



Message from the Elders:

Beginning September, the elders will be making the announcements on Sunday mornings. We encourage anyone who has an announcement to get it to the elders before worship begins. **Glenn Binkley** will make the announcements during the month of September.

Louisiana Disaster: We have sent \$1,000 from our Special Account to aid the flood victims in Louisiana. If anyone would like to help more, please leave your check in the office or give it to Leighton Sissom.

This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning Sermon

The Adventure of Discipleship (Mark 1.14-20)

Sunday Night Sermon

Elijah: A Trailblazer of Commitment (1 Kings 18.20-40)

GOOD NEWS

I am excited to tell you about an event called **RENEW** that we will host on Saturday, September 17. What is **RENEW**? It is a conference designed to encourage and challenge men to be spiritual leaders in their homes and in the church. The theme for the conference is "*Exploring Biblical Manhood.*" Guest speakers include Dr. Aubrey Johnson (Peachtree City Church of Christ) and Bill Watkins (Crieve Hall Church of Christ). The schedule is as follows:

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

This conference is a joint effort with Sycamore Church of Christ. In addition, men from churches all over the Upper Cumberland are invited to attend. I want to encourage all the men in our congregation to be here for this exciting day of instruction and fellowship.

Buddy Johnson



From John's Desk

Thank you! From the bottom of our hearts, Kasey and I want to thank you for the love you all have shown us over the last 8 years. It's hard to believe we have been among you for that length of time. I have mentioned to several people that this is the only environment that my children have ever known. The nurture and support that my children have received from their bible class teachers has been exceptional. Kasey and I are so grateful for the love and support that the elders have shown us. The opportunity at Netherland Church of Christ is great; while the elders wanted us to stay, we felt like it was a necessary step for our family. All six of our men are good men and have support us all the way. The friendships that Kasey and I have cultivated will be eternal. Our hope is that some of the ministry we have provided will continue to push you to greater things. While we are very excited about the potential of our new path, we also are very sad to leave this church that we love so much. Paul had a unique relationship with the churches in Philippi. I understand that better, in part, because of my affection for Jefferson Avenue.

From the time we knew this transition was imminent we have sought to point to no one other than Jesus in our classes and in preaching. The reason we have done this isn't because we are robots with no emotion about leaving. The reason we have chosen to do this is to say one final time that the Nichols' family is not kingly. I am not the Lord. Jesus is the best minister. Jesus is the best teacher. Our hope is that your hope has not been in us. Jesus is bigger than we are. Jesus will continue to minister to this church long after we are forgotten.

My challenges are and will continue to be 1. Looking to Jesus, 2. Wrestling with the implications of the Gospel, and 3. Working hard in the text. Whatever you need to do to pursue Jesus will be well worth the cost. Do what it takes! Whatever you can do to position yourself to know Jesus better is what you should do. How can you learn more? How can you see Jesus clearly? Whatever it takes, do it! The reason we try to know Jesus, the good news, and the text is so that our hearts would be changed to the point where we work, explicitly, for the name of Jesus in the world. Do what it takes! The Lord will help you.

We love you,

John, Kasey, Josiah and Silas Nichols

Collins' Corner

Hebrews 2:5-9

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

I can't see everything, but I can see Jesus. And that's enough. There are always going to be things that I can't see. There are going to be things that I don't understand, that I can't control. There are going to be things that happen that don't make any sense at all. There are going to be things that leave me wondering and doubting and questioning. WHY? Those things will happen and have happened. I will never be able to see clearly on everything. The Hebrew writer says, "At the present, we do not see everything..." But—I can see Jesus. Even when things happen all around that don't make any sense, I can see Jesus. I can see his love and grace. I can see his forgiveness and sacrifice. I can see his blessings through my life and through his people. I can see the peace that he offers. I can see community and relationships. I can see purpose and direction. I can see healing and salvation. When all else is foggy—I can see Christ clearly. Seeing Jesus is enough. It's enough because of his life and his death. It's enough because of his sacrifice. It's enough because of the trust that I have in him. I don't have to have control over all things when I trust the one who is in control. I don't have to understand all things when I trust the one who understands all. The presence of Jesus in my life is enough to give me peace when I don't see.

