

life lines

Jefferson Avenue
Church of Christ



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Sunday School Class Promotion:

This Sunday, July 31

Kids will go to the singing rooms as usual. Then your new teacher(s) will help you to your new classroom.

Toddlers—Laura Fox & Linda Gilbert
2 year old—Rebecca Baggett
3 year old—Paula Kelly & Delores Wheatley
4 year old—Seth & Brook Gilbert
5 year old—Jeana Piggott
1st grade—Sandy Cupp
2nd grade—Stacey & Jason Bennett
3rd grade—Andy Milton
4th grade—No Class
5th grade—Mae Fowler
6th grade—Dave Piggott



This Week's Lesson

Sunday Morning -
Buddy Johnson Preaching

Sunday Night Sermon -
5th Sunday Singing in the Small Auditorium

GOOD NEWS

We have a new sister in Christ! Two weeks ago, Dani Flynn was baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of her sins. Dani has been coming to our Wednesday After School program and also coming to Bible class with our teens for several months. She is a Freshman at CHS and is excited about her new life in Christ! Please encourage her when you see her.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (AGAIN!)

The Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ men's softball team continued their tradition of excellence by winning 1st place in the postseason tournament last night. The highlight of last night's tournament was a moonshot of a home run by Caleb Savage that was still rising as it cleared the lights over the right field fence. Star players include Caleb "The Big Hurt" Savage at first base, Ty Gilbert at second (who reminds you of Jackie Robinson with his quickness and ability to turn the double play), Marti "Lumberjack" Neill in right field, and pitching ace Randy Spurlock (who is not afraid to throw the ball high and inside). Player/manager Seth Gilbert wanted to thank former All-Star Chris Savage for coming out of retirement to help the team when they were short-handed. Coach Gilbert attributes much of their success this season to their secret weapon behind the plate: catcher Rick Gilbert, who at 71, is approaching Gene "Ironman" Wilhite's record of games played (a record once thought impossible to break). We are proud of our team's accomplishment in winning back-to-back championships. Way to go guys!

IN LOVING MEMORY



Our dear sister in Christ, **Ann Judd**, has gone to be with the Lord. Ann has been a member of this congregation since 1959. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Roscoe Jordan and Mitchell Judd. Ann was a good and godly mother. She loved her three daughters (Ann, Jeannie and Kay) and her grandchildren. We fondly remember Mitchell and Ann and we look forward to seeing them again in heaven!

Buddy Johnson

From John's Desk

Galatians 2:6-10 *And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.*

How do we work through differences? This question is one of the most important practical questions that we could ask. For Paul, this particular situation rose to a level of utmost importance. In the last bulletin article, I pointed out that we must use wisdom and good judgment when deciding how to deal with the “weaker” brother. Ultimately, the truth (of Jesus) will set us free. However, how do we deal with people who disagree with us about matters of opinion? Paul did three things in this text: 1. Paul saw men as men. Paul was not going to be legislated to by men. Ultimately, when I am seeking the approval of Christ, I must first seek to please him, not men (v.6). 2. Paul saw areas of commonality with those he disagreed with (v.7). When I try to view the areas of similarity that I have a surface level disagreement with it will change my perspective. From a historical perspective, much of what we disagree about in the church is minor at best. If we focused on the similarities rather than the differences, we would be a healthier fellowship. 3. Paul worked on the ministries that he could with other groups (v.10). I remember hearing in the past from a preacher, “If we would get to work together we would quit fighting one another.” When the church focuses on the differences of practical interpretation and application rather than on gaining ground against evil, we will stay divided. Paul could disagree about meat and meals and the poor would stay poor. This was unacceptable.

What do we do with a text like this?

1. There is no doubt we have differences. Even at Jefferson Avenue, there are different opinions. Try this and see what changes: Seek to please God before pleasing man, view everyone through the lens of what we have in common, and work on what you can together.

2. When the world sees fractured churches, Jesus looks fractured himself. We could argue about songs, order of worship, what ministries are most important. However, if all we do is focus on differences, the poor will stay poor, the broken will stay broken, and the Devil will not lose ground.

God Bless, *John*

Collins' Corner

cultivate

Cultivate is a weekend of learning and growing closer in the image of Jesus for teens all over. The teens will have classes and worship times designed to continue to plant and water seeds of the gospel as well as times of practical service to the community. Our prayer is that all will leave this weekend walking and growing more in line with Christ.

*Where Young People Can Learn
And Grow In Their Daily Pursuit
Of Jesus*

August 5 & 6

Hosted By:
Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ

Speakers and Teachers for the weekend are:

Neil Mathis, John Nichols, David Shannon
and Travis Young

How You Can Help:

Pray
Prepare desserts
Set up/take down crew
Show up!

News, Prayers & Announcements

Our Sick

Keep little 10-year old **Sophie Brown** in prayer as she recovers from being hit in the face by a ball in the stands of the TN Smokies ballgame last Friday night.

Doyle Crosley remains in room #420 at CRMC.

Jackie Tidwell remains at home and will be going back to Vanderbilt on Wednesday, for additional heart surgery on Thursday.

Earline Elkins is home suffering with a compressional fracture in her back, following a fall. She is recovering very slowly.

