

# life lines

Jefferson Avenue  
Church of Christ



## Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Forward

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead  
1 hour Saturday Night March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Disaster Relief Effort**

On March 3rd, several of our congregation volunteered to pack food boxes at Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville. They most recently sent food boxes to Florida, Louisiana and Alabama due to an outbreak of tornadoes. If you are so inclined to be a volunteer, see John Mayher or call his cell 252-0964 or home 528-0150.



### **This Week's Lessons**

#### **Sunday Morning**

I Am the Light of the World - *John 8.12*

#### **Sunday Evening**

The Three Fundamental Questions of Life  
*Genesis 1.26-27*

### **GOOD NEWS**

**Lisa Lafever** responded to the Lord's invitation on Sunday night and asked for our prayers. She stated her desire to trust God more in 2016 and to be more faithful in attending worship. We are glad that Lisa is coming to worship with us! Please pray for her and encourage her this week.

### **NICARAGUA MISSION REPORT**

Sam Brown gave me the following information about their recent mission trip to Nicaragua:

The purpose of our trip was to visit with as many preachers as possible who are supported by Jefferson Avenue to encourage them and to make sure we are investing our missions funds wisely. John Mayher, Bo Perez and I were able to visit 25 congregations and found the work going well. Two new congregations were started last year. The church in Ducuali (430 adults and 130 children) oversees the administration of funds and preachers.

The Lord's church in Nicaragua was established in the late 1960s. Jefferson Avenue supports 25 preachers in Nicaragua, nearly all of whom graduated from the preaching school in Managua. The church there is very sound in doctrine. Biblical knowledge of the preachers and members would equal or exceed the US. They are very evangelistic: several places have started new congregations and most are conducting an evangelistic campaign in the community on a weekly or monthly basis. Jefferson Avenue also supports the School of Preaching. Twelve of our preachers also teach in the school. The current enrollment is 82 students.

Nicaragua is a poor country. Most families are living in poverty. Their homes have either dirt or concrete floors with no indoor plumbing. Nicaragua currently has a 40% unemployment rate and the average wage would be below \$20/day. We sent 815 Magi boxes to the children in Nicaragua last year. They were very grateful for these gifts. They anticipate needing over 1,000 Magi boxes in 2016.

In 2015, the churches in Nicaragua reported 325 baptisms and 402 restorations. To God be the glory! The Lord's Word is being preached and the gospel is spreading in Nicaragua. Please continue to pray for these Christians and the work there.

Thank you for your support of this work,  
**Sam Brown, Jason Fowler and Gaylon Presley**  
Deacons for Foreign Missions

**Buddy Johnson**

## From John's Desk

**1 John 4:13-21** *"By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother."*

Are you afraid of God?

When I ask, "Are you afraid of God," I do not mean the fear that is based on respect and awe. What I want you to think about is whether or not you are actually fearful of the day you will meet God face to face. Many people are not anticipating the Day of the Lord with faith and excitement. A lot of people simply avoid thinking of that day because they think somehow or another God will bring up something from the past that will catch them off guard and then punishment will ensue.

If you are afraid of God in unhealthy ways, then you probably do not know his love. John says, "His love is in us." If God's love is in us, then we abide in Him. There is nothing you have done that God does not already know about. There will be no surprise. The Day of the Lord is a day where our respect and awe will show through, but it should also be a day where our confident expectation forces us to be excited to meet our creator face to face. We can have confidence!

God Bless, **John**

## Collins' Corner

**James 3:5-10** *"So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so."*

We have all experienced it before. That feeling you have after you say something that you wish you could take back immediately. The problem is—you can not. We say things all the time that we regret, that we do not mean.

ABC news did a study in 2007 that found the average American will say roughly 16,000 words every day. What will we do with our 16,000? Will we use them to edify or tear down? I want to suggest to you twelve words, four phrases that we should say every day. These twelve words, four phrases, are things that the world needs to hear from Christians:

**God loves you.** People in your life need to know that God loves them. That he cares deeply about them. Do the people in our life know, beyond any doubt, that God loves them? If they do not, shouldn't we be the ones to let them know?

**I love you.** There are all kinds of people in this world that go home to an environment lacking in love. Relationships, friendships and marriages that are full of bitterness. Why don't we let them know that we love them?

**I forgive you.** Chances are, there has been a time in your life where you needed to be forgiven. You felt what it was like for forgiveness to take that burden off your back. Let others know that they can experience that same feeling of forgiveness.

**You're not alone.** Loneliness is one of the worst feelings that we can have. Show others that they do not have to be alone in this world.

We have 16,000 words to use every day. Can we use twelve of them to encourage today?

**Matt**

# News, Prayers & Announcements

## Our Sick:

**Jackie Tidwell** will have heart surgery Wednesday morning at Cookeville Regional. She is in room #426.

**Maggie Billingsley** is in CRMC, Room #545.

**Leighton Sissom** is now home.

**Glenda Johnson** is now home.

**Marian McDoniel** is now home.

**Willie Tackett** remains at Hospice House.

Keep **Hugh Adams** in prayer.

**Sympathy** to **Wayne Roberts** and his family, in the passing of his mother, **Donna Roberts**, on February 25. There will be a memorial service for her here in our small auditorium on Sunday, the 13th at 2:00 PM.

