



## SHORT MOUNTAIN BIBLE CAMP BENEFIT DINNER

The second-annual dinner to help raise money for the camp's facility is this Friday night, September 29, 6:00pm, at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ Fellowship Center. There are more plans for improvements to the camp moving forward, but we can't do it without your help! There is no charge for the dinner, but they are asking for donations. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP to Matt Collins**.

### This Week's Lesson

Sunday morning

**Matt Collins Preaching**

**The Unexpected Meeting (John 4:1-7)**

Sunday evening

**Sean Flatt Preaching**

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

To those of you who have children or grandchildren in your lives, here is a story to make you chuckle. Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort in the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children.

After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve.

And the first thing He said was, "Don't!"

"Don't what?" Adam asked.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit!" God said.

"Forbidden fruit?"

"We have forbidden fruit?!"

"Hey Eve. We have forbidden fruit!"

"No way!"

"Yes way!"

"Do NOT eat the fruit!" God repeated.

"Why?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants.

A few minutes later, God saw His children splitting an apple and He was ticked!

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why did you?" said the Father.

"I don't know," said Eve.

"She started it!" Adam blamed.

"Did not!"

"Did too!"

"DID NOT!"

Frustrated with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own.

Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

### BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY!

If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give wisdom to your children and they haven't taken it, don't be too hard on yourself.

If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

***"Children are a heritage from the Lord." Psalm 127.3***

# Collins' Corner

John 9:1-7

*As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.*

## HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR SITUATION TO SHOW THE POWER OF CHRIST?

Instead of placing blame on someone or something, instead of trying to offer up some logical conclusion as to why this man was born blind, Christ shifts the disciples focus. How the man was born blind was not of any significance any more. That had happened already. What WAS of significance is how this mans blindness could lead to others seeing Christ. His problem can be used to bring glory to the Father. Jesus was more focused on what was going to happen rather than what had already happened.

You can take a look at your life right now where you are and see things that are disappointing. You can see things that you wish were different. You can see things that are heartbreaking and painful. If you look hard enough, you can see all of those things. What do I do with those situations in my life? Do I allow those things to define who I am and who I'm going to be? Do I continue to allow my past to affect my future? Do I dwell and linger in my sin/mistakes/pains? OR, do I allow my current situation to show the power of Christ? That Christ in deed can take something that seems hopeless and make it hope-filled. That Christ can take a weakness in my life and use it to show others his power. We are strongest when, at our weakest, the Lord is glorified.

### Bible Bowl

We are so thankful and proud of our Bible Bowl participants this year.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Jesse Allen	Lilyana Holland
Lane Baggett	Abby Johnson
Makenzie Bowman	Levi Johnson
Michael Brown	Luke Johnson
Levi Carver	Madison Lane
Ava Farris	Conner Liner
Parks Fowler	Elin McDonald
Waylon Fowler	John Piggott
Callie Gilbert	Josh Piggott
Cara Lee Gilbert	Ellie Simpson

## Adult Classes 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

**The Apostles**—Wanda Jared—Library (Ladies)

**Building Better Marriages**—Bill Flatt/Sean Flatt - (115)

## News & Announcements

### Remember in Prayer!

**Neri Perez Valazques** was baptized last week by Bo Perez. Please pray for this new brother.

**Bobbie Locke** has been readmitted to the hospital. Her words, "prayer is the only thing that has kept me alive."

**Angela Leffew**, sister of **Johnny Bates**, requests prayers for strength and endurance as she begins her new rounds of chemo.

**Ken Matheney** suffered a fractured hip, broken and bruised ribs when fell from a tree, while cutting a limb. He will see an orthopedic surgery soon.

**Jimmy Stafford** has been moved to room #654 at Cookeville Regional, with pneumonia.

**Wilma Judd** is now at Cookeville Rehab in room 14A.

**Peggy Cooper** is now back at home, Heritage Pointe, Room 104.

Sympathy to the family of our **Mrs. Neta Ford**, who passed away on Thursday. Her funeral was held on Saturday. She was the mother of **Jerry Ford** and the aunt of **Donna Ford**.

*Please continue in daily prayer for these!*

### 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:** 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



I am so thankful for my Jefferson Avenue family. You remembered me in your prayers and sent card with encouraging notes. Your kindness in caring for me certainly played a big part in helping me get better. Thank you and God bless.

**Rubye Anderson**

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

- ▶ **Sunday, October 1—Wednesday Auditorium Class**
- ▶ **Sunday, October 29—Wednesday Fellowship Hall**

**Young-At-Heart:** We will be going to Opry Mills then to eat at Cock of the Walk on **Saturday, October 7**, eating at 4:15pm. We will leave at 12:30 and should return around 7:30pm. Please sign up on the YAH Board. See **J.C. or Annita Young**.

**The Amazing Ladies:** We will be traveling to Cumberland Mountain State Park for lunch on **Tuesday, October 10**. The bus will leave at 11:00am! Please sign up on the YAH Board. This will be a great opportunity to invite a friend.

**Christian Tutoring:** I have tutored children in the community from K-12 in the subjects of social studies, reading for comprehension, penmanship, English and good study habits. I am offering these classes for free to my church family. Call **Laura Carter** at 931-529-0222 or 931-526-7409 for further information.



Please bring individually wrapped candy for our Trunk-or-Treat which is **Saturday, October 28** in the upper parking lot. Last year we had more candy than we ever had and still ran out, very quickly. You can drop your candy off at Matt's office.

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**Say a good word for Jesus this week!**

# BIRTHDAYS

**October 1-7**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 - Jerry Ford     | 6 - Kaden Lee Bandy |
| 3 - Julia Foy      | 6 - Kayla Flatt     |
| 3 - Wanda Jared    | 6 - Hazel McCanless |
| 3 - Ethan Lankford | 6 - Callan McCord   |
| 3 - Makayla Rawdon | 6 - Jeff Williams   |
| 4 - Megan Dycus    | 7 - Lily Davis      |



## This Week's Bible Reading September 27-Oct 3

- Wednesday, September 27—Nehemiah 6-7  
 Thursday, September 28—Nehemiah 8-10  
 Friday, September 29—Nehemiah 11-13  
 Saturday, September 30—Malachi 1-4  
 Sunday, October 1—Luke 1, John 1.1-14  
 Monday, October 2—Matthew 1, Luke 2.1-38  
 Tuesday, October 3—Matthew 2, Luke 2.39-52

<u>Sunday, September 24, 2017</u>	
Bible Class.....	274
Sunday Morning.....	569
Sunday Evening.....	161
Wednesday Night.....	294
Contribution.....	\$17,229
Church Office.....	931-526-4605
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Matt Collins.....	mattc@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

**DEACONS (cont.)**

- 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

**SHEPHERDS**

- Glenn Binkley
- Jann Cupp
- Doug Fowler
- Don Foy
- Bobby Lane
- John Mason
- \*John Rhodes
- \*Chairman of Month

**MINISTERS**

- Buddy Johnson
- Pulpit Minister*
- Matt Collins
- Youth Minister
- Bo Perez
- Hispanic Ministry

**DEACONS**

- Jason Bennett
- William Birdwell
- Sam Brown



**SEPTEMBER**

29—SMBC Benefit Dinner  
6,13,20,27—W.A.S.

**OCTOBER**

1-14—Fall Break  
 15—T4C @ Smithville  
 20-22—Fall Retreat at Cedar Lake Camp  
 28—Trunk or Treat (bring candy now!)  
 29—Devo @ Viar's  
 18,25—W.A.S.