Lyman Schroeder remains in Bethesda, room #204B.

Continue to pray for **Tammy Crabtree**. **Annita Young** reports that she suffered another stroke last week and is in therapy, but is extremely ill.

Sympathy to **Jim Dale** in the passing of his uncle, **James Norton, Sr.** His funeral was held Friday at the Van Dyke Church of Christ in Paris, TN.

Sympathy to the family of our **Ann Judd** who passed away Sunday morning in Morningside. Her family will receive friends at the Hooper, Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home on Thursday from 5:00-8:00 PM and again on Friday morning from 9:00 AM until time for the funeral to be held there at 10:00 AM. ***Jefferson Avenue will be providing a meal for the family in our Fellowship Hall on Friday after the burial in Jackson County. We need assistance with food for approximately 50 family members. If you can help provide food or assist in the kitchen, please see or contact Jim Dale by noon Thursday.

Those who are dealing with cancer:

Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Karma Carter, Joy Carter, Jeremy Fortner, Anthony Hammock, Blake Houston, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Buddy Morgan, Paula Palk and Jan Shepherd

Our Shut-Ins

Bethesda: Lyman Schroeder, Jan Shuster & Lyda Taylor

Heritage Pointe: Peggy Cooper, Wilma Hayes & Marian McDoniel

NHC Healthcare: Evelyn Solt, Aletha Tino

At Home: Hugh & Kathy Adams, Herman & Becky Bean, Maggie Brown, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Ralph Medley, Pat McCannless, Gladys Simmons, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Cornelia Steakley, Jordan Terry and Charles Williamson



Class Promotion: This Sunday, July 31, will be Sunday School Class Promotion. Kids will go straight to their new class.

NHC Worship Service: Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship service on **Sunday, July 31 at 2:00pm**. **Joe Hill's Class** is scheduled to assist.

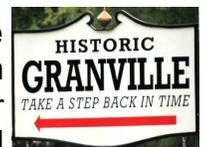
5th Sunday Singing: Sunday night, July 31, will be our 5th Sunday Singing. We will all meet in the small auditorium.

Blood Drive The American Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Hall, **Monday, August 1, from 1pm to 5pm**. Make your appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org.

The Amazing Ladies: We will meet on Monday, **August 8th at 11:00am**, at the home of Frances Buckner, who has graciously offered to host our luncheon. Everyone bring your favorite salad. Her address is 789 Sutton Place; 526-5186. Sign up sheet is on the Family Board.

Bridal Tea: You are invited to a Bridal Tea for **Sarah Beth Roberts**, bride elect of **Jared Smith**, on Sunday, **August 14** from 1:30-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Borden's, Belk and Sears.

Young at Heart: August 20 - Sutton Store
We are going on a magical journey down memory lane on Saturday, August 20, for dinner and music. The cost is \$16.50 and paid by August 13. There is a limit of 50 people. We will leave at 2:45 pm from the church parking lot. Sign up sheet is on the YAH board. See **J.C. & Annita Young**.



Christian Service Group: Leaders for the month of **July** are **Jim & Marian Dale**. Assisting are **David & Laura Fox** and those with **last names beginning with the Letters E, F, G, H, I and J**.

BIRTHDAYS *July 31-Aug 6*

- 31 - Jason Bennett
- 31 - Robert Olson
- 31 - Jimmy Patterson
- 1 - Laura Jackson
- 1 - Zac Matheny
- 2 - Tara Stephens
- 3 - Kaye Bowman
- 3 - Macie Kendall
- 3 - Melissa Lewis
- 3 - Bobbie Wyatt
- 3 - Brian Carver
- 4 - Faye Harkleroad
- 5 - Dave Piggott
- 5 - Jim Washburn
- 6 - Abby Johnson



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<u>Sunday, July 24, 2016</u>	
<p>SHEPHERDS Glenn Binkley Doug Fowler Don Foy Bobby Lane *John Rhodes Leighton Sissom *Chairman of Month</p> <p>MINISTERS Buddy Johnson Pulpit Minister John Nichols Associate Minister Matt Collins Youth Minister Bo Perez Hispanic Ministry John Mayher Visitation Minister</p> <p>DEACONS Jason Bennett William Birdwell Sam Brown Philip Burr</p>	<p>Bible Class.....344 Sunday Morning.....526 Sunday Evening.....240 Wednesday Night.....263 Contribution.....\$14,805</p> <p>Church Office.....931-526-4605 Information Line.....931-528-1006 Fax Line.....931-520-8708 Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email</p> <p>Church Office (Mary).....info@jacoc.org Church Office (Carol).....carol.hart@jacoc.org Buddy Johnson.....buddy@jacoc.org John Nichols.....john@jacoc.org Matt Collins.....mattc@jacoc.org John Mayher.....john.mayher@jacoc.org Bo Perez.....bo@jacoc.org Mother's Day Out.....laura.fox@jacoc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Schedule</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Morning.....10:00 AM Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM</p>
<p>DEACONS (cont.) 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 Millon Dean Olson Jimmy Patterson Dave Piggott Gaylon Presley Bud Simpson Pete Story Don Viar Donnie Westbrook</p>	

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- 28-30 Senior Trip

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