

## RENEW MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Sycamore and Jefferson Avenue congregations are hosting a Men's Conference on Saturday, September 17, at Jefferson Avenue.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

There is no charge to attend.

Our theme is *Exploring Biblical Manhood*.

Our speakers are **Dr. Aubrey Johnson** from Peachtree City Church of Christ in Peachtree City, Georgia, and **Bill Watkins** from Crieve Hall Church of Christ in Nashville. These men are highly respected in the brotherhood, and will do a great job for us.

### Here is our schedule:

- 7:30am—Registration & Breakfast
- 8:30am—Manhood in the Home:  
Dr. Aubrey Johnson
- 9:15am—Panel Discussion
- 10:00am—Break Out I
- 11:00am—Break Out II
- 12:00pm—Lunch
- 12:45pm—Manhood in the Church:  
Bill Watkins

We are very excited about this Men's Conference as we strive to challenge men in our community and in our churches to be the godly men we need to be! Please sign up on the Family Board.

### This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning Sermon

*Forgive us! (The Lord's Prayer)*

Sunday Night Sermon

*Remnant (Malachi)*

## GOOD NEWS

On Sunday morning, **Jesie Nance** came forward and asked us to pray for his mom and his neighbors. We were glad to pray with him and for them. Please keep them in your prayers this week!

## MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Our Mother's Day Out program is back in session. We offer classes for toddlers through four year olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 2:30. The program is directed by **Laura Fox**. The following is a list of our MDO teachers for 2016-17.

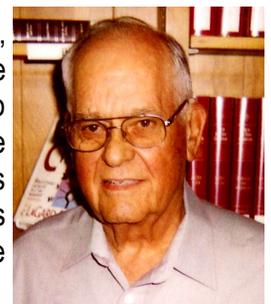
- **Pam Rawdon and Amanda Street - toddlers**
- **Laurie Putman and Macey Korth - twos**
- **Allison Burr and Leah Milton - threes**
- **Stacey Bennett and Jill Certain - fours**
- **Rebecca Baggett - Bible**
- **Laurie Bell - sign language**
- **Bo Perez - Spanish**

Laura said she is thankful to have such wonderful Christian women working together.

The goal of our MDO program is to minister to families by giving parents free time during the week while providing Godly instruction, quality care, and academic readiness to the children we serve. Our philosophy is found in Proverbs 22.6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We want to provide a loving Christian environment where children can grow intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. If you are interested in sending your children or grandchildren to Mother's Day Out, please contact Laura Fox.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Our brother in Christ, **Doyle Crosley**, passed away last week at the age of 86. Doyle was a fine Christian gentleman and a friend to all who knew him. He enjoyed working at the Community Action Center and going on trips with the Young At Heart group. We will miss him! But we can take comfort in the knowledge that we will see him again in heaven.



**Buddy Johnson**

## From John's Desk

**Galatians 2:17-21** *But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.*

The law doesn't save! That statement shouldn't surprise us. Paul has essentially made that point in every text we have surveyed as we have read Galatians together. For Paul, the crux of the matter is that if he could follow the law closely enough, then the sacrifice of Jesus was meaningless. The purpose of Jesus' death and resurrection was to provide a way for mankind to do something that they otherwise would not be able to do. God does not want us to believe that intentionally doing wrong is okay. However, he also wants us to understand that through our imperfections and sin the power of Jesus is made evident in our lives. God doesn't even see us, he sees Jesus in us (v20).

### What do we do with a text like this?

**Take the pressure off yourself!** Too often, we think that we have to get every singular concept correct in order to present ourselves justified before God. Only Christ can justify you! If we accept what only Christ can give, joy, rather than guilt, will follow quickly. We shouldn't do wrong intentionally. However, knowing and believing that Christ covers me when I'm wrong allows me to live with joy.

**Christ lives in you!** What a powerful thought! How much would life and ministry change for you if you saw yourself as a vessel for the Lord Jesus? When you look in the mirror, see Jesus in you. When you make mistakes, see Jesus in you. When you are facing criticism or stress, see Jesus in you. How much power could come and help us overcome whatever obstacles if we simply saw Jesus in us. You are not worthless! Regardless of what happened in the past, or may happen in the future, you are not worthless. Jesus lives! Jesus lives in you!

God Bless, **John**

## Collins' Corner

### Matthew 23:1-13

*Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in."*

Is it possible that in my effort to live religiously that I'm actually preventing people from seeing Jesus?

That's the questions that the Pharisees were faced with here. They were the teachers, the religious leaders. What Jesus tells them must have seemed wild—they were shutting the kingdom of heaven in peoples faces! A couple of quick observations that strike me from this text, as I think about what it means for us to get in the way of people seeing Jesus:

1. **We get in the way of people seeing Christ when our words and actions don't match up.** (vs. 3)
2. **We get in the way of people seeing Christ when we make life harder on others.** (vs. 4)
3. **We get in the way of people seeing Christ when we elevate ourselves above others.** (vs. 5-7)

It's easy to get caught up in our life and disregard others. It's entirely possible that we could be attempting to live religiously, yet we are actually keeping others from the Lord. As we live, our aim should be to point others to Jesus—the only one that can satisfy.

