

Our VBS this year is a one-day

## Back to School Bash

Saturday August 12  
from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The theme is: *Fruits of the Spirit*



After lunch there will be field day type stations set up outside for some fun in the sun. We have sign-up sheets on the bulletin board near the Kids Avenue hallway for teachers/aids, lunch crew, bakers, station workers, crafts, and registration.

**This Week's Lesson**  
**Sunday Morning Worship**  
Buddy Johnson preaching  
**Sunday Evening**  
Buddy Johnson preaching

### THE MISSION AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

What is the mission and work of the church? The Bible has the answer. The church has a single mission—to save souls. This was the mission of her Lord ([Luke 19:10](#)) and this is the mission with which the church is charged today (1 Tim. 1:15,16). How the church goes about that mission is threefold. There is within the church the need to exhort and to strengthen the brethren (Hebrews 3:13). This is one aspect of the work of the church. We call this edification. There is also the need to preach the gospel to the lost ([Acts 16:10](#)). We call this evangelism. Finally, the church has a special work ministering to both those within and without the church. This work is the work of taking care of those who are in need (Gal. 6:10). We call this benevolence. Every other aspect of the work of the church of which we can think will easily fall under these three categories.

Jesus said in [Matthew 16:18](#), "I will build my church." In [Acts 2](#) we first see the message of the kingdom of God and the terms of entrance into the church. In [Acts 2:47](#) we read, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The church was involved from the beginning in the work of evangelism. It was the Lord's great commission to the apostles which led to the beginning of the church on Pentecost and it was the continued efforts of the church in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ that led to her growth in the world.

Not only did the early church practice evangelism, but mutual edification. Great persecution came upon the early church in its infant years that threatened the life of the early church, but through edification of one another, the church survived and prospered.

The early church also had a passion for caring for the poor. We read early on of the great needs which were met by some very generous folk who sold their possessions and lands and laid them at the feet of the apostles in [Acts 4:32-37](#). The church at Antioch also purposed to relieve the poor among the church in Jerusalem by taking a collection from the gentile Christians ([Acts 11:29, 30](#); [Romans 15:26](#)). Paul exhorted the elders at Ephesus to remember the poor ([Acts 20:35](#)) and Paul acknowledged that this was something he was always mindful to do ([Galatians 2:10](#)). These things he taught everywhere in every church that he established ([1 Corinthians 4:17](#)).

The church is God's continuing plan for man's salvation. It is the place of the saved on earth. It is the hand through which God spreads his message upon the earth today. This means that the church has an important work to do. God has charged the church with this work and only the church with this work. We, as the church, have a responsibility to ensure that this work gets done.

Are we carrying out this threefold work of the church today? Much depends upon our faithful execution of this pattern. There is no other organization that has the same mission as that of the church—to save souls.

**Buddy Johnson**

# Collins' Corner

**Matthew 13:44-46**

*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

The overwhelming message of these two parables is that this kingdom has real, worthwhile value. Unfortunately, far too often we either downgrade or attempt to negate its value altogether. The value of the kingdom is made evident by the fact that both of these men sold all that they had—they liquidated all of their assets, in order to take hold of the treasure and pearl. There was nothing in their life that they deemed more valuable than what they found. Still today, I believe that when God sees the church, when he sees his kingdom, he sees something of great value. Why? I believe that first, *there is value in the church because it belongs to the Lord.* Things have greater value depending on who they belong to, right? People would pay a lot more money for a MJ game worn jersey than they would my 2003 church league basketball jersey. Same game. Same looking jersey. WAY different value based on who owned it. *The Lord's ownership of his kingdom gives the church tremendous value.*

I believe that the Lord also sees a kingdom that is very costly to its members. That is easy to see in this parable because we see the individuals sell all that have to attain it. Why? The value of the treasure outweighed the cost to get it. Regardless though, it is costly. The Lord's Kingdom requires things from each of us. It requires our best, our time, our resources, our devotion, etc. The kingdom is costly to different people in different ways—each has their own unique story attached to it. The cost of the kingdom will be different for different people, but the cost is still there nonetheless. What I love about Hebrews 11:32-38 is that it illustrates how God is still God, regardless of our circumstances. The same God of great heroes and conquerors like David was the same God of the martyrs. The same faith that led people to lead kingdoms was the same faith that led people to be in prison. The kingdom has a cost, although it may look and feel different to different people. The question for us is: *are we willing to pay the cost?*

