

life lines

Jefferson Avenue
Church of Christ



Those Prayed for in March:

Kathy Adams, Hugh Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Herman Bean, Becky Bean, Maggie Billingsley Dean Boles, Jackie Borden, Kaye Bowman, Maggie Brown, Sue Clack, Peggy Cooper, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, William Dunn, Mary Dyer, Jeremy Fortner, Geneva Glasgow, Nadine Hall, Andrew Hamilton, Wilma Hayes, Clay Holloway, Blake Houston, Tim Jennings, Glenda Johnson, Barbara & Paul Jones, Ann Judd, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, BJ Matheney, Ken Mayes, Sterling McCanless, Pat McCanless, Marian McDoniel, Betty Medley, Rick Merinar, Buddy Morgan, Paula Palk, Sandra Wilson Poller, Gaylon Presley, Wayne Roberts, Lyman Schroeder, Jan Shepherd, Jan Shuster, Gladys Simmons, Leighton Sissom, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Evelyn Solt, Cornelia Steakley, Pete Story, Ronda Stout, Mae Stults, Sylvia Tackett, Willie Tackett, Lyda Taylor, Jordan Terry, Jackie Tidwell, Aletha Tino, Christina Turner, Lisa Turner and Charles Williamson

This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning Sermon
Humble and Kind

Sunday Night Service—Singing

GOOD NEWS

We have a new sister in Christ! On Wednesday night, March 30, **Amanda Dubree** was baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of her sins. Amanda has been coming to worship with us for several months now. Her daughter Mackenzie was baptized two months ago. Amanda has been studying the Bible with Carrie Simpson. We rejoice with Amanda and her kids! Please encourage her when you see her at worship.

Walk 4 Water: This Saturday, **April 9**, is our Walk For Water in memory of **Hoke White**. It will take place at TTU Sherlock Park beginning at 8:30am. Please give your donation to **David & Laura Fox or Frances Bumbalough**.



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

The Way To Make Life Better Every Day

THINK a better day. To make every day better, you have to see each day in your mind as better than the day before. Since you become what you think, it follows that events are governed by creative thoughts. Get in the habit of thinking good days and you'll go a long way toward getting what you think.

THANK a better day. Thank God in advance for the good day ahead because there can't be a good day without His granting it. Actually, thanking is an affirmative way of thinking.

PLAN a better day. You'll never get anywhere with a day unless you plan it. You've got to know what you propose to do with it and where you want to go in it. So make your plan and outline your procedures; organize time and effort.

MAKE a better day. Make it your business to put good into the day. If you put bad thoughts or bad attitudes into the day, the day will take on the bad. So put good into the day.

PRAY a better day. Start and finish every day with God. In the morning read a little from the Bible, putting the day into God's hands. Pray that you may help make it a better day for everybody you contact. At night pray again, giving thanks for all the blessings of the day.

Buddy Johnson

From John's Desk

1 John 5:6-12 *"This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."*

Jesus is the ultimate authority of the Father. He is the testimony of God himself.

To drive home his point (having faith and working out of good will), John uses Jesus as the ultimate authority of God. Since he is the ultimate authority of God, Jesus is also the ultimate authority for living. John says that Jesus "came by water and blood." Coming by water and blood reveal why Jesus is the authority for all matters. I believe the water is a reference to the baptism of Jesus. The blood is a reference to his death. These events bookend the life of Christ. Some have suggested that the reference to water and blood are references to our baptism and to the Supper. But, baptism and the Lord's supper are testimonies for us to Jesus. The baptism of Jesus himself, and his own death are testimonies for Jesus to the Father.

How does the baptism and death of Jesus serve as witness to the Father and the authority of the Son? Why does any of this matter?

I think it is awfully easy to get caught up in secondary pursuits within the context of the church. We want to live good lives. We want common and practical lessons about loving and being gracious and receiving forgiveness. In their proper place, lessons related to all of these things are good. However, when the benefit of Christianity becomes our pursuit rather than the one that founded our faith, our testimony is useless. Christianity is first a religion about Jesus. His baptism shows us not only a path that we need to follow, but also the character of God himself. The death of Jesus shows those that follow what they must be willing to sacrifice. Jesus is the point. Have you seen his testimony? What has the testimony of Jesus led you to do? He is the authority. Jesus is the point.

God Bless, **John**

Collins' Corner

I'm convinced the devil has a good way of playing mind games with us. We doubt ourselves, our abilities, our friends, our God. When we begin to think, sometimes we begin to doubt and worry, we get anxious about something.

What does somebody think about me?

Should I have said that?

How did I do on that test?

Is somebody mad at me?

I wish I wouldn't have done _____.

What's going to happen tomorrow?

Those thoughts consume our head. So, what do we do?

