

IN LOVING MEMORY



Our dear brother and friend, **Glenn Leddy**, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, April 20. Glenn had a full life of great accomplishments, including many years of military service and teaching at TTU. He loved his family,

and will be greatly missed by Steve, Terry, their spouses, grandchildren and many here at Jefferson Avenue. Glenn was married to our sweet Delia for 61 years.

*Say a comforting word
for Jesus this week!*

This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning Sermon

By Buddy Johnson

Sunday Night Service

Youth Senior Night

Good News

We gained a new sister and a new brother in Christ Sunday. **Kathleen Fortner** (daughter of Brad Fortner) and **Layne Brown** (son of Steve & Kim McDonald) were baptized for the remission of their sins. We are so proud of these two young people. Welcome to our family.

Buddy Johnson

Ring Somebody's Bell

I like to ring bells. Doorbells. Cowbells. Garden bells. Church bells. Dinner Bells (yes, especially dinner bells). Guess what one of my favorite Christmas songs is? Yep, you're right, "Jingle Bells." Maybe in the next life, I can be an official bell-ringer.

Well, the other day I was coming out of one of the banks in town. At the door of this bank is a bell you can ring if you were satisfied with the service. Think I was tempted? Man, I rang...and rang...and rang that bell. I hope they got the message. I appreciated their service.

I began thinking (I know that's dangerous). Know what we need in the church? You know, don't you? We need more bell-ringers. We need positive, pleasant, personable, passionate and peacemaking people ringing other people's bells.

Think about it, folks. We're living in a dark and sinful world. Jealousy ... envy ... violence ... divorce ... cursing ... unkindness ... racism ... hatred ... rudeness ... anger There's enough negative garbage out there to make all of us sick. But the church should be a different kind of place. It's a haven for healing. A place of rest. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give your rest" (Matthew 11:28). The church is where sinners are saved, burdens are blessings, loads are lifted, the hurting are healed, the discouraged are delighted, the weak are won and forgiveness is found. The church is a place where bells are rung.

Two verses from the wise man to support bell-ringers. First, Proverbs 12:18: "Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Second, Proverbs 12:25: "An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up."

So, my brother, speak a kind word. Lift somebody's load. Heal another's heart. Be generous with compliments. Ring somebody's bell.

Keith Parker

Hendersonville, TN

From John's Desk

1 John 5:16-21 *If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

All sin separates us from God. Any transgression against the character of God sets a person at a distance from their Father in heaven. Paul says, “The wages of sin is death.” We know the previous statements are true. However, if those statements are true, then how do we reconcile them with what John says in the above section from 1 John chapter 5?

Does some sin lead to death while other transgressions do not?

I think one of the most fundamental truths associated with sin is this: There is a difference between sinning and walking in sin. There is a major difference in making mistakes and walking in premeditated sin. In chapter 5, John echoes what he says in chapter 1. “If we walk in the light as he is in the light, the blood of Jesus continually cleanses us.” If being sinless was mandatory to walk in the light then there would be no need to be cleansed. In other words, it is possible to walk in the light of Jesus and still need grace and cleansing. I think this is what John is driving at here in this text. The sin that doesn't lead to death is a sin that Jesus is covering because the person is walking with the Lord. The sin that leads to death is a sin that exposes a person's character and heart and reveals them to have no interest in pursuing Jesus. Don't get caught in the trap of walking in sin. Don't fall into patterns that lead away from the Lord. Walk in the light! Be cleansed!

God Bless, **John**

Collins' Corner

The “love” chapter of 1 Corinthians 13 is sandwiched in between 2 chapters that talk about spiritual gifts and our place in the body of Christ. I don't think that is any accident. The overwhelming point of this passage is this: nothing matters without love. You can serve, teach, plan, heal, whatever—without love its meaningless eternally. Love surrounds us. I see the love the Lord has for me by the people that are in my life. By the family and friends that I have. I see his love in opportunities that are presented. I see his love for me in the church. I see his love for me in his Word. I see his love in his promises. I see his love in his sacrifice.

The great thing about Christ love for me is that its not contingent on me. Christ doesn't love me because I'm a good guy. He doesn't love you because you are came to worship on Sunday morning. He loves you because he does. He loves you because that's who he is. He loves you because he has decided to love you.

Based on the love I see in Jesus and in 1 Cor. 13, let me share with you a few things I think about love:

Christ is seen in my love for people.

- When I love people, I am being an earthly representation of Christ. That's what he did (does) and that's who he was (is). My love for people will magnify Christ in their lives without me having to say a word.

Love is a decision.

- When you read the text of 1 Corinthians you may notice that you don't see anything about a feeling in there. There is nothing about a warm fuzziness that is dealt with in the text. Everything described about love is about decisions we make and actions that we take.

Love doesn't always mean like.

- This may sound weird, but you don't have to like somebody to love them. The Lord talks about loving our neighbor, not being their best friend. Because love is more decision than feeling, I can decide to love you even when you're not good to me. I can decide to love you even if I don't always like you. That is what gives us the power and ability to love our enemies.

