

# life lines

Jefferson Avenue  
Church of Christ



Message  
from the  
Elders:

**Inclement Weather Text List:** We have instituted a new method of informing members of important announcements such as cancellation of services. This is the same system the youth group uses to send text messages to students and parents. We will also continue to inform members via other means, such as by telephone, Facebook and the website. If you want to be included in this text system, here's what you do:

**Text "JACOC" to 40650**

**To cancel, send STOP to 40650 at any time.**

**For help, send HELP to 40650 at any time.**

When you send the text, you will receive a confirmation text from [JACOC@symt.us](mailto:JACOC@symt.us) which will say something like Welcome to JAYouth. This is normal and you will not get texts meant for the youth group. If you are already a member of the JAYouth text list, you will not be automatically subscribed to this list. Please follow the instructions above to join this new list.

## **FACILITIES UPDATE**

Over the last couple of weeks, several men from Chad Gilbert's work crew have been scraping and repainting the window frames on the outside of our building. We appreciate their hard work. We want our building and grounds to be attractive for visitors and for our members.

## **This Week's Lessons**

### **Sunday Morning**

*I Am the Bread of Life John 6.35-40*

### **Sunday Evening**

*Peace that Passes All Understanding Rom 5.1-5*

## **GOOD NEWS**

**Ronda Stout** responded to the Lord's invitation on Sunday morning and asked for our prayers. I admire her courage and transparency. Please pray for her this week!

## **BIBLE BOWL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Bible Bowl book for 2016 is Leviticus. I hope our children and teenagers have already begun reading and learning. The Sycamore congregation issued the following announcement on January 18: *"After much reflection and thought, the Bible Bowl committee has decided that no questions will come from chapter 15. While we acknowledge that the principles taught in Chapter 15 about cleanliness are important, they may be very difficult to study with smaller children. Therefore no questions will be asked from chapter 15."* Don't wait until this summer to start studying. The time to start is now!

## **IN LOVING MEMORY**

Our dear sister in Christ, **Pollye Roberts**, has gone to be with the Lord. Pollye grew up on Flynn's Creek in Jackson County. She attended the Antioch Church of Christ in her early years. Pollye and her husband Ray were active members here at Jefferson Avenue for many decades. Pollye was known for her positive attitude and her friendly demeanor. Although we will miss her now, we look forward to seeing her again in heaven!



Just before printing we were saddened to learn of the loss of our dear sister **June Gentry**. James & June were active members of Colleside for many years and June has been a blessing to us since she came to Jefferson in 2006. She loved to laugh and always had a smile for those around her. June leaves four loving children Evelyn, Cheryl, Mark and Paul.

**"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."**

**Revelation 14.13**

**Buddy Johnson**

## From John's Desk

**1 John 4:7-12** - *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."*

How do you love your brothers and sisters in Christ?

I am not trying to be passive aggressive by asking that question. I am not even going to attempt to tell anyone how they can love their brothers and sisters in Christ. This is a deeply personal question. The answer to deeply personal questions have real ramifications that can help the body. What I do know is that if love is not the dominant attitude within the local body then both the atmosphere within the church itself and evangelistic ideas will be stifled.

Be brave. Ask and answer the question. How do you love your brothers and sisters in Christ?

I know too many times in my own life I answer that question in theory. "Of course I love my church family!" I do not want us to answer that question theoretically. How do you actually express love for your church family? What do you do? What do you actually say? How do you really show you care?

The way we answer the question reflects how we feel about God, how much we know he has done for us, and how interested we are in helping people find Jesus. Think about that last one...When love does not dominate our church, we offer the people of Cookeville something they already have: rivalry, deceit, ego, etc. When we offer people love, we offer them something they do not have: Real love built on the cross.

How do you love your brothers and sisters in Christ?

