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Jefferson Avenue
Church of Christ



This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning Bible Class

The Slavery of Freedom

Sunday Morning Sermon

It Starts With the Heart - Proverbs 4.23

GOOD NEWS

We have invited **Matt Brown** to come and preach to us this Sunday morning, April 3. Matt is the preacher at the Wingate Church of Christ in Nashville. He is a graduate of Lipscomb University with degrees in Communications and Bible. He and his wife Andrea live in Murfreesboro. We will have a combined adult Bible class in the auditorium at 9 a.m. and worship will follow at 10 a.m. Buddy Johnson will be preaching on Sunday night.



EGG HUNT AT THE GILBERTS

Candy, Candy, Candy!!! Please help us fill our eggs with prepackaged candy for the Kid's Avenue Egg Hunt. It will be at Brook & Seth Gilbert's house on Sunday, **April 3 at 1:00pm**. Bring desserts, yard chairs and your baskets.

FIFTEEN YEARS

On April 1, 2001, Angela and I came to worship on our first Sunday at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. We enjoyed moving to Cookeville and getting to know you - the members of this congregation. What a blessing! This week makes 15 years for us at Jefferson Avenue. You have blessed our lives in so many ways! Now we are raising our three children here with your children and grandchildren. Time marches on. I just wanted to say thank you for your prayers, your thoughts, your concerns, and your encouragement. Hopefully, the future will be even brighter than the past. As Christians, we believe that the best is yet to come. So let's work together to spread the good news that Jesus is the Christ!

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: *"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!

Buddy Johnson

SPRING CLASSES

Sun. A.M. Classes – April – June 2016

20s (214) – Sean Flatt – Romans
30s-40s (213) – Doug Fowler – Mark
Library – Bobby Lane – Nehemiah
Fellowship Hall – David Fox – Joshua
Small Auditorium – John Mayher – Galatians
115 (Ladies) – Laura Jackson – Give an Answer
114 – Leighton Sissom – Revelation
College (216) – John Nichols – 1 and 2 Samuel

Wed. Afternoon Class

Bill Flatt – Mental Health and the Bible and Matthew

Wed. P.M. Classes – April – June 2016

115 (Textual) – Buddy Johnson – Romans p.2
214 (Topical) – Don Foy – Practical Christianity
114 (Topical) – Joe Hill
 Being filled with the fullness of God
Fellowship Hall (Topical) – David Chaney
 Managing Adversity
Auditorium (Topical) – Houston Bynum
 Psalms for the Heart
Library (Ladies) – Caroline Vaughn
 4000 yrs. in 13 wks
216 – (Textual) – John Nichols – Revelation

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

You've probably read these verses before. They are some of the most beloved verses in all of Scripture. Why? Probably because we want to know that everything is going to be okay, and this verse offers some comfort. The Lord will make the paths straight for those that trust in him. Those are good words to hear.

Let me offer you two takeaways that I have from reading these verses:

I trust in the Lord because I understand my place.

I understand my place as the created, when God is the creator. My plans are not any bigger or better than his. When I trust in the Lord, I submit to his will. As a Christian, I can't just go do whatever I want to go do.

Faith is reliance upon or trust in a person (God).

In other words, verse 5 says this—put your faith in God, not in yourself (and not in anybody else for that matter!) You can't do everything.

In every aspect of my life, God is there.

God is not limited to special seasons or only different circumstances in your life. God isn't just there on Christmas. God doesn't just live at the hospital or in the doctor's office. God isn't just at the church building or at camp. He's not reserved for special people with special training. God is available in any and every aspect of my life.

When I acknowledge God, I understand that he is there, that he is present. The decisions I make in life I make knowing God. Knowing that he sees and he hears.

Acknowledging God will affect every area of your life. How I treat others is a direct reflection of my acknowledgement of God. How hard I work is the same. The way I interact with my family. The things that I do with my time. The things that I do when I'm alone. The people I surround myself with. The words I use in conversations. My goals, dreams, and desires. All of those things are affected by God.

I'm not convinced that the Lord making my "paths straight" means that everything will always go my way and life will be easy. I am, however, convinced that the Lord making my "paths straight" means that I always have a direction when I'm following the Lord.

News, Prayers & Announcements

Our Sick:

Hugh Adams is scheduled to have cochlear implant in St. Thomas on April 20. Hugh & Kathy request prayers.