Matt

News, Prayers & Announcements

It was wonderful to see **William & Inez Dunn, Pat McCanless, Jean Pennington, Ed & Rosella Smith, Sylvia Tacket and Mae Stults** with us Sunday.

Our Sick

Brian Carver will have out-patient shoulder repair surgery on Friday, at the Surgery Center.

Jim Dale is requesting prayers and cards for his fellow forester, **Rick Merinar**, who has had a severe reoccurrence of cancer. He has begun daily radiation treatments and weekly chemo at Vanderbilt. Send cards to: 3415 Shannon Village Road, Cookeville, 38506.

Cornelia Steakley remains in Cookeville Rehab for therapy, but is now in room #16-A.

The following are all now recuperating at their homes: **Hugh Adams, Richard Moore, Ashley Viar and Charles Williamson**

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, Bud- dy 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, Sue Clack, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Ralph Med- ley, Pat McCanless, Opal Nichols, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Cornelia Steakley, Jordan Terry and Charles Wil- iamson

Renew Men's Conference: Please sign up on the Fam- ily Board to attend the men's conference being held here at Jefferson Avenue on Saturday, **September 17**, break- fast and lunch provided; no cost to attend.

Please note these changes in your directory:

- ▶ **Amanda Cunningham**, 50B Cumberland St, Savannah, TN 38372
- ▶ **Clay & Ruby Holloway**, 166 Westgate Rd, 38501

Thank You! To the Youth, thank you so much for picking up the sticks and working around my house after the storm. I greatly appreci- ate you thinking and doing for me. **Sue Clack**

My Dear Church Family, thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls. I am on the mend because of your prayers. God is so good! **Hazel Holloway**

We sure love our church family. Thank you for the visits, prayers, food and love you showed to us. Love,
Kim, Mason & Parker Bohannon
Bob & Barbara Garland
Libby, Scott & Jordan Capps

Ladies
LUNCHEON

will be at **Spankies** this **Thursday, September 1,** at **11:30 a.m.**

NHC Worship Service: **Sunday, September 4,** Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship service at **2:00pm**. The deacons and their wives are scheduled to assist.



Teachers needed for Wednesday night: 2 year old class and the 3rd-4th grade class

CHS Football Meal: Thursday, **September 8** will be our annual meal we prepare and serve the Cavalier Football team. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated. See **B.J. Matheney**



The Amazing Ladies will be going to Cumberland Mountain State Park for lunch on **Tuesday, September 13**. Please sign up on the YAH Board. We will be leaving at 11am from the back parking lot of the church. Transporta- tion will be provided. Join the fellowship ladies, and invite a widowed friend!

Blood Drive The American Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Center, **Tuesday, September 6,** from **1pm to 5pm**. Make your appointment by calling 1-800- RED CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org.



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<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>Sunday, August 28, 2016 Bible Class.....335 Sunday Morning.....604 Sunday Evening.....285 Wednesday Night.....295 Contribution.....\$17,310</p>		<p>Email Church Office.....931-526-4605 Information Line.....931-528-1006 Fax Line.....931-520-8708 Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861</p>	
<p>Service Schedule Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Morning.....10:00 AM Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM</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>	

BIRTHDAYS *September 11-17*

- 11 - J. C. Young
- 12 - Buddy Johnson
- 12 - Diana Nichols
- 12 - Brad Stevens
- 13 - J. D. Carter
- 13 - Maxine Frasier
- 14 - Mae Fowler
- 14 - Kevin Hamilton
- 14 - Lindsay Kelly
- 14 - Cornelia Steakley-96
- 15 - Brook Gilbert
- 15 - Ken Shepherd
- 16 - Seth Gilbert
- 16 - Remonia Mellema
- 16 - John Taylor
- 17 - Sarah Henson
- 17 - Chris Holloway



A News and Notes

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September

- 11 - T4C @ Double Springs
- 17 - Men's Day @ JA
- 18 - Devo @ Lane's
- 30 - Bison Day & Harding

October

- 3 - Fall Break
- 16 - Devo @ Simpson's
- 21 - FHU Visit
- 23 - Super Sunday

November

- 6 - Devo @ Mayes'
- 13 - T4C @ Smithville
- 16 - Friendsgiving
- 18-20 - Fall Retreat @ Indian Creek

December

- 9 - Christmas Party @ Mackie's
- 21 - Winter Break
- 22 - Opry Mills

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