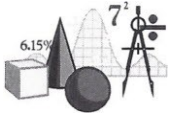


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Jefferson Avenue
Church of Christ



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August 26, 2017

Dear Brethren:

I am today announcing my resignation as an Elder. According to the *History of the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ*, compiled and written by Harold Keisling in January 2006, I was a deacon for 14 years, from 1967 to 1981. I was then selected as an Elder.

It has been my privilege to serve this congregation as an Elder for 36 years, from 1981 to the present, but not very well for the past year because of health problems. I am pleased to report that my health is now better, partly because of so much support from you. You have sent me 100s of cards, letters and notes along with many visits and phone calls. Thanks for all of them.

My actions have always been to consider what in my opinion was best for the congregation. I have been supported by a cadre of outstanding deacons and elders along with individual members and a very devoted wife. The current elders are truly remarkable, and I consider it a privilege to work with them. I urge you to continue to work with them as they have with me.

Best wishes in everything.

Sincerely yours,

Leighton E. Sissom



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

In observance, the church offices will be closed Monday,
September 4th.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

This Week's Lesson

Sunday morning

Rahab and the Scarlet Cord—Joshua 2

Sunday evening

Why do bad things happen to good people?

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Collins' Corner

JOHN 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Nathanael starts off as a snob or bigot by the way he views people from Nazareth. What's interesting is—Nathanael was from Galilee, a place outside of Jerusalem that was looked down upon by people in Jerusalem. So Nathanael, who was looked down upon himself because of where he is from, chooses to look down upon Jesus because of where he is from. Often times, we want to prove our superiority and intelligence by tearing others down. So many people tear down because they've been torn down. People have always looked down on Jesus—and the same will happen to you if you follow Christ—"Oh that's right, you're a Christian. You're too good for us."

The Lord, time and time again, chooses to use people who society looked down upon. In a world where the eldest son had all the rights and privileges, God used Abel over Cain, Issac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau, Joseph over all 11 of his brothers. In a world where women who had many children were revered, the Lord consistently choose women who were barren and opened their wombs: Sarah—Abraham's wife, Rebecca—Issac's wife, Hannah—Samuel's mother, Elizabeth—John the Baptist mother.

God has worked through, time and time again, the people that nobody wanted or thought of as less. If the Lord can use them, how can he use you?

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Adult Bible CLASS

September—December

Sunday Morning

Harmony of the Gospels

Don Viar—College (215)

New Testament Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecies

Chad Gilbert—20s-30s (214)

A Christ Centered Life

Randy Chaffin/Bob Mackie 30s-40s (213)

Gospel of John

Charlie Moore/William Birdwell—Library

The Life of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

David Fox—Fellowship Hall

Confidence in Your Salvation

David Whiteaker—Small Auditorium

Bible Word Studies

Houston Bynum—(114)

Revelation

Laura Jackson—Ladies (115)

Wednesday Afternoon Class 1:30pm

John—David Vaughn—(115)

Wednesday Night

Characters of the New Testament

Brian Carver-College (215)

The Message of the Minor Prophets

Buddy Johnson—Auditorium

The Promise Land (Ray Vander Laan)

Joe Hill—(114)

Empires: How God has used the Kingdoms of this Earth for His Purpose

Jann Cupp—Fellowship Hall

TBD

Wanda Jared—Library (Ladies)

Building Better Marriages

Bill Flatt/Sean Flatt - (115)

News & Announcements

Remember in Prayer!

Helen Carr, sister of **Joel Cowan**, is in Cookeville Regional room #455. Please keep her in your prayers.

Penny Pennington has been released from Cookeville Regional and is now at home feeling wonderful!

Bruce Westbrook, brother of **Donnie Westbrook**, had successful surgery on Friday. It was complicated due to the amount of inflammation, infection and scar tissue involved in his colon. He was in surgery for almost 7 hours. His surgeon declared the surgery a success and for that we are very thankful.

Joyce Williamson is at NHC room #109, for therapy.

Sympathy to **Dean Olson** in the passing of his grandmother, **Imogene Allen**, who passed away Monday. Visitation will be from 12 noon until the service at 1PM Wednesday, at Neal Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg.

Sympathy to **Neta Ford** in the passing of her brother, **Bill H. Judd**, who passed away on Saturday in Goodlettsville. Visitation with the family is Wednesday, from 10am until time of the service at 12 noon, at the Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Goodlettsville.

