What Do Elders Do?

- 1. Check to see that the truth is preached.
- 2. Counsel those with spiritual problems.
- 3. Encourage new converts.
- 4. Decide on church policies.
- 5. Listen to complaints.
- 6. Teach Bible classes.
- 7. Praise those who do good works.
- 8. Pray a lot.
- 9. Worry when someone guits attending.
- 10. Worship.
- 11. Visit the sick.
- 12. Try to help those who don't want help.
- 13. Investigate sticky problems.
- 14. Administer the funds of the church.
- 15. Cry with the brokenhearted.
- 16. Deal with difficult people.
- 17. Model Christianity.
- 18. Greet visitors.
- 19. Conduct home Bible studies.
- 20. Catch of lot of criticism.
- 21. Hear the appeals of missionaries.
- 22. Look for new areas of service.
- 23. Go and see the elderly.
- 24. Don't sleep well at nights.
- 25. Are involved in community activities.
- 26. Work for a living.
- 27. Try to restore the unfaithful.
- 28. Are the last to hear about problems.
- 29. Counsel young couples.
- 30. Read and study their Bibles.
- 31. Face special temptations.
- 32. Know they will be judged severely.
- 33. Smile when their efforts pay off.
- 34. Train others to take their place.
- 35. And 1001 other daily tasks.

Be thankful that God gave us elders. Pray for them and love them. Back them in their work and defend them when you hear them criticized.

WHY I LOVE OUR SHEPHERDS

I have served under several elderships during my 20 years of preaching and ministry. Over that time I have grown to love those men who serve as shepherds. I stand in awe of their fortitude and faithfulness. For no pay and at great personal sacrifice, they tend the flock of God out of sheer love for people's souls. Week after week, they put themselves on the line and patiently endure the criticism and hardship that comes their way. Lots of people want power, but few want to serve. Many want to boss, but few want to shepherd. We are blessed at Jefferson Avenue to be led by eldershepherds who have given so much to help this church reach its current size and enjoy the stability that is ours today.

I am praying even now for those future elders who will step up and join their ranks. Am I praying for you?

THE MAN IN THE ARENA

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat. (Delivered by Theodore Roosevelt at the Sorbonne in Paris on April 23, 1910)

A GREAT QUOTE

In January, our ladies Bible class shared this quote with me and I want to share it with you: "If the church of Christ in the present time would renew its vitality and increase the effectiveness of its evangelism, then let it return to a greater emphasis upon that which we have heard 'from the beginning." (John R. W. Stott, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries Vol. 19)

Buddy Johnson

Collins' Corner

PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH CAMP

REGISTRATION DAY:

Sunday, April 23 from 2:30-4:30 at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ

WHAT TO BRING:

Health insurance card, \$50 deposit (checks made out to Putnam County Youth Camp)

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1. **Fill out** the online form (www.shortmountain.camp)
- 2. **Turn in** copy of notarized health form with copy of insurance card
 - 3. Pay \$50 deposit

\$50 deposit *and* health forms are due back no later than April 30 to guarantee your spot at camp



Teaching (te-ching)

vt: 1. to share Jesus' love;

2. to make an eternal difference

<u>Teacher Appreciation Banquet</u>: Friday, April 28th at 6:00pm @ Nick's Restaurant. This is for all current and past Bible class teachers and their spouse. If you have taught in our children's, teen's or adult classes or served in Mother's Day Out, this night is for you! Dinner provided. Michael Whitworth from Start2Finish publishing will be our keynote speaker.

Teacher Training Session: Saturday, April 29th from 8:00am – 2:00pm in the Fellowship Center. This is for all past, current, and <u>future</u> Bible class teachers at Jefferson Avenue. Teachers of children's, teen's and adult classes as well as Mother's Day Out invited to attend. Donuts and coffee in the morning with lunch provided. Michael Whitworth from Teaching Rocket will be with us to lead 5 sessions aimed at educating, equipping and empowering our teachers to reach new heights. Designed for prospective teachers and seasoned pro's. A sign-up sheet is on the Family Bulletin Board.



Attention Parents of Seniors:

There will be a meeting this Sunday, **March 19**, after the morning service in room #115. We will discuss details for Senior Night.



Mark ■ Philippians ■ Colossians

This Week's Lesson

Sunday morning

The Meaning of Baptism - I Peter 3.18-22

Sunday evening

The Power of Prayer - James 5.13-20

News & Announcements

Thought in Prayer:

So wonderful to see Leighton Sissom and Hillary Flatt in worship Sunday!

Opal Nichols is at Signature Healthcare in Algood for therapy, following a fall at home and a few days in the hospital.

Geraldine Jackson is home recovering from a fall, breaking her nose.

Gaylon Presley remains at Cookeville Regional, Room #451, following a stroke.