**Matt**

# News, Prayers & Announcements

We were thrilled to see all the following able to be back in our worship service Sunday morning: **Bill & Louise Flatt, Hazel & Sandy Holloway, Corinne Johnson, Renee Mayher, and Faye Wilson!**

## Our Sick

**Richard Moore**, brother of **Charlie Moore**, had a four bypass heart surgery Monday and remains in ICU at St. Thomas in Nashville.

**Hugh Adams** had a stress test Monday and is undergoing more test.

**Cornelia Steakley** is in room #21-A at Cookeville Rehab for therapy.

**Jackie Tidwell** is feeling much better and was able to go home Monday.

**Patsy Johnson**, sister of Elizabeth Johnson and sister-in-law of Geraldine Jackson, remains in Cookeville Regional room #510.

**Jean Pennington** is now home recovering from back surgery which she had on Friday.

**Lyman Schroeder** remains in room #505-B at Bethesda for therapy

**Sylvia Tackett** is still recuperating at the home of her sister, Sue Wheeler.

Prayer has been requested for the following who has been diagnosed with cancer: **Vickie Ballard and Roy & Doris Moore**, parents of Ann Benson.

## Our Shut-Ins

**Bethesda:** Lyman Schroeder, Jan Shuster & Lyda Taylor  
**Heritage Pointe:** Peggy Cooper, Wilma Hayes & Marian McDaniel

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

**At Home:** Hugh & Kathy Adams, Herman & Becky Bean, Maggie Brown, Sue Clack, 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

**Birth-1st Grade:**  
swim day  
at the home of  
the Chaffin's on  
**Saturday,**  
**August 27**  
from 1:00pm-3.



**Grades 2nd-6th:**  
back to school swim  
at the home of  
the Mackie's  
**Friday, August 19**  
at 6:00pm. Pizza will  
be provided.

## Thank You!

To our Jefferson Ave. Family, over the last two years people have said to me "If you could not like Sterling McCannless you could not like anyone." Words cannot begin to express our gratitude and thankfulness for the love you have shown us during his illness and our loss. Thank you for standing in line and to Jim and his crew for preparing a meal after the funeral. Thank you for the cards, flowers, and memorial contributions made in his honor. We are especially thankful to Jann, Buddy and Bobby for making his service so special. Most of all, thank you for praying for us. We love you,

**Pat, Phillip, Greg and Scott McCannless**

Dear Church Family, John and I can not express enough thanks for all you have done for us in recent weeks. My surgery and long recovery has been made easier by your calls, cards, visits and food. I especially appreciate the many prayers offered on my behalf. You are all such a blessing in our lives.

**Renee Mayher**

I want to thank everybody at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ for coming to my birthday party. It was a good day for me. Thank you all for the many kind words you spoke to me. Also for all the cards I got. I love all of you. May the Lord Bless you all.

**Paul Wright**

## Please note changes in your directory:



**Kim Bohannon, Mason and Parker**, 3516 Vista Circle, Cookeville 38506

**Bret & Savannah Vetter**, 76 Fawn Dr #209, Fairfield, OH 45014. Bret began law school at the University of Cincinnati on Tuesday (16th).

**Parker & Haley Fitzpatrick Teeter** are making their home in Lebanon.

**Andrew Manley** will be leaving for college Thursday (18th). His address is Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway #2250, Malibu, CA 90263-2250.

**Mickie Loyd** - new cell number 931-349-0139

**Glenda Johnson** - email: johnsonglenda758@gmail.com

## Young at Heart: August 20 - Sutton Store

Be here no later than **2:45pm this Saturday** for our dinner and music. See **J.C./Annita Young**.



**Meals Needed:** Two of our families have expressed a need for occasional meals to help them out while they are recuperating. If you would be willing to assist, please see or contact **Jim Dale** 979-2895.

# BIRTHDAYS August 28-Sept 3

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| 29 - Dawson Davidson         | 1 - Rachel Viar   |
| 29 - Nancy Jared             | 2 - Rachael Liner |
| 29 - Sarah Johnson           | 3 - Doug Fowler   |
| 29 - Randy Spurlock          | 3 - Bryan Liner   |
| 31 - Dylcia Cowan            | 3 - Gary Lucius   |
| 1 - Ben Brown                | 3 - Pat Shinsky   |
| 1 - Margaret Cunningham (92) |                   |



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<u>Sunday, August 14, 2016</u>	
Bible Class.....	316
Sunday Morning.....	585
Sunday Evening.....	248
Wednesday Night.....	280
Contribution.....	\$16,232
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
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
<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

# A News and Notes youth

**Parent Meeting August 17:**  
We will have a parent meeting Wednesday, August 17, in the Fellowship Hall after class. This is especially important for parents of Juniors and Seniors.

9/11 - T4C @ Double Springs  
11/18-20 - Fall Retreat @ Indian Creek

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