God Bless, **John**

## Collins' Corner

**John 20:24-29** - *"Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"*

We are nearing the end of the gospel of John when we see this account of Jesus revealing himself to the disciples after the cross. Christ has been crucified and raised again. Just previous to this section, Christ shows himself to several of the disciples, brings them peace, and declares to them their mission. Thomas was not a part of that group that saw the risen Savior, and he is not willing to believe until he sees him firsthand. When I see this passage coupled with the passage before it, it brings to light for me two things:

**Christ's presence brings peace.** When Jesus shows up post crucifixion, the disciples are scared and scattered. They are hiding from the Jews and have locked the door. Christ shows himself and brings them peace. When people are in the presence of Jesus it brings peace. Every time. We, like the early disciples, can experience the presence of Jesus. In his Word. In his creation. With his people. Spending time in prayer. There are multiple ways to be in the presence of the Christ, and they all bring peace to our lives.

**His absence leaves doubt.** Thomas was not going to believe that Christ was alive until he saw him. He doubted what he could not see. When we are absent from God, doubt enters into our lives. Maybe, the times in our lives when we doubt, it is because we have not spent time in the presence of God.

Invest your time to be in His presence, that is where peace is found.

**Matt**

# News, Prayers & Announcements

**William (BJ) Matheney** is now at home recuperating from his appendectomy.

**Lisa Turner**, daughter of **Carolyn Leslie**, continues to have home physical therapy.

**Wayne Roberts** is now home recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

**Willie Tackett** remains at Hospice House on State Street. Keep **Hugh Adams** in prayer.

**Jim Dale** is requesting prayers for his sister & brother-in-law, **Barbara & Paul Jones** of Fayetteville, Arkansas. She has liver failure, waiting for a transplant and he is in a coma due to a tick bite.

**Rick Merinar**, a fellow forester and friend of Jim Dale is now cancer free, following chemo/radiation treatments.

## Sympathy to the following:

the family of our **June Gentry** who passed away in Cookeville Regional early Monday afternoon. Visitation with the family will be Saturday from 10:00 until time of the service at 12:00 noon, at Crestlawn Funeral Home.

the family of our **Pollye Roberts** in her passing. Her funeral was held Friday, at Anderson - Upper Cumberland Funeral Home, Gainesboro, TN.

the family of **Pauline Parkerson**, former Jefferson member. Her funeral was held Friday, at Hooper, Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home.

to **Clay Holloway** in the passing of his brother, **Wiley Holloway Jr.** His funeral was held Saturday, in Murfreesboro, TN.

to **Steve Leddy** in the passing of his cousin, **Mike Taylor**. His funeral will be in Healdton, Oklahoma.

to **Wayne Roberts** in the passing of his mother, **Donna Roberts**. A memorial service will be held at a later date once Wayne recovers from his hip surgery.

## Our Shut-Ins

**Bethesda:** Jan Shuster & Lyda Taylor

**Heritage Pointe:** Peggy Cooper, Wilma Hayes & Marian McDoniel

**Morningside:** Ann Judd

**NHC:** Evelyn Solt, Aletha Tino & Charles Williamson

**Senior Lifestyles:** Lyman Schroeder

**At Home:** Kathy Adams, Herman & Becky Bean, Maggie Billingsley, Maggie Brown, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Sterling & Pat McCanless, Gladys Simmons, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Cornelia Steakley and Jordan Terry



Thank you so much for the book entitled "*Raising Your Kids to Love the Lord*" that was donated in memory of John and placed in the church library.

**Wilma Judd**

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits I received after my recent surgery. I am feeling better and hope to be back in church soon.

Love in Christ, **Ed Smith**

We thank the Lord for the many blessings we have been blessed with through the congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely, **The Rodriguez Family**



**VBS 2016** - There will be a short meeting after church on Sunday, **March 13**, immediately following the evening service for anyone interested in helping with VBS: teachers, builders, actors, helpers, etc. See **Linda Flatt**.