**Matt**

## Preschool-Primary and Intermediate Grades

### Sunday Morning

Cradle Roll	Jane Foy	Anna Gilbert	108
Toddlers	Laura Fox	Linda Gilbert	105
2 year olds	Rebecca Baggett		106
3 year olds	Kayla McCord		100
4 year olds	Brook Gilbert	Seth Gilbert	103
Kindergarten	Jeana Piggott		107
1st Grade	Macey Korth		202
2nd Grade	Rachael Liner	Bryan Liner	203
3rd Grade	Andy Milton		206
4th Grade	Andy Milton		206
5th Grade	Mae Fowler		208
6th Grade	Dave Piggott		210

### Wednesday Night

Cradle Roll	Jenifer McDaniel		108
Toddlers	Cindy Mackie	Lauren Mackie	105
2 year olds	Olivia Simpson	Molly Chaffin	106
3 year olds	Stephanie Chaffin		100
4 year olds	Lynn Lane		103
Kindergarten	Pam Rawdon		107
1st Grade	Lisa Rhodes		202
2nd Grade	Sarah Lane		203
3rd Grade	Courtney Norton	Lindsey Norton	206
4th Grade	Courtney Norton	Lindsey Norton	206
5th Grade	Rick Gilbert		208
6th Grade	Glenn Binkley		210

## Teens Bible Class—Matt Collins—Downstairs

### Adult Bible Classes

#### Sunday Morning

Examples of Faith—Brad Fortner—College (215)
Parables—Matt Collins/Sean Flatt—20s-30s (214)
Give Me the Heart of a Servant—Buddy Johnson/ Jason Fowler 30s-40s (213)
Gospel of John—Charlie Moore/William Birdwell—Library
21st Century Galatians—John Rhodes—Fellowship Hall
Christian Growth: My Salvation + Your Salvation = Our Salvation—David Whiteaker—Small Auditorium
Hebrews—Morris Mabry—(114)
Jude & Revelation—Laura Jackson—Ladies (115)

#### Wednesday Afternoon Class 1:30pm

Proverbs—David Vaughn—(115)

#### Wednesday Night

Philippians—Brian Carver-College (215)
Survey of Church History—Houston Bynum—Auditorium
Glory Days by Max Lucado—Joe Hill—Room (114)
Exciting Stories in Genesis—Buddy Johnson/Doug Fowler—Fellowship Hall
James—Delores Wheatley—Library (Ladies)
Breaking Free- Anna Gilbert/Carrie Simpson-Ladies-115

# News & Announcements

## Remember in Prayer!

**Rhett Fortner** had surgery on his toes Monday, putting steel pins in two of them. He is at home recovering now.

Please keep **Hunter & Linzi Vetter** and all the members of the medical mission team in your prayers this week. They are in Baja, Mexico.

**Kaye Bowman** is now at home and is continuing her chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Dean Olson's** grandmother, **Imogene Allen**, has reduced heart and kidney function. She is at Soddy-Daisy Healthcare Center for hospice care. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Rachel Langford** moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Monday. She is part of a mission effort called Vocational Ministry in which people move up north to work and live and help the church grow. She will be teaching in the school system there, and living there for two years or so. She does ask for your prayers in this endeavor as she will do great things for the glory of God! So please pray for her as she becomes a shining light in her new community!

## Remember those who are dealing with cancer:

Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Matt Collins, Walter Fitzpatrick, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd and Marty Smith



Thank you for the wonderful meal, cards, prayers and hugs during our loss. We are blessed to have a church family to support us during good times and bad.

The family of Sue Elrod; **Scott, Libby & Jordan Capps**

**Young At Heart:** Remember your trip this **Friday, July 14**, to the Museum of Appalachia Tour in Norris, Tn. We will leave the **JA parking lot at 8am!** See **Larry Harkleroad** for any questions.