Mary Alice Kinslow is now at her daughter's house to continue therapy. Her address is c/o 3021 Beaufort St, Murfreesboro, TN 37127.

Kaye Bowman's cancer has returned. She will be scheduled for radiation, chemo and surgery soon.

Pam Roberts' mother, *Mary Cowan*, remains at CRMC ICU #336 recovering from open heart surgery. Still no visitors at this time please.

Sympathy to the family of **Gene Wilhite**, who passed away Thursday morning at Bethesda. His funeral was held Sunday.

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, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd and Marty Smith

Remember Our Shut-ins:

<u>Bethesda</u>: Jan Shuster, Cornelia Steakley & Lyda Taylor <u>Heritage Pointe</u>: Peggy Cooper and Wilma Hayes

NHC Healthcare: Evelyn Solt & Aletha Tino

His Place: Lyman Schroeder

<u>Signature Health-Algood</u>: Kathy Anderson and Matilda

Craighead

<u>At Home</u>: Hugh & Kathy Adams, Herman Bean, Sue Clack, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Peggy Mackie, Ralph Medley, Pat McCanless, Opal Nichols, Leighton Sissom, Claudine Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith and Jordan Terry



THANK YOU Dear Church Family,

We just wanted you to know how much your prayers, cards and calls have meant to us during our sickness. We believe that your prayers made the difference.

With Love, Geneva & April Davis

I can never thank you enough for all you have done for me during last few months! So many loving acts of kindness and on going support, you have made this difficult time so much easier! Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, flowers, food, visits, phone calls and generous financial help! I feel so very blessed to be a part of the Jefferson Avenue church family! Thanks to God for answering all your prayers for my recovery; prayer made an amazing difference, and my wound is also beginning to heal! God is so good! My heart is so full of Christian love for all of you! God bless you! Sandy Eaves

To My Church Family, thanks so much for the cards, phone calls and especially the prayers during my accident and stay at NHC. Your kindness is a blessing. **Neta Ford**



<u>Congratulations</u> to **Jim & Carol Lynn** who are celebrating **55 years** of marital bliss on Thursday, March 16.



Blood Drive: Blood Assurance will be in our front parking lot with their Blood Mobile on Monday, March 27, from 12:30pm to 5:00pm. Go to bloodassurance.org/jacoc to schedule an appointment. All donors will be given a free t-shirt.

Happy Haven 52nd Anniversary Celebration Banquet: Come for an evening of "Cash & Cline" as Happy Haven celebrates their 52nd Anniversary on Thursday, March 30, 6:30pm, at the Leslie Town Centre. Call Houston Bynum (931-526-2052) for reservations, sponsorships or to host a table. Sponsorship forms are in the back hallway.

MAGI WORK NIGHT: Monday, March 20 from 4:30pm



until 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meal will be provided so let Lisa Rhodes or Judi Williams know you are attending.

<u>Items for March</u>: pencil sharpeners, fashion dolls, toothpaste, 4pk play-doh.

BIRTHOUND March 19–25

20 - Lily Farris
20 - Sarah White
21 - Linda Jones
21 - Eddie Nance
22 - Sarah Lane
22 - Carolyn Leslie
22 - Joshua Piggott
24 - Sarah Viar

21 - Kate Simpson 25 - Joanne Birdwell 22 - Anna Gilbert 25 - Laura Fox



A News and Notes

MARCH

13-17 - Spring Break

19 - Devo @ Milton's

31 - Spring Retreat

APRIL

9 - T4C @ Netherland

23 - Cubb Creek Devo

30 - Devo @ Henson's

MAY

2 - Campbellball Opening Night

7 - Senior Night

17 - 100 Percent Night

W.A.S. meets every Wednesday (unless no school)

www.jayouth.org

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Say a good word for Jesus this week!

SHEPHERDS	DEACONS (cont.)	Sunday, March 12, 2017
'Glenn Binkley Jann Cupp	Phillip Burr Brian Carver	Bible Class233 Sunday Morning448 Sunday Evening
Don Foy Bobby Lane	Randy Chaffin Ken Clark im Dalo	
John Mason John Rhodes	Jason Fowler	Church Office 031_526_4605
Leighton Sissom Chairman of Month	Seth Gilbert Jim Hicks	
	Chuck Lankford	Out
Wilnis I EKS Buddy Johnson	Bob Mackie	Email
⊳ulpit Minister Matt Collins	Ken Mayes Brian McDaniel	Church Officehufo@jacoc.org
Youth Minister	Andy Milton Dean Olson	Matt Collinsmattc@jacoc.org Bo Perez
Hispanic Ministry	Jimmy Patterson Dave Piggott Gavlon Presley	Out
DEACONS Jacon Bennett	Bud Simpson Pete Story	Service Schedule Sunday Bible Study9:00 AM
Villiam Birdwell Sam Brown	Don Viar Donnie Westbrooks	1 1 1