I love you because of Jesus.

- I don't love you because of you the same way Christ doesn't love me because of me. You don't have to earn my love. You don't have to “be good enough” to be loved. I love you because I follow Christ. Part of me following Christ is loving you.

Matt

News, Prayers & Announcements

Jackie Tidwell will be entering Cookeville Regional Wednesday morning for new heart treatment medicine, and will be monitored a few days.

Sherry Binkley is now recuperating at her home, following surgery.

Ronnie Anderson, brother of **Donald Anderson**, is in Room #315 at Cookeville Regional suffering with COPD, flu and pneumonia.

Blake Houston, nephew of *Bill & Barbara Gillen*, has been dismissed from Cookeville Regional.

Clay Holloway requests continued prayers for health issues.

Rebecca Bean remains at her home with hospice.

Sympathy to **Steve Leddy** and his sister, **Terry Hughes** in the loss of their father, **Glenn Leddy**, who passed away on Wednesday, April 20. His funeral was held Tuesday and Hooper-Huddleston & Horner.

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 Brown, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Sterling & Pat McCanless, Gladys Simmons, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Cornelia Steakley and Jordan Terry

Christian Service Group: Leaders for the month of April are **Jim & Marian Dale**. Assisting are **John & Lisa Rhodes** and those with last names beginning with the Letters **K, L, M, N, O, P and R**.



Thanks to everyone for your prayers, thoughts and words of encouragement. They have been a blessing as I am recovering from my surgery. **Nick & Laura Carter**

Thanks to all who helped make Chocolate Fantasy a great success. We are privileged to honor our Lads to Leaders/Leaderetts.

Mary Alice Kinslow

Dear Friends, we want to thank everyone who had a part in this year's Walk for Water. Hoke always worried about little children who didn't have access to clean water. He would have been so proud of the participation in this year's Walk. His family thanks every one for their prayers, encouragement and donations. You have made it possible for many people to have good water - something many of us take for granted. A special thanks to Gaylon, Frances, David and Laura, who worked so hard to help raise the money. In Christian Love,

Sarah White and Family



The **Women's Prayer Group** will meet Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. Please join us. **Laura Carter**

NHC Worship Service: Sunday, May 1, Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship service at 2:00pm. The **elders and their wives** are scheduled to assist.

Young At Heart - May 6 - 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. Please also submit a picture of yourself from your "20's" to David Fox. We'll have fun guessing who you are!

30s & 40s: We will be providing the desserts for **The Golden Sixties Banquet**. Please see **Leah Milton** or **Stacey Bennett** for details.

Bridal Tea: May 15 for **Savannah Keane**, Bride Elect of **Bret Vetter**, from 1:30 to 3:00, in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Borden's, Kohls and Amazon.

Delton Dyal Memorial Golf Tournament:

May 21 @ 8:00 a.m. ■ Ironwood Golf Course

4 person scramble ■ \$50.00 entry fee

Prizes for top three teams



Donuts and coffee for breakfast ■ Strouds BBQ for lunch
All proceeds fund the Delton Dyal Memorial Scholarship at TTU. Sign up sheet is posted on the Family Board. Call **Bobby Lane** 931-510-4263 or **Valerie Loftis** 931-303-3111.

VBS CORNER

Anyone who wants to be part of VBS puppet shows meet after Wed night class on May 4. Any questions see Lindsey Norton.

HELP! We need builders, and decorators for VBS. Please contact Steve McDonald or Linda Flatt

JESUS is my Superhero

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<u>Sunday, April 24, 2016</u>	
Bible Class.....	287
Sunday Morning.....	547
Sunday Evening.....	241
Wednesday Night.....	323
Contribution.....	\$.18,177
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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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>	
Brian Carver	
Randy Chaffin	
Ken Clark	
Jim Dale	
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	
SHEPHERDS	
Glenn Binkley	
*Doug Fowler	
Don Foy	
Bobby Lane	
John Rhodes	
Leighton Sissom	
*Chairman of Month	
MINISTERS	
Buddy Johnson	
<i>Pulpit</i>	
John Nichols	
Associate	
Matt Collins	
Youth	
Bo Perez	
Hispanic	
John Mayher	
Visitation	
DEACONS	
Jason Bennett	
William Birdwell	
Sam Brown	
Philip Burr	

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 - 7

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| 1 - Kim Monks | 3 - Nikki Patterson |
| 1 - Sherry Murray | 4 - Walt Carlen |
| 2 - Linda Flatt | 4 - Kyncee Gilbert |
| 2 - Nadell Howell | 4 - Jean Pennington |
| 2 - Lauren Morgan | 6 - Ross Alan Binkley |
| 3 - Michael Anderson | 6 - Addison Hamilton |



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

MAY

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

JUNE

- 19-24 SMBC

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

- COLORED PENCILS
- #2 PENCILS
- CRAYONS
- WIDE RULED PAPER
- COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
- SCISSORS
- GLUESTICKS
- EXPO MARKERS
- CAP ERASERS
- CONSTRUCTION PAPER
- 3 RING BINDERS
- BACKPACKS

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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