Jackie Tidwell remains in Cookeville Rehab room #21-A for therapy but plans to go home Wednesday.

Glenda Johnson has been moved to NHC, room #103 for therapy.



Thank you for all the calls, cards, text messages and visits during my recent surgery. Your thoughts were very meaningful to me. Sincerely, **B. J. Matheney**

Thank you so much for the kind words, hugs, calls and cards during the loss of my grandmother. I am blessed to be a part of this church family. In Him,
Kristy Cunningham

I want to say thank you to so many people at Jefferson Avenue for the concern shown to us during my recent back surgery and recuperation. Thanks for all the cards, visits, calls and especially for the prayers from so many of you. Also, special thanks to John Mayher and Curtis Shinsky for coming and staying with Judy during surgery. I am doing a lot better now. Thank you, **Leon Fletcher**

Thanks for everything that was done for us during our sickness. Thanks for the cards, visits and the food. Everything was greatly appreciated, especially the prayers.
Gaylon & Frances



Chocolate Fantasy Night:

Wednesday, April 13 is our Chocolate Fantasy Night where we honor all who participated in Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes this year. Please sign up on the YAH Board to attend and also bring your favorite chocolate goodies and a 2-liter drink! For questions see **Mary Alice Kinslow**.



The elders are searching for three or four men that would be willing to count attendance for Sunday AM and PM services and Wednesday PM services. Depending on the number of men interested and selected, each person could select the service he would be responsible for counting attendance. Please contact Glenn Binkley this week if you are interested (gbinkley@tntech.edu) or call 931-349-7686.

Walk 4 Water: Once again it is time to Walk For Water. This year we will be walking in memory of **Hoke White**. Please give your donation to **David & Laura Fox or Frances Bumalough**. The well will be dug in India this year. The walk is Saturday, **April 9** at 8:30am. Gaylon and I want to thank you for your help in digging these wells. This one will make well number 10. *To God Be The Glory!*

Young At Heart: New York City Tour - there are only seven (7) seats remaining for this trip. We encourage you to sign up now if you are planning to go with us.

Congratulations: We congratulate **Sharon Vetter** for being named the *Sycamore Teacher of the Year* and *Rotary Teacher of the Year*.

Area Meetings: **John Mayher** will be taking the church bus to the following meetings. Let him know if you plan to attend.

- ▶ Monday, **April 4 @ 6:00** - Corinth with **Randy Bybee**
- ▶ Tuesday, **April 5 @ 5:30** - Celina with **B. J. Clarke**

NHC Worship Service: **Sunday, April 3**, Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship service at **2:00pm**. **Laura Jackson's Class** is scheduled to assist.



Delton Dyal Memorial Golf Tournament: Save the Date: May 21 at Ironwood Golf Course. Be watching for details. See **Bobby Lane** or **Valerie Loftis**.

Young At Heart - April 15, Cheekwood Art & Gardens Guided Tour. We will leave at 9:00am and return about 4:00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each; lunch on your own. More details and sign up sheet are on the YAH board.

Youth: Be sure to check out the *JA Youth News and Notes* for important new information.

BIRTHDAYS

April 10 - 16

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| 10 - Jack Henry | 13 - Russ Nichols |
| 10 - Angela Perez | 13 - Olivia Simpson |
| 10 - Betty Jo Whitaker | 14 - Walter Drake |
| 11 - Kayleigh Lewis | 15 - Sue Chaffin |
| 11 - Caroline Vaughn | 15 - Delora Nance |
| 12 - Phyllis Carter | 15 - John Rhodes |



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<u>Sunday, March 27, 2016</u>	
Bible Class.....	257
Sunday Morning.....	659
Sunday Evening.....	142
Wednesday Night.....	323
Contribution.....	\$16,579
Church Office.....	931-526-4605
Information Line.....	931-528-1006
Fax Line.....	931-520-8708
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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

<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 Millton	
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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Seniors: I need your 25 pictures and a song for the senior slideshow by April 24!

Upcoming 7th Graders: I need to know the names of the upcoming 7th graders by Sunday, May 1.

APRIL

- 3 Meeting for parents of seniors after morning worship at the front of the auditorium
- 6 Short Mountain Bible Camp Registration beginning at 4:00 until 6:30
- 10 Devo @ the Milton's
- 17 T4C @ Netherland

MAY

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

JUNE

- 19-24 SMBC

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