**Dishes, please pick up your dishes! We have accumulated a very large amount.**



**Mother's Day Out** is now accepting **Registration** for the **Fall 2017-2018** school year. Registration forms are available in the church office. For more information, see or call Director **Laura Fox** at 260-7861.

## Our Shut-Ins

### Remember Our Shut-ins:

**Bethesda:** Jan Shuster, Cornelia Steakley & Lyda Taylor

**Heritage Pointe:** Peggy Cooper and Wilma Hayes

**NHC Healthcare:** Evelyn Solt & Aletha Tino

**Signature Health-Algood:** Matilda Craighead

**At Home:** Hugh & Kathy Adams, Herman Bean, Sue Clack, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Neta Ford, Geneva Glasgow, Peggy Mackie, Ralph Medley, Pat McCannless, Leighton Sissom, Claudine Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith and Jordan Terry



Mark ■ Philippians ■ Colossians

### **MAGI:** July items

soap, toothpaste, pencil sharpener,  
wide ruled spiral notebooks



**SYCAMORE**  
Elementary School

Below is the list of items for the back-to-school packs this year. See the table for samples, and place your items under the table by **Wednesday, July 26th!**

**Please only buy the items on this list.**

- Wide ruled composition books
- Glue Sticks
- Zipper pencil pouch with 3 holes
- Plastic 3 prong folders
- Clear plastic sheet protectors
- Black dry erase markers (chisel and thin tip)

# BIRTHDAYS

**July 16 - 22**

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 16 - Randy Guidry    | 19 - Owen Webb         |
| 17 - Pam Carver      | 21 - De'Andre Jaquess  |
| 17 - Beverly Bynum   | 21 - Paul Wright (91)  |
| 17 - Erik Cumby      | 22 - Cathy Dyer        |
| 17 - Melissa Cumby   | 22 - Earline Elkins    |
| 17 - Katie Patterson | 22 - Mary Ann Lankford |
| 18 - Shelby Myers    | 22 - David Vaughn      |
| 19 - Sarah Randolph  |                        |



## **This Week's Bible Reading July 12—July 18**

- Wednesday, July 12 - Amos 6-9  
 Thursday, July 13 - 2 Chronicles 27, Isaiah 9-12  
 Friday, July 14 - Micah 1-7  
 Saturday, July 15 - 2 Chronicles 28, 2 Kings 16-17  
 Sunday, July 16 - Isaiah 13-17  
 Monday, July 17 - Isaiah 18-22  
 Tuesday, July 18 - Isaiah 23-27



## **JULY**

- 14 - Tennessee Smokies
- 16 - Lock-in
- 20 - Guys/Girls Night
- 27 - Movie night

## **AUGUST**

- 4 - Farewell Banquet

Campbellball every Tuesday, weather permitting



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***Say a good word for Jesus this week!***

<u>Sunday, July 9, 2017</u>	
Bible Class.....263	
Sunday Morning.....516	
Sunday Evening.....239	
Wednesday Night.....229	
Contribution.....\$17,997	
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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Buddy Johnson.....buddy@jacoc.org	
Matt Collins.....mattc@jacoc.org	
Bo Perez.....bo@jacoc.org	
Mother's Day Out.....laura.fox@jacoc.org	
	<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	
<b>SHEPHERDS</b>	<b>DEACONS (cont.)</b>
Glenn Binkley	Phillip Burr
Jann Cupp	Brian Carver
Doug Fowler	Randy Chaffin
Don Foy	Ken Clark
*Bobby Lane	Jim Dale
John Mason	Jason Fowler
John Rhodes	Chad Gilbert
Leighton Sissom	Seth Gilbert
*Chairman of Month	Jim Hicks
	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
<b>MINISTERS</b>	
Buddy Johnson	
Pulpit Minister	
Matt Collins	
Youth Minister	
Bo Perez	
Hispanic Ministry	
<b>DEACONS</b>	
Jason Bennett	
William Birdwell	
Sam Brown	