



Nicaragua Mission Trip:

Sam Brown, David Fox and Bo Perez are leaving on their mission trip to Nicaragua this Thursday, February 16 and returning the 21st. They will be checking on the churches while they are there, and they ask for our prayers of safety.

This Week's Lesson

Sunday morning

Jesus Loves Me (And You!)
Romans 8.35-39

Sunday evening

Daniel's Dream of Four Beasts
Daniel 7.1-28

GOOD NEWS

We have a lot of good news that we want to share with you! As we announced on Sunday morning, **Clay Holloway** was baptized on Thursday afternoon. He expressed some concern about his baptism at the age of nine and decided it would be best for him be baptized and remove any doubts concerning his salvation. Clay and Ruby have been worshipping with us for over a year now and have been a great addition to our church family.

Two hours later on Thursday afternoon, David Vaughn came by the church building and told us that his sister **Hildagarde Vaughn** wanted to be baptized. What a joyous occasion it was to watch David baptize his sister into Christ for the forgiveness of her sins!

On Sunday morning after worship, **Jeremiah West** was baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of his sins. Jeremiah was sitting behind De-lores Wheatley in worship and waited until the auditorium was almost empty before asking me to baptize him. He seems like a nice young man. I hope you get to meet him. After he was baptized, someone observed, "That makes five baptisms in the last ten days!" I believe God is working in us and through us to accomplish His purposes.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2.38).

GOD IS LOVE

A couple of our members asked me to share the quotation I cited in Sunday's sermon. Here it is: "A right-minded concern for revival will express itself in a longing that the Spirit may shed God's love abroad in our hearts with greater power. For it is with this that personal revival begins, and by this that revival in the church, once begun, is sustained" (J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*).

On this Valentine's Day, I want to remind you that God really does love you more deeply than you've ever imagined. He loved you in the past. He loves you in the present. He will love you in the future. Once you accept that truth, you will never question God's love for you or whether you've done enough to merit his favor. "*God is love*" (1 John 4.8).

Buddy Johnson

Collins' Corner

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

As I read this text, there are a couple of things that come to my mind. It's so important, as the Hebrew writer points out, that we surround ourselves with people of great faith. Men and women who have gone on before us and can show us the way. That's why the writer links the ideas of dropping sin and following Jesus back to the examples of faith in Hebrews 11.

Who is in my cloud?

We need people that have lived this life before us to surround us, to encourage us and to push us forward. We are not the first and won't be the last to go through certain situations in life. Studies show that if a teenager is not connected to at least 5 adults within the church, that they will not stick with it once they leave the youth group. We need to connect ourselves to each other, especially the mature Christians who can help us grow.

Who's cloud am I in?

I have a responsibility to people that I care about and have a relationship with, to push them towards Jesus. If my relationship with Jesus doesn't affect my relationship with other people, I would begin to question the legitimacy of my relationship with Jesus.

What sin do I need to drop?

The way that I drop sin out of my life is by letting other people into my life. God has created that avenue to exist. We are not capable of handling our sins on our own—God didn't create you to live that way. He created people to exist in relationship with each other, to help and push each other along. If there is something that you know in the back of your mind that you need to get right in your life—I can almost guarantee you that you won't get that right all by yourself. People are designed to help other people. That's the beauty of what God created when the church was established.

Matt

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	Sandy Cupp		202
2nd Grade	Rachael Liner	Bryan Liner	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	Jenifer McDaniel		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 Bible Classes

Sunday Morning

Comparative Religions—Don Viar—College (215)
Prayer—Don Foy—20s, 30s & 40s (214)
II Corinthians—Bobby Lane—Library
Things Every Christian Needs to Believe—David Fox—Merry Middles—Fellowship Hall
Christian Growth: My Salvation + Your Salvation = Our Salvation—David Whiteaker—Small Auditorium
A Chronological Study of the Bible—John Mason—(114)
I, II & III John—Laura Jackson—Ladies (115)

Wednesday Afternoon Class 1:30pm

Matthew: The Life of Christ—Bill Flatt—(115)
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Wednesday Night

TBD—Brian Carver—College (215)
Gospel According to Mark—Buddy Johnson - Auditorium
If Jesus Gave the Sermon on the Mountain Today—Joe Hill—(114)
Jesus on Trial—David Edgington—Fellowship Hall
Prayer—Delores Wheatley—Library (Ladies)

News & Announcements



Hugh Adams is home recovering from a fall he had on Thursday and broke his nose.

Geneva Davis is in Cookeville Regional, Room #429, improving from pneumonia.

Mary Frances Smith is in Cookeville Regional, Room #481, waiting for the doctor to schedule surgery for her blocked arteries.

Mae Stults was dismissed from Cookeville Rehab on Friday and is now home recuperating.

Joyce Whiteaker is home recovering from surgery.

Leah Milton's dad, **Anthony Hammock**, is temporarily staying at an apartment in Nashville at 1700 State St, Apt #208, 37203. He is improving and growing stronger each day. Please send him some love.

Earl Clack is now at Highlands Hospital Senior Care Unit in Sparta.

Joyce Williamson requests prayer for her brother **Dan Scott**, who will be having heart valve replacement surgery by going through the artery in his neck, this Thursday in Albuquerque.

Sympathy to:

~**Martha Dowell** on the death of her father-in-law **Cordell Dowell**, and the grandfather of **Emily Dowell**. His funeral was held Tuesday.

~**Slade Stroud** on the death of his father, **Jack Stroud**, who passed away Tuesday in Franklin. His funeral was held Friday in Nashville.



MAGI UPDATE: February items are paddle balls, yo-yo's, ink pens and calculators.



Mark ■ Philippians ■ Colossians

Those who are dealing with cancer:

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

Our Shut-Ins:

Hugh & Kathy Adams, Kathy, Anderson, Herman Bean, Sue Clack, Peggy Cooper, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Neta Ford, Geneva Glasgow, Wilma Hayes, Peggy Mackie, Ralph Medley, Pat McCanless, Opal Nichols, Lyman Schroeder, Jan Shuster, Leighton Sissom, Claudine Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith Evelyn Solt, Cornelia Steakley, Lyda Taylor, Jordan Terry and Aletha Tino



Dear Church Family, Wednesday evening, January 11, was truly a most frightening and anxious time for me, as well as my family. For every prayer, text, phone call, card, and hug, and for all those who came by to be with the family throughout the evening, I am most thankful! Our Father surely heard your prayers and answered them. It is so very humbling to know your name is being lifted before the throne of God. Thank you seems completely inadequate to express my gratitude to you for lifting me and my family up that evening and in the days that have followed. We are doing well and things are beginning to get back to "normal" for us. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! For your love, concern and support shown to us. "God is good - all the time! All the time - God is good!"

Much love and thanks, **Pat Coomer**

Young At Heart Golden Sixties Banquet: Please make plans to attend "Cruisin' with the Young at Heart" on Friday, **March 3**, at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a night aboard a luxurious ship ride, complete with service and entertainment. Sign-up sheet is on the YAH Board. See Anna Gilbert.