Remember those who are dealing with cancer:

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

Remember Our Shut-ins:

Bethesda: Gaylon Presley, Jan Shuster, Cornelia Steakley & Lyda Taylor

Heritage Pointe: Peggy Cooper and Wilma Hayes

NHC: Evelyn Solt, Aletha Tino & Joyce Williamson

Signature Health-Algood: Matilda Craighead

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



Food Pantry: Please only buy these items: 3 cans tuna, 1 box cereal, 1 can pork & beans, 3 cans veggies, 1 box crackers, 3 boxes mac & cheese, 1 jar peanut butter, 1 5pkg ramen noodles, 2 boxes potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, etc), 2 cans spaghetti sauce, 1 box spaghetti and 1 pkg noodles. Please take a bag and return them to the large black bins in the foyer.

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

► **Sunday, September 3—Deacons and their wives**

The Amazing Ladies are going to the Duck Pond Manor for lunch in Sparta on **Tuesday, September 12. Come go with us (young-old-men-women), and let's have a great time.** The cost is \$14.00 plus gratuity (includes beverage, buffet meal and dessert). Please **sign up** on the YAH Board **by Sunday, September 3!** **Van** transportation will be provided and they will leave at 11am. Please indicate if you are going by van or car. We need 45 people to get to eat in the new pavilion.

Young at Heart—Fellowship Cookout: this Friday, September 1 at 6:00pm, at the Ogden Center—Be There! Sign up sheet is on the YAH board. Please indicate if you are bringing covered dish, soup, dessert, fixings, etc. **Hotdogs, buns, drinks, plates, forks, spoons, napkins and ice will be provided.** See **Adriel Stout.**

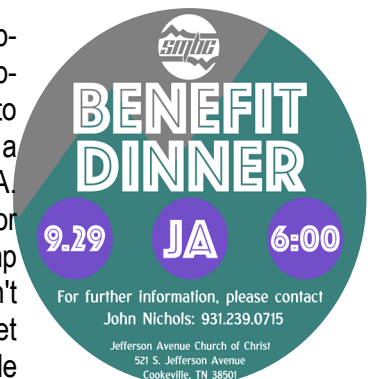


Football Meal: Thursday, **September 21** will be our

6th annual meal we prepare and serve the Cookeville High School Cavaliers football team and cheerleaders. This meal is paid for entirely by private donations and the team always comment how much they enjoy our meal. Please give any donations to **B. J. Matheney.** Also let him know if you can assist in any way.

Bible Bowl 2017: We are in need of 3-4 score keepers for Bible Bowl. Please see **Dave/Jeana Piggott.**

If you would like to help support the work at SMBC, September 29 is your chance to do so! We will be having a Benefit Dinner here at JA. There are more plans for improvements to the camp moving forward, but we can't do it without your help! Let **Matt Collins** you will be able to attend.



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Say a good word for Jesus this week!

<p>Sunday, August 27, 2017</p> <p>Bible Class.....288 Sunday Morning.....545 Sunday Evening.....205 Wednesday Night.....276 Contribution.....\$15,422</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.....info@jacoc.org Buddy Johnson.....buddy@jacoc.org Matt Collins.....mattc@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.)</p> <p>Phillip Burr Brian Carver Randy Chaffin Ken Clark Jim Dale Jason Fowler Chad Gilbert Seth Gilbert 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</p>	<p>SHEPHERDS</p> <p>Glenn Binkley Jann Cupp Doug Fowler Don Foy Bobby Lane John Mason *John Rhodes *Chairman of Month</p> <p>MINISTERS</p> <p>Buddy Johnson Pulpit Minister Matt Collins Youth Minister Bo Perez Hispanic Ministry</p> <p>DEACONS</p> <p>Jason Bennett William Birdwell Sam Brown</p>

BIRTHDAYS

September 3-9

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| 3 – Doug Fowler | 4 – Ronda Stout |
| 3 – Bryan Liner | 6 – Kaitlin Rice |
| 3 – Gary Lucius | 8 – Linda Gilbert |
| 3 – Pat Shinsky | 8 – Dewey Thrasher |
| 4 – Betty Brotherton | 9 – Hattie Jo Collins |
| 4 – Jim Dale | 9 – Susan Darrah |
| 4 – Elizabeth Olson | 9 – Rachel Lankford |
| 4 – Shawn Patterson | 9 – Kay Thrasher |



This Week's Bible Reading August 30-Sept 5

- Wednesday, August 30—Ezekiel 13-15
 Thursday, August 31—Ezekiel 16-17
 Friday, September 1—Ezekiel 18-19
 Saturday, September 2—Ezekiel 20-21
 Sunday, September 3—Ezekiel 22-23
 Monday, September 4—Ezekiel 24-27
 Tuesday, September 5—Ezekiel 28-31



AUGUST

30—W.A.S.

October 20-22—Fall Retreat at Cedar Lake Camp