**Members dealing with cancer:** Kathy Adams, Kaye Bowman and Willie Tackett

**Family Friends dealing with cancer:** Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Louise Birdwell, Dean Boles, Jeremy Fortner, Blake Houston, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Buddy Morgan, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd and Christina Turner

**Those prayed for in February:** Kathy Adams, Hugh Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Herman Bean, Becky Bean, Maggie Billingsley Louise Birdwell, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Betty Brotherton, Maggie Brown, Marcia Byrge, Ken Castleman, Earl Clack, Sue Clack, Peggy Cooper, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Kristy Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Jeremy Fortner, June Gentry, Geneva Glasgow, Bob & Sue Gydesen, Nadine Hall, Sherry Hamilton, Andrew & Josie Hamilton (baby Ryker Kevin), Wilma Hayes, Zach & Sarah Henson (baby Winnie Kate), Clay Holloway, Wiley Holloway, Blake Houston, Tim Jennings, Glenda Johnson, Ann Judd, Dave Leaf, Steve Leddy, Angela Leffew, Carolyn Leslie, Lon Markum, Betty Martin, Rhett Massey, Ken Matheney, B.J. Matheney, Sterling McCanless, Pat McCanless, Dorothy McClennon, Marian McDoniel, Rick Merinar, Richard Moore, Buddy Morgan, Paula Palk, Pauline Parkerson, Judy Phillips, Wayne Roberts, Pollye Roberts, Donna Roberts, Shaun & Evan Scantland (baby Finn), Lyman Schroeder, Jan Shepherd, Jan Shuster, Gladys Simmons, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Ed Smith, Rosella Smith, Evelyn Solt, Cornelia Steakley, Adriel Stout, Mae Stults, Willie Tackett, Lyda Taylor, Mike Taylor, Jordan Terry, Aletha Tino, Christina Turner, Lisa Turner, Charles Williamson

**Young At Heart—Dinner and Entertainment Night:** This Saturday, **March 12**, Helen's Restaurant for Dinner, Little Opry in Gainesboro. You pay for your own dinner and the music is free. Church van leaves at 3:30pm (4:15pm dinner and 6:00pm music begins). Be sure to sign up on the YAH board. For any questions, call or see **John Mayher**.

**VBS 2016** - There will be a short meeting after church on Sunday, **March 20**, immediately following the evening service for anyone interested in helping with VBS: teachers, builders, actors, helpers, etc. See **Linda Flatt**.



**Magi Project:** Items for March: yo-yo's, paddle balls and toothbrushes.

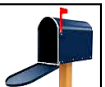
Our next **work night** is **Monday, March 14th** from 5-8 p.m. Dinner will be provided so please let **Lisa Rhodes** or **Paula Kelly** know if you are interested in coming.

**HAPPY HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME - 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banquet** is March 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Leslie Town Centre. Call 931-526-2052 for reservations, sponsorships or to host a table. See **Houston Bynum**.

**Easter Eggs:** Go ahead and start dropping off candy for the Easter egg hunt coming soon. You can turn those in to **John Nichols** or **Matt Collins**. See **Allison Burr** with questions.

## Address Changes:

**The Lobato's**, 1366 Crescent Dr, Apt B207, 38501



**Lauren Jones** (was Davis), 3100 Chester King Rd, 38501

**Phil & Harriet Sue Hall**, 1098 Winterhill Dr (correct)

## 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

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<u>Sunday, March 6, 2016</u>	
<b>Bible Class</b> .....333	<b>Church Office</b> .....931-526-4605
<b>Sunday Morning</b> .....579	<b>Information Line</b> .....931-528-1006
<b>Sunday Evening</b> .....273	<b>Fax Line</b> .....931-520-8708
<b>Wednesday Night</b> .....314	<b>Mother's Day Out</b> .....931-260-7861
<b>Contribution</b> .....\$24,295	
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<b>Church Office (Mary)</b> ..... <a href="mailto:info@jacoc.org">info@jacoc.org</a>	<b>Church Office (Carol)</b> ..... <a href="mailto:carol.hart@jacoc.org">carol.hart@jacoc.org</a>
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<b>Matt Collins</b> ..... <a href="mailto:mattc@jacoc.org">mattc@jacoc.org</a>	<b>John Mayher</b> ..... <a href="mailto:john.mayher@jacoc.org">john.mayher@jacoc.org</a>
<b>Bo Perez</b> ..... <a href="mailto:bo@jacoc.org">bo@jacoc.org</a>	<b>Mother's Day Out</b> ..... <a href="mailto:laura.fox@jacoc.org">laura.fox@jacoc.org</a>
	<b>Service Schedule</b>
<b>Sunday Bible Study</b> .....9:00 AM	<b>Sunday Morning</b> .....10:00 AM
<b>Sunday Evening</b> .....6:00 PM	<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b> .....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	<b>Buddy Johnson</b>
Doug Fowler	<i>Pulpit</i>
Don Foy	<b>John Nichols</b>
Bobby Lane	Associate
John Rhodes	<b>Matt Collins</b>
Leighton Sissom	Youth
*Chairman of Month	<b>Bo Perez</b>
	Hispanic
	<b>John Mayher</b>
	Visitation

# BIRTHDAYS *March 20 - 26*

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 20 - Lily Farris    | 22 - Joshua Piggott  |
| 20 - Sarah White    | 24 - Paul Leddy      |
| 21 - Linda Jones    | 24 - Sarah Viar      |
| 21 - Eddie Nance    | 25 - Joanne Birdwell |
| 21 - Kate Simpson   | 25 - Laura Fox       |
| 22 - Anna Gilbert   | 25 - Cindy Leddy     |
| 22 - Sarah Lane     | 26 - Bret Vetter     |
| 22 - Carolyn Leslie |                      |



## *A News and Notes* youth

### MARCH

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

### APRIL

- 6 Short Mountain Bible Camp Registration
- 10 Devo @ the Rhodes'
- 17 T4C @ Netherland

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- 19-24 SMBC

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