



Our VBS

this year is a one-day

## Back To School Bash

on **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. There are 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

*Reconciled in Christ - Colossians 1.15-23*

#### Sunday Evening

Cameron Miller — *"I'm Fine"* - Revelation 3.14-17

### WHO IS WATCHING YOU?

Mohamed Sanu, Sr. is entering his sixth season as a wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons. In April, Sanu received a letter from an unidentified family who sat behind him on a flight. The note read: *"Hi! You don't know us, but we wanted to thank you. Our son sat behind you on the flight and watched you. He saw you studying your plays, watched you make healthy choices with your snacks, food and drink. He watched how you were to everyone. He is only ten but just made an elite hockey team, and we are on our way to training in Connecticut. You are an inspiration to children and for that you should be proud! Thank you and best of luck! –The Family That Sat Behind You"*

They never spoke to each other. That young boy and his family simply observed the actions of an NFL millionaire and were impressed. He didn't know they were watching. Sure, he knew people could see him, but he didn't know they were paying attention to every comment, every choice, every motion. So, without saying a word, Sanu was able to bring inspiration and a positive example to a boy and his family.

Jesus commanded us to let our light shine before men (Matt. 5:16). Paul taught that we should not put a stumbling block in brother's way (Rom. 14:13) and that the sins of one person can have a profound negative influence on those around him (I Cor. 5:6-8).

You are being watched—24/7, 365. You are being watched by 5-year-olds, 50-year-olds, young boys and grown women. You will either show them a Christian who is committed to representing Jesus each day of his/her life, or you will show them a person who talks the talk but doesn't walk the walk.

You might be the only Christian some people ever see.

**Buddy Johnson**

# Collins' Corner

## Matthew 20:1-15

The Lord's Kingdom is ruled with grace. We see from the beginning of this parable the grace extended to the people by the master in the form of the payment given. There is a lot that is wrapped into a discussion of grace, but if we simply define grace as "unmerited favor" or "getting what you don't deserve", then I think we have a pretty good working definition of what grace is. We see grace, in this story, extended to the original workers because they are paid far and above what the average, typically day laborer would have been paid for their services. We see grace extended to the workers who come after as well, receiving the same payment as the first. I believe we also learn this about grace from this parable: *The same grace is extended to all people, regardless of timing or circumstance.*

I believe that we see this truth throughout the parable, and then again relayed to us in vs. 16 "The last shall be first, and the first last." Often times we use this as a saying to teach our kids how to serve, share, and wait patiently in line—but I'm not sure that's entirely the message of the parable here. In a race, how is it that the last place finisher is first and the first place finisher is last, when everyone ties? If I tie with you in a race, I am simultaneously first and last. In other words, the Lord extends the same grace. It is no different for you than it is for me, regardless of timing or circumstance. This is incredibly important for us to acknowledge and remember.

### THE LORD'S GRACE IS NOT DEPENDENT ON OUR WORK.

I think we all probably know this and would acknowledge it to be true, but this stands out in this parable to me. I don't earn grace because I'm good, I receive grace because the Lord is good.

We put pressure on ourselves a lot. Pressure to perform well in our workplaces. Pressure to do well in school. Pressure to impress our friends and family. Pressure to keep our spouses and kids happy. Pressure to look good for total strangers. We are constantly putting pressure on ourselves, whether or not we admit it. We do the same thing in our relationship with the Lord—we put pressure on ourselves to "perform" up to the standards. And when we don't perform, what happens? We feel defeated and dejected. Sad that we have "let the Lord down." The grace the Lord extends to his people allows us to take the pressure off of ourselves. The Lord has already done what we can never do in order that we may live.

**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!

**Rod Lewis** request prayers for his cousin **Clint Anthony**, who has a cancerous tumor on his brain.

**Wilma Judd** has been dismissed from Cookeville Rehab and is feeling good at home!

**Kaye Bowman** has been moved to NHC room #205.

Sympathy to **Scott Capps** in the death of his mother, **Sue Elrod**, who passed away Thursday at Signature Health Care. Her funeral was held on Sunday.

Sympathy to the family of **Ernest Dyal** who passed away Wednesday afternoon. Ernest is the grandfather of **Valerie Dyal Loftis** and the father-in-law of **Cindy Dyal Hayes**. His funeral was held Saturday.

## 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:** 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

*Ladies*  
LUNCHEON

will be at **Spankies** this  
Thursday, July 6,  
at 11:30 a.m.

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

The Amazing Ladies are going to Helen's Restaurant for lunch on **Tuesday, July 11**. The bus will leave the parking lot at **11am!** Please sign up on the YAH Board. Bring a friend, make a friend, and enjoy the fellowship as we encourage each other. See **Sue Chaffin**.

## MAGI: July items

soap, toothpaste, pencil sharpener,  
wide ruled spiral notebooks



**M M D O**  
MOTHER'S DAY OUT

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.

**SYCAMORE** We are collecting school items for  
Elementary School the upcoming year. Below is the  
list of items they need.

*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)

The table is set up with samples of the items needed. As you gather your items, please place them under the table.

