimmy Patterson
- Dave Piggott
- Gaylon Presley
- Bud Simpson
- Pete Story
- Don Viar
- Donnie Westbrook

SHEPHERDS

- Glenn Binkley
- Jann Cupp
- Doug Fowler
- *Don Foy
- Bobby Lane
- John Mason
- John Rhodes
- Leighton Sissom
- *Chairman of Month

MINISTERS

- Buddy Johnson
Pulpit Minister
- Matt Collins
Youth Minister
- Bo Perez
Hispanic Ministry
- John Mayher
Visitation Minister

DEACONS

- Jason Bennett
- William Birdwell
- Sam Brown