

# life lines

Jefferson Avenue  
Church of Christ

## Christmas Fruit Bags



We will be delivering fruit bags *this* **Saturday, December 16**. We need as many people possible to be here by **8:30am** to load up and get your list.

The bags will already be assembled.  
See **Andy Milton**.

## Holiday Schedule

**Sunday, December 24—No PM Service**  
**Monday, December 25—Office Closed**  
**Tuesday, December 26—Office Closed**  
**Monday, January 1—Office Closed**  
**No Bulletin The Week of Christmas**

## This Week's Lesson

### Sunday Morning Worship

Follow Me  
*Matthew 16.20-25*

### Sunday Evening Worship

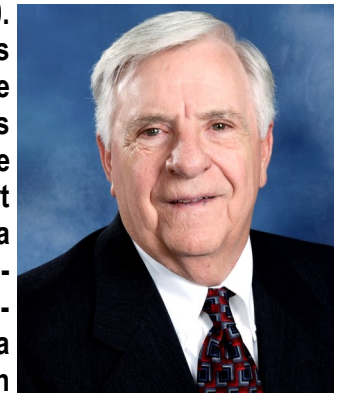
The Worldly Church Part 3 -  
*1 John 2.15-17*

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Our dear sister in Christ, Joyce Williamson, passed away on Tuesday, December 5, surrounded by her loving family. She moved to Cookeville in 1970 with her husband Charles, who was hired to be the new preacher at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. They had a fruitful ministry here from 1970-77 before moving to Lewisburg. They moved back to Cookeville in 2007 and were once again faithful members of this congregation. Joyce will be remembered for her many good works and her gift of hospitality. She was a fine Christian lady and a friend to all who knew her. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Carol Hart who is our church secretary.



Our brother Donnie Westbrooks passed away on Friday, December 8, after being diagnosed with cancer. Donnie and his wife Lacquita came to Cookeville in 1970. They have been active members in this church for nearly fifty years. Donnie worked in the bus ministry in the 1970s and later served as a deacon. Donnie loved to travel with the Young at Heart and led many of their trips. He was a friend to many people in this community. He was a loving father and husband. Please give his wife Lacquita a hug when you see her and keep her in your prayers.



## LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAVEN

Heaven is going to be great! The longer we live, the more excited we can get about heaven. Going to heaven means no more sickness or tears or pain. Going to heaven means we get to see our Christian family and friends again. Most importantly, going to heaven means we get to be with God.

*Buddy Johnson*

# Collins' Corner

## PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

**I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**

Paul is going through some serious hardship when he writes these words in Philippians 1. He has found himself in Roman imprisonment due to an unruly mob that attacks him back in Acts 21. This would not/could not have been something that was especially "pleasant" for Paul to deal with. You can imagine the places he must have been forced to stay in. The loneliness that he would have experienced. The chains that would have been weighing him down as he attempted to go somewhere. It certainly would have taken a toll on his body physically, but you also have to imagine the mental, emotional, and spiritual fatigue that would have been involved in this. He was suffering from some serious personal hardship.

If that was us, what would our response have been? For many of us, we would have been angry. Mad at the mob. Mad at God. Mad at the Romans. Maybe we would feel like our friends let us down or betrayed us. Maybe we would feel as if nobody cares for us the way that they should. There are a variety of things that we would have felt, and very few of them would be positive. And yet, here is Paul. Sitting in these chains, isolated from his people, advancing the gospel. "What has happened to me has served to advance the gospel." That's a mindset that many of us cannot imagine having. While we may look for people to blame, Paul looked to glorify God.

Why was Paul able to advance the gospel amidst these circumstances? I believe that he was able to do that because Paul was aware of his mission. He knew what it meant to live as the image of God. He knew that Christ had come to seek and save the lost because Paul was one! Paul had the encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus. He knew that, if he was going to live in the image of Christ, he also had to share in the mission of Christ. Regardless of his personal circumstance, that's what he was prepared to do.

**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		106
3 year olds	Faith Henshaw		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!

**Wilma Judd** is at Cookeville Regional room #430, with fluid around her heart.

**Annita Young** requests prayers for her sister, **Nora Holt**, who is very ill.

**Judy Fletcher** requests prayers for her uncle, **Earl Carr**, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer. He is taking chemo and radiation treatments now.

