

# life lines

Jefferson Avenue  
Church of Christ

## THEN Sings MY SOUL

Our 5th Sunday singing will be this  
Sunday evening, July 30, at 6:00pm,  
in the large auditorium.  
Please make plans to be here.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.  
PSALM 100:1



### MOTHER'S DAY OUT

**Mother's Day Out** is now accepting **Registration** for the **Fall 2017-2018** school year, which begins August 1. Registration forms are available in the church office. For more information, see or call Director **Laura Fox** at 260-7861.



**This Week's Lesson**  
**Sunday morning sermon**  
Leaving a Legacy—Colossians 3.18-21

### GOOD NEWS

Last Wednesday, **Jimmy Stafford** was baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of his sins. Jimmy grew up in the Free State community in Jackson County and worked in Michigan before retiring in Cookeville. His wife **Katherine Stafford** has been a member here for many years. Jimmy told us, "I've waited too long. If I'm ever going to be baptized, I need to do it now." When Jimmy came up from the baptismal waters, his wife Katherine shed tears of happiness. Jimmy is turning 80 this year and has now been born again. It's never too late!

### WHAT IS GOD DOING IN COOKEVILLE?

What is God doing in Cookeville? That is an interesting question. I believe that God is drawing people to Himself - and you and I have an important part in that process. As our American culture seems to be increasingly post-Christian, we must learn to think like missionaries here in America. What does that mean? What does that look like?

Evangelism is not merely an activity we are called to pursue - it should be the essence of who we are in Christ. From the time we first heard Jesus' teaching in Matthew 28, we were told "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28.19). "As you go" puts us all on mission. Missions are about people, not programs. In Christopher Wright's compelling book *The Mission of God*, he suggests that sometimes we ask the wrong questions. Perhaps you have asked, "Where does God fit into the story of my life?" when a better question is "Where does my life fit into the great story of God's mission?"

Why are you here? You are here to show Christ to the world. God's intent is for all of us who believe in Jesus as Lord to carry the Good News of the kingdom with us as we go. The life-changing news of salvation in Jesus is too wonderful to keep to ourselves!

Our purpose in this life is to glorify God through the gifts and abilities he has entrusted to us. We must make a difference in the world by serving others and sharing the gospel. Our faith in Christ must be integrated into our daily lives so that we are "walking with the Spirit" and not "according to the flesh" (Romans 8). I pray that 2017 is the most spiritually transformative year of your life! Remember, our time here is short. God is on a mission, and he invites us to join him.

***"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28.19-20).***

**Buddy Johnson**

# Volunteers Needed for the BACK TO SCHOOL BASH Saturday, August 12 from 9-3

This will be a day of fun for kids in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The day will consist of singing and a skit in the auditorium, class time for a deeper focus on a Fruit of the Spirit with a craft and activity. Next, a pizza lunch will be provided for all which will include chips, drink, fruit, and dessert. Then, it will be time to head outside to the carnival stations. After some fun in the sun, the kids will return to the auditorium for a puppet show and dismissal.

Volunteer responsibilities include:

**As you sign up, please include your T-shirt size and phone number!!**

**Registration:** Have tables set up to greet kids as they arrive. Make sure they get signed in and give them their name tag and T-shirt and direct them where to go. (After this is complete, you may fill in as needed). Help with dismissal to make sure kids leave with their bag of goodies from assigned table for their grade. Need you at church by 8:00 and 2:30.

**Lunch Crew:** Help get lunch items ready to serve and clean up afterwards. Need you at the gym by 10:45—clean up.

**Bakers:** Bake items that can be bagged easily for our Goodie Walk (one of the carnival stations) such as cookies, brownies, Rice Krispy treats. Need items dropped off by 10. See Lindsey Norton for further details.

**Teachers/Aids:** You are responsible for a grade of children. You will meet them in the auditorium and guide them to their activities until dismissal. While in the room you will be provided with a detailed lesson that will focus on one of the fruits. This time will include a craft, and may include an activity, coloring/worksheet, story, reading or acting out the story. While outside, you will herd them to each station. Be sure to encourage potty breaks too!! Please arrive at 8:15. You may also decorate your room or door to make it more welcoming. K-1<sup>st</sup> will focus on Love, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> will look into Kindness, and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will tackle Self Control. Pre-school teacher/aid for VBS staff also needed.

**Station Workers:** You will work a field day type station. Example: 3 legged race, cake walk, balance egg on a spoon, water balloon toss, dizzy run, bounce house, dunking booth, etc. to name a few. You will explain the activity, help it to run smoothly, and encourage all to participate. You may arrive for lunch and then head to your assigned area.

**Crafts:** You will help assemble crafts for each grade and possibly assist in the room to instruct. See Shawn Patterson for further instructions.

**Coffee Bar:** Host and hostess needed to greet and fellowship with any parents/adults that arrive. Coffee bar will be open from 9:00-10:30 with coffee and doughnuts and again from 1:30-3:00 with tea and trail mix snack.

**Decorations for Auditorium and stations:** See Steve McDonald. You may be asked to paint or help set up/tear down decorations.

**Camera Men:** You will try and capture kids participating in all events throughout the day.

Register here ▶



# News & Announcements

## Remember in Prayer!

It was great to see Frances Bumbalough, Marilyn Scott and Laura Carter in worship with us Sunday!

Ruby Holloway is scheduled for knee replacement surgery this Wednesday, July 26, at Cookeville Regional.

Kaye Bowman requests to please continue to pray that God will give her the physical and emotional strength to fight this disease.

Gaylon Presley has been transferred to Bethesda, Room #102, for therapy.

Sympathy to Wilma Judd in the death of her brother-in-law, Troy Whitaker. His funeral was held Monday.

## 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

## Our Shut-Ins

### Remember Our Shut-ins:

Bethesda: Gaylon Presley, 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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH!

The deadline is today to bring items for the back-to-school packs this year. See the table for samples of what to buy.

### Please only buy the items below:

- 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)

**NHC Worship Service:** Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship services at NHC at 2:00pm, and the following class is scheduled to assist:

- ▶ Sunday, July 30,—Joe Hill's Class
- ▶ Sunday, August 6—Elementary Classes (K-6)

Anyone who can spare approximately 45 minutes of your time is encouraged to come help sing.



- ▶ Promotion Day is Sunday, July 30. All kids will go to their new classes then.
- ▶ Movie day in the basement Thursday, July 27 at 10:00am.
- ▶ Bible Bowl has started during class on Wednesday nights.

The Amazing Ladies will be having lunch at Logan's Restaurant on Tuesday, August 8 at 11:30am. We will have the "Garage" room reserved and plan on enjoying this time together. Laura Carter will be our Special Guest Speaker. Please sign up on the YAH Board for good, Christian fellowship.

## Dishes, please pick up your dishes!



### New Address:

**BAGGETT, Matt, Rebecca, Lane, John**  
1338 Apple Valley Court  
Cookeville, TN 38501

Young at Heart Cincinnati Motorcoach Trip: We are 12 days away from leaving on our trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum. We leave SHARPLEY at 8:00am on Monday, August 7. Start packing your bags.



Mark ■ Philippians ■ Colossians