We try to block them out. We try to distract ourselves so we don't have to think. You've been there, right? How much time a day do you spend where you are by yourself and you're not distracted? My guess—little to none.

Whether consciously or not—we search for peace. Not just peace away from people, but peace away from our own minds. What can I do where I can drown out my own thoughts? It doesn't have to be that way.

Here's a good question—why don't we turn to God during those times?

Philippians 4:6-7

do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

What's being communicated here? What makes this verse so popular? I think its because God is offering something that we all search for one way or another: PEACE.

If God wants us, tells us, that we can talk to him about everything (anything), why do we hold back? Why are our prayers either non existent or just about food? It's okay to talk to God about whatever. Anything and everything. He can handle it. God doesn't want you to have anxiety. He doesn't want you to spend all day worrying about anything and everything. He wants you to have peace. He wants your hearts and your minds to be free. He wants to guard those for you.

Matt

News, Prayers & Announcements



Congratulations to **Russell & Connie Fowler** on the birth of their new son, **Burns Russell Fowler**. He was born Thursday, March 31, weighing 6 lbs. 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Dad, Mom and big brother **Jack** are doing great! **Doug & Mae Fowler** are the proud grandparents.

Our Sick:

Nick Carter will have hip replacement surgery this Friday in Nashville.

Ed Smith was admitted to Cookeville Regional with an infection but has now been dismissed.

Glenn Leddy, father of our **Steve**, has been moved out of ICU and is now in room #634 at Cookeville Regional.

Judy Phillips had same-day surgery at Cookeville Regional Tuesday.

Leah Milton requests prayer for her father, **Anthony Hammock**, who is taking chemo treatments for liver cancer. He has been dismissed from Vanderbilt and is now home.

Jackie Tidwell is still recuperating at home.

Glenda Johnson remains at NHC, #103 for therapy.

Those dealing with cancer: Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Louise Birdwell, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Joy Carter, Jeremy Fortner, Anthony Hammock, Blake Houston, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Buddy Morgan, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd

Our Shut-Ins:

Bethesda: Jan Shuster & Lyda Taylor

Heritage Pointe: Peggy Cooper, Wilma Hayes & Marian McDoniel

Morningside: Ann Judd

NHC: Glenda Johnson, 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

April Happenings

Ladies Luncheon: April 7 at 11:30am, **Spankies**.

Walk 4 Water: This Saturday, **April 9**, is our Walk For Water in memory of **Hoke White**. Please give your donation to **David & Laura Fox** or **Frances Bumbalough**. The walk is at TTU Sherlock Park at 8:30am.



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**.

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 in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Walmart, Kohls, The Market, Southern Traditions and Borden's.



MAGI Update: **Work night** on Monday, **April 18th**, 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!

Bridal Tea: **April 24** for **Lorren McCanless**

May Happenings

Youth: **Senior Night, May 1**

Young At Heart - May 7, Annual Senior Dinner (Old Folks Dinner) in the Fellowship Center. More details to follow.

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

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



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

VBS Snacks: Anyone who would like to help purchase items for VBS snacks or would like to make something, please see Lindsey Norton or call at 931-397-6239 to see what items are needed or what needs to be made. **VBS is May 22-25**

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<u>Sunday, April 3, 2016</u>	
SHEPHERDS	DEACONS (cont.)
Glenn Binkley	Brian Carver
*Doug Fowler	Randy Chaffin
Don Foy	Ken Clark
Bobby Lane	Jim Dale
John Rhodes	Jason Fowler
Leighton Sissom	Chad Gilbert
*Chairman of Month	Seth Gilbert
MINISTERS	Jim Hicks
Buddy Johnson	Sean Kelly
Pulpit	Chuck Lankford
John Nichols	Bryan Limer
Associate	Bob Mackie
Matt Collins	Ken Mayes
Youth	Brian McDaniel
Bo Perez	Andy Millton
Hispanic	Dean Olson
John Mayher	Jimmy Patterson
Visitation	Dave Piggott
DEACONS	Gaylon Presley
Jason Bennett	Bud Simpson
William Birdwell	Pete Story
Sam Brown	Don Viar
Philip Burr	Donnie Westbrook
Bible Class.....221	Church Office.....931-526-4605
Sunday Morning.....510	Information Line.....931-528-1006
Sunday Evening.....213	Fax Line.....931-520-8708
Wednesday Night.....264	Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861
Contribution.....\$19,491	
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	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

BIRTHDAYS

April 17 - 23

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| 19 - Clarcie Bush (95) | 21 - Jeana Piggott |
| 19 - Pete Story | 21 - Joyce Whitaker |
| 20 - Rosella Smith | 22 - Wes Korth |
| 21 - Clay Holloway | 23 - Sheila Long |
| 21 - Elin McDonald | |



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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

- 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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