## Young At Heart—Dinner and Entertainment Night:

**March 12**, we are going to Helen's Restaurant for Dinner, then to Little Opry-Bluegrass/Country Singing in Gainesboro. You pay for your own dinner and the music is free. The church van will leave at 3:30pm (4:15pm dinner and 6:00pm music begins). For any questions, call or see **John Mayher**.

## **HAPPY HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME**

### **51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banquet**

March 19, at 6:30 p.m.— Leslie Town Centre  
Returning Special Guests – Bluegrass Solutions  
for reservations, sponsorships or to host a table  
Call 931-526-2052

## Blood Drive



**American  
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Hall, **Monday, March 7**, from 1 pm to 5 pm. Schedule your appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS. They also take walk-ins.

**Mens Conference:** Reconnect 2016 "*Becoming Men After God's Own Heart*" is on **April 22-23** in Peachtree City, Georgia. The cost is \$30 adults & \$15 students. Two rooms with two double beds are reserved at Red Roof Inn for \$90 each. We will leave the church parking lot on Friday at 11:30am, and return about 7:30pm on Saturday. Please sign up on the sheet at the board outside the church offices. See **John Mayher** for details.

# BIRTHDAYS

**March 6 - 12**

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 6 - Rowen Bennett  | 9 - Emma Andrews       |
| 6 - Sean Flatt     | 9 - Porter Davidson    |
| 7 - Phyliss Burton | 10 - Glenn Binkley     |
| 7 - Sue Clack      | 11 - Stephanie Chaffin |
| 7 - Joel Cowan     | 11 - Chris Savage      |
| 8 - Opal Nichols   | 12 - Jason Fowler      |
| 8 - Rachel Roberts | 12 - Ann Sissom        |
| 8 - Marilyn Scott  |                        |



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<u>Sunday, February 28, 2016</u>	
Bible Class.....	284
Sunday Morning.....	533
Sunday Evening.....	260
Wednesday Night.....	275
Contribution.....	\$20,324
Church Office.....	931-526-4605
Information Line.....	931-528-1006
Fax Line.....	931-520-8708
Mother's Day Out.....	931-260-7861
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Church Office (Mary).....	info@jacoc.org
Church Office (Carol).....	carol.hart@jacoc.org
Buddy Johnson.....	buddy@jacoc.org
John Nichols.....	john@jacoc.org
Matt Collins.....	mattc@jacoc.org
John Mayher.....	john.mayher@jacoc.org
Bo Perez.....	bo@jacoc.org
Mother's Day Out.....	laura.fox@jacoc.org
<b>Service Schedule</b>	
Sunday Bible Study.....	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning.....	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study.....	6:30 PM

  

<u>DEACONS (cont.)</u>	<u>DEACONS</u>
Brian Carver	Jason Bennett
Randy Chaffin	William Birdwell
Ken Clark	Sam Brown
Jim Dale	Philip Burr
Jason Fowler	
Chad Gilbert	
Seth Gilbert	
Jim Hicks	
Sean Kelly	
Chuck Lankford	
Bryan Limer	
Bob Mackie	
Ken Mayes	
Brian McDaniel	
Andy Milton	
Dean Olson	
Jimmy Patterson	
Dave Piggott	
Gaylon Presley	
Bud Simpson	
Pete Story	
Don Viar	
Donnie Westbrook	

  

<u>SHEPHERDS</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>
Glenn Binkley	Buddy Johnson
Doug Fowler	Pulpit
Don Foy	John Nichols
Bobby Lane	Associate
John Rhodes	Matt Collins
*Leighton Sissom	Youth
*Chairman of Month	Bo Perez
	Hispanic
	John Mayher
	Visitation

## A News and Notes

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### MARCH

- 13 T4C @ Willow
- 18-20 Spring Retreat
- 25-27 Lads 2 Leaders

### APRIL

- 10 Devo @ the Rhodes'
- 17 T4C @ Netherland

### MAY

- 1 Senior Night
- 22-25 VBS
- 18 100% Night

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