



## *Chocolate Fantasy Night*

**TONIGHT, April 13** is our Chocolate Fantasy Night where we honor all who participated in Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes this year. Please bring your favorite chocolate goodies and a 2-liter drink! See **Mary Alice Kinslow**.

Participants this year were:

**Jesse Allen, Richlyne Bennett, Layne Brown, Makayla Brown, Michael Brown, Ava Farris, Lily Farris, Parks Fowler, Waylon Fowler, Cooper Gilbert, Jack Henry, Jay Parker Henry, Lilyanna Holland, Austin Lane, Ethan Lankford, Erika Lewis, Erin Lewis, Conner Liner, Ryker Lintz, Mallory Mackie, Adeline Mayes, Elin McDonald, Elizabeth Milton, Josiah Nichols, Katie Patterson, Emily Perry, Josh Piggott, John Piggott, Caleb Rawdon, Makayla Rawdon, Ellie Simpson, Kate Simpson and Olivia Simpson**



## **This Week's Lessons**

### Sunday Morning Sermon

*I Am the Good Shepherd - John 10.1-18*

### Sunday Night Service

*Buddy Johnson Speaking*

## **GOOD NEWS**

On Wednesday evening, **Tom Keller** came to Bible study and repented of sin and requested prayers. Some of you may remember his parents, Don and Sue Keller, who worshiped here at Jefferson in the 60s and 70s.

On Sunday morning, **Misty Lane** came forward and requested prayers for her friend Joey. Please pray for Tom and Joey this week!

## **ANOTHER BIBLE BOWL UPDATE**

The Bible Bowl Committee has decided to remove much of the duplicate material within Leviticus to avoid the possibility of identical questions being covered by more than one place in the material. For example, Chapter 1 goes into detail on the burnt offering, chapter 2 details the grain offering, chapter 3 details the peace offering, Chapter 4 covers the sin offering, and Chapter 5 is the trespass offering. These same topics are covered again in chapters 6 and 7. Some of the material was also removed so that the total number of verses was shortened. There are 856 verses in Leviticus. The Committee decided to reduce this to a total of 440 verses. We did not want the length of the material to be a detriment to our younger participants (as well as our older ones and coaches too.) We went back and reviewed the material and wanted to make sure that the "gist" of the book was covered. Therefore we have decided that only the following material will be covered for Bible Bowl 2016: **Chapter 6 (only verses 8-30), and all of the following chapters: Chapter 7, Chapter 8, Chapter 9, Chapter 10, Chapter 11, Chapter 17, Chapter 19, Chapter 23, Chapter 24, Chapter 25, Chapter 26, and Chapter 27.** Sycamore has provided an edited copy of the material for those who want to download it from their website: [sycamorebiblebowl.com](http://sycamorebiblebowl.com).

## **WALK 4 WATER**

On Saturday, we received word that over \$7,000 was raised to dig a well in memory of our **Hoke White**. Thank you to all who walked five miles on Saturday and to those who gave money to this worthy project. Thanks also to **Gaylon Presley and Frances Bumbalough** who have worked in cooperation with Walk 4 Water to bring clean drinking water to those in need.

**Buddy Johnson**

# From John's Desk

**1 John 5:13-15** *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

Do you know? - If you were to die today, would you be with your Father for eternity? Unfortunately, I think that many people are hesitant to answer that question with confidence. I'm not a scholar so I'm not sure why the truth is that many are not confident in their salvation. However, I see the nervousness and the anxiety that comes to the surface when believers have no expectation.

Do you know? - John starts to wind this general letter down by teaching that people who are believers in Jesus should know that they have eternal life. The reason they can know is because of Jesus. The reason we can know we are saved today is because of Jesus. Too often we think about our own works or our own faithfulness and we quickly are left wanting. As we look at our own faithfulness, we quickly are confronted with our inadequacies. The fundamental point of the Gospel isn't to push you to beat yourself up because you don't "feel" faithful enough. The fundamental point of the Gospel is to push you to believe in the one who is faithful: Jesus.