**Rita Ashburn** fractured her back several weeks ago and is scheduled to see a surgeon to schedule surgery.

**Harold Gentry** has been transferred to Select Specialty Hospital room #2506, in Nashville.

Sympathy to **Lacquita Westbrooks**, in the passing of her husband and our **Donnie Westbrooks**. His funeral was held Tuesday.

Sympathy to **Carol Hart**, in the passing of her mother, **Joyce Williamson**. Her funeral was held Sunday.

Sympathy to the family of **Wilma Hayes** who passed away on December 3. Her funeral was held December 4 in Celina.

### Remember those who are dealing with cancer:

Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Helen Carr, David Cowan, Walter Fitzpatrick, Tim Jennings, 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

NHC: Evelyn Solt, Aletha Tino

Signature Health-Algood: Matilda Craighead

At Home: Hugh & Kathy Adams, Rubye Anderson, Sue Clack, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Wilma Judd, Peggy Mackie, Ralph Medley, Pat McCannless, Robert & Jean Reeves, Claudine Smith, Ed & Rosella Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith, Jimmy Stafford and Jordan Terry



I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the prayers, calls, visits, cards, food and words of encouragement from our family at Jefferson Avenue. The love and support you showed to us during my heart procedure and my recuperation was so appreciated.

**Leon Fletcher**

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, words of kindness, calls and most of all the prayers for our daughter-in-law Judy Loftis, during her long illness and death. Words cannot tell you how much we appreciated them.

We Love You All,

**Ed & Rosella Smith, Erich & Stacey Loftis, Brian Loftis, Veronica Loftis, Simon Loftis**



Youth Protection Training - Training session to renew Youth Protection Training will be **TONIGHT** Wednesday **December 13**, in Room #209 during bible class time. Everyone who regularly works with our youth needs to attend this session. Please make plans to attend. For more information, contact **Bobby Lane**.

### The Amazing Ladies

**Rescheduled Date: December 19**

**Sunday, December 17** is the last day to sign up for our luncheon being hosted by Lisa Rhodes at her home (705 Liberty Court) on **Tuesday, December 19 at 11:30am**. Transportation will be provided if you want to ride the van. We will leave the church parking lot at 11:15am. If you had already signed up, please recheck (✓) beside your name that you can still attend the new date.



On Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. we will decorate Christmas Cookies then head down to the basement to watch a Christmas Movie. See **Allison Burr**.

Ladies at Poet's: Sunday night, **December 10**, was our first small group of ladies that met at Poet's to discuss Francis Chan's *Forgotten God*. If you're interested in joining, please see **Anna Gilbert** or **Carrie Simpson**. We meet at 7:15pm.

# BIRTHDAYS

**December 17-23**

- 18—Bryce Burnett      21—Chuck Johnson
- 18—Sharon Vetter    21—Terry Sissom
- 19—Louise Flatt      22—Melinda Anderson
- 19—Patty Spurlock   22—Sandy Eaves
- 20—Betty Fine        22—Dalila Lobato
- 20—Kelli Morgan     22—Jenifer McDaniel
- 20—Kaige Whitaker   23—Emily McDowell



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**Say a good word for Jesus this week!**

**This Week's Bible Reading December 13-19**

- Wednesday, December 13—Acts 24-26
- Thursday, December 14—Acts 27-28
- Friday, December 15—Colossians 1-4, Philemon 1
- Saturday, December 16—Ephesians 1-6
- Sunday, December 17—Philippians 1-4
- Monday, December 18—I Timothy 1-6
- Tuesday, December 19—Titus 1-3

<u>Sunday, December 10, 2017</u>	
<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 Matt Collins Youth Minister Bo Perez Hispanic Ministry</p> <p><b>DEACONS</b> Jason Bennett William Birdwell Sam Brown</p>	<p>Bible Class.....283 Sunday Morning.....555 Sunday Evening.....179 Wednesday Night.....281 Contribution.....\$24,710</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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Email</b></p> <p>Church Office.....info@jacoc.org Buddy Johnson.....buddy@jacoc.org Matt Collins.....mattc@jacoc.org Bo Perez.....bo@jacoc.org Mother's Day Out.....laura.fox@jacoc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Service Schedule</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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 Bud Simpson Pete Story Don Viar Donnie Westbrook</p>	



**DECEMBER**

- 21—Opry Mills
- 21-1/2—Christmas Break
- 13—W.A.S.