Part of the disconnect comes with our view of this term that John uses: Believe. John is talking about far more than some intellectual concept that we accept. This is more than simply affirming that Jesus was a true historical character. The belief that leads to eternal life and confidence is a worldview that trusts Jesus is God's son therefore that trusts his faithfulness. When I'm not faithful, Jesus is. When I'm not good enough, Jesus is. Jesus is. The Gospel is seen most clearly when we firmly trust in Jesus' ability to be what we aren't. When Jesus is my worldview then I can be confident. When Jesus is my hope then I will be closer to his will which will change the way I pray. When Jesus is the root of my faith, then I know that he not only hears my prayers, he cares for my heart.

I know that if I left this world today that I would be with the Lord. I have confident expectation that in my failures (and there are many), Jesus shows his capacity to cover me. I trust that when I am weak, he is strong. My prayer is that you would join me in praising the name of the one who gives us everything!  
God Bless, **John**

# Collins' Corner

**Romans 15:13** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Romans was a book that was written to the church at Rome. Because of the mix of Jews and Gentiles, Paul spends a lot of time talking about how to get along with each other. The tension in the church is real between the two groups, not unlike tension that we can sometimes have today within our own brotherhood.

With that in mind we come to Romans 15:13, one of the most popular verses in America in 2015. Why? What would make this verse so attractive to people when they come to the Bible? My initial guess would be because he discusses hope, joy, and peace. People seek after those things. They want to find those things. So this verse, standing alone, sounds really nice. When we see it for what it really is, however, I think that it's even better.

## **What does it mean to have hope?**

What do we hope for? What do we hope in? We hope for good grades, for good news, for things to go our way. Many times we say we "hope" for things that we actually have no control over. Hope in our minds is nothing more than a far away wish. We need to relearn what hope actually is.

## **Hope is where trust meets expectation.**

Hope is not a wish. It's not even just a dream or a goal. Hope is something that we have because we trust the source and can come to expect the result. We don't have to wish when it comes to God. We don't have to "dream" when it comes to his promises. My hope is in the Lord because I trust him, and I expect him to do what he says, because of who he is.

## **Christ Unites.**

Within the context of Romans 15 (and 14 really) this passage is about the power of Christ to **unite**. What unites us? We share the same joy, the same peace, and the same hope.

## **If Christ unites us, what divides us?**

Under the banner of Christ, the only things that can divide us are what we allow to divide us. The Lord certainly doesn't divide us. When we strive to follow and serve him, his prayer is that we stay united.

**Matt**

# News, Prayers & Announcements

## Thank You!

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, visits and food during Willie's illness. We were truly blessed by your thoughtfulness. **Sylvia Tackett**

Dear Jefferson Avenue Friends, Jackie and I are sincerely grateful to you for your many acts of kindness during Jackie's illness and recuperation. Your prayers, visits, food, calls and cards are all appreciated. We are blessed to be associated with this church family. Sincerely,  
**Fay & Jackie Borden**

Thank you for your sympathy, kind words, cards, prayers and attendance at the funeral visitation for my sister, Linda Story Buck. It is a great comfort knowing that you are thinking of us during this difficult time.

**Pete Story & Family**

## Our Sick:

**Rebecca Bean** is home with hospice care.

**Glenda Johnson** is now home from NHC.

**Jackie Tidwell** had two doctor checkups Tuesday.

**Tracy Anderson**, daughter of **Thurman & Lois Bradley**, has been dismissed from Cookeville Regional.

**Glenn Leddy**, father of our **Steve**, is now home with hospice and caregiver service.

**Ethan Lankford** was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes.

**Nick Carter** had successful hip replacement surgery on Friday and is now home.

**Ed Smith** continues to recuperate at his home.

**Sympathy** to **Cathy Dyer** in the death of her mother, **Catherine Dyer**, who passed away Thursday morning. Her funeral was held Sunday.

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

▶ Tuesday, **April 19 @ 6:00** - Zion with **John Pippin**

▶ Tuesday, **April 26 @ 6:00** - West Sparta with **Don Blackwell**

## VBS CORNER

### How can you be a Superhero?

- ⇒ Have you got your T shirt yet?
- ⇒ A drop off box for VBS snacks is available by the VBS Registration table
- ⇒ We need teachers and aides! Your job is easy and fun...leading our young Superheros.

**JESUS is my Superhero**

## April Events

**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.



**Bridal Tea:** A bridal tea will be held for **Nichole Morgan and Noah Repasky** Sunday, **April 17**, from 1:30-3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Walmart, Kohls, The Market, Southern Traditions and Borden's.



**MAGI Update:** **Work night Monday, April 18**, 5-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided, so please let Lisa Rhodes or Paula Kelly know if you plan to attend. **Items for April:** pencil sharpeners, cap erasers, marbles and flashlights with batteries. We are aiming high this year so we need 1000 of each item. Go, team!

**For Our Widows:** All widows are invited to the home of **Sue Chaffin** at 1519 Renea Circle (Towne & Country Estates), on Tuesday, **April 19** at 10:00am. Come for coffee, donuts and sharing.

**Mens Conference:** Reconnect 2016 "Becoming Men After God's Own Heart" is **April 22-23** in Peachtree City, Georgia. (\$30 adults/\$15 students) 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 posted outside the church office. See **John Mayher** for details.

**Bridal Tea:** A bridal tea for **Lorren McCanless** and **Nick Jones** will be Sunday, **April 24** from 1:30-3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Belk, Borden's and Target.

## May Events

**Youth: Senior Night, May 1**

**Young At Heart - May 6** - It's the resurrection of **The Golden Sixties Banquet!** The theme is A Night at Jefferson Abbey, a play on the hit series *Downton Abbey*, so come dressed in your finest 20's attire (which for some women just means adding long pearls to a dress in the closet). As a nod to the past, please submit a picture of yourself from your "20's" to David Fox. We'll have fun guessing who you are!

**Bridal Tea: May 15** for Bride Elect of **Bret Vetter**

**Youth: 100% Night, May 18**

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

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<u>Sunday, April 10, 2016</u>	
Bible Class.....	292
Sunday Morning.....	498
Sunday Evening.....	195
Wednesday Night.....	290
Contribution.....	\$20,069
Church Office.....	931-526-4605
Information Line.....	931-528-1006
Fax Line.....	931-520-8708
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<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>
Brian Carver
Randy Chaffin
Ken Clark
Jim Dale
Jason Fowler
Chad Gilbert
Seth Gilbert
Jim Hicks
Sean Kelly
Chuck Lankford
Bryan Liner
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>
Glenn Binkley
*Doug Fowler
Don Foy
Bobby Lane
John Rhodes
Leighton Sissom
*Chairman of Month

  

<u>MINISTERS</u>
Buddy Johnson
<i>Pulpit</i>
John Nichols
Associate
Matt Collins
Youth
Bo Perez
Hispanic
John Mayher
Visitation

  

<u>DEACONS</u>
Jason Bennett
William Birdwell
Sam Brown
Philip Burr

# BIRTHDAYS

**April 24 - 30**

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 24 - Robert Reeves     | 27 - Trevor Smith    |
| 26 - Michael Rawdon    | 29 - Ken Clark       |
| 26 - Sue Wheeler       | 29 - Jacob Piggott   |
| 27 - Becky Fitzpatrick | 29 - Zachary Rice    |
| 27 - Austin Hill       | 30 - Bob Mackie      |
| 27 - Dalia Lobato      | 30 - Alivia McDaniel |
| 27 - Trent Smith       |                      |



## A News and Notes

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**Seniors:** I need your 25 pictures and 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

17 T4C @ Netherland

### MAY

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

### JUNE

19-24 SMBC

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- PRAY
- HOST TEENS IN YOUR HOME
- DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- PREPARE DESSERTS
- SET UP/TAKE DOWN CREW
- SHOW UP

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