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Jefferson Avenue
Church of Christ

Manna on the Hill

**OUR
1ST
ANNUAL
MANNA ON THE HILL!**

We will gather in the upper parking lot tonight, **Wednesday, Sept. 28th**, beginning at 5:30 and continue to 6:30, and enjoy burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. If raining, everyone come to the gym.

The cost is \$4 per person/max of \$16 per family.

Following our dinner, our worship this evening will consist of singing and a short devotional.

We look forward to seeing everyone
on the hill!!

Come enjoy food and fellowship!

This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning Sermon by Jann Cupp
Ancient of Days—Ancient Ways
Daniel 7.9

Sunday Night Sermon by Matt Collins

GOOD NEWS

Last week, 44 members of our Young At Heart group boarded a coach bound for New York. All reports indicate they are doing well and have had a fun time. They will be returning to our church parking lot this Wednesday evening. Please pray for their safe travel and return.

ELDER NOMINATION FORMS

Two weeks ago, Bobby Lane stood before the congregation and announced that we would be seeking additional elders. At that time, elder nomination forms were distributed to those present for worship. Those who were not present are encouraged to pick up a form this week. The forms should be returned to the elders by Sunday, October 9. Please pray over this process as we seek God's blessing on the future leadership of our congregation.

THE GREAT DEBATE OF 2016

Dr. Ralph Gilmore, Freed-Hardeman University Professor of Bible and Philosophy, and Dr. Alexander Rosenberg, the R. Taylor Cole Professor of Philosophy at Duke University, will debate the existence of God tonight, September 27, from 6:30-9:30 EDT. The event, sponsored by the Warren Center for Apologetics, will be in Mershon Auditorium on the campus of the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. The central question for the debate will be: "Is God a Moral Monster?"

Gilmore, a Christian theist, received his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He was an honor student in apologetics and philosophy of religion at Harding Graduate School of Theology, studying under Thomas B. Warren (for whom Warren Center for Apologetics is named).

Rosenberg, an atheist, holds secondary appointments in the biology and political science departments at Duke. He received his doctorate in philosophy from Johns Hopkins University. Rosenberg is the author of several books including "The Atheist's Guide to Reality" (2011). He is co-director of Duke's Center for the Philosophy of Biology.

Both debaters have agreed to affirm and defend a precisely stated affirmative proposition. Rosenberg will affirm the following: "*Since I know that there is vast human and animal suffering, I know that a benevolent, omnipotent God does not exist.*" Gilmore will deny. Following the discussion of Rosenberg's affirmative proposition, Gilmore will affirm and defend his proposition: "*The use of suffering as moral criticism against God implies the absolute moral law of God; therefore, God exists.*" Rosenberg will deny. No admission will be charged to attend the debate. For those unable to attend, it will be livestreamed at

WarrenCenterLive.com. Additional information about the debate is available at warrenapologeticscenter.com.

Buddy Johnson

Study the Bible with us



September– October 2016

Sun. A.M. Classes

Believer's Wedding Ceremony—Sean Kelly—College (215)
I John—Don Foy—20s-30s (214)
I Kings—Brian Carver—30s-40s (213)
II Corinthians—Bobby Lane—Library
Luke—John Rhodes—Fellowship Hall
I & II Timothy—John Mayher—Small Auditorium
Holy Spirit—Leighton Sissom—Room 114
James, I, II & III John—Laura Jackson—Ladies (115)

Wed. Afternoon Class

Matthew: The Life of Christ—Bill Flatt—(115)

Wed. P.M. Classes

Proverbs—Buddy Johnson—Main Auditorium
The Role of the Church—Joe Hill—Room 114
Qualifications of Elders and Deacons—
David Vaughn—Fellowship Hall
How Do You See the Church?—Bobby Lane—College 215
The Christian Woman's Walk—Delores Wheatley and
Wanda Jared—Library (Ladies)

Collins' Corner

Hebrews 3:12-13, 4:1-2

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin... Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

As I read this text, there are a couple of things that stand out to me:

There is a difference between encourage and exhort. When the writer in verse 13 tells us to exhort each other, I don't think he just means to encourage. Encouraging people build others up, people of exhortation push others towards. We are to be pushing people towards something, specifically, we are to be pushing people towards Jesus.

I'm responsible for me, but I have a responsibility to you. Each of us is ultimately responsible for ourselves. We are responsible for our own thoughts and our own actions. We are responsible for our own response to Jesus and we decide how we live and who we live for. If we have decided that we are going to live our lives as a follower of Jesus, that means we've added on to our lives (which we are responsible for) a responsibility to others. The question is, what is my responsibility towards you? To push you towards Jesus. Why are we responsible to push others towards the Lord? We see in this text in Hebrews 3 and 4, the past generations of God's people didn't do that. They didn't feel any sense of responsibility to and for each other. Because of that, they were not allowed to enter the promise land. Sin was able to creep into their lives and harden their hearts and no one was able to stop it. The message of God's promises was of no benefit to them because of how they lived. If we are pushing each other towards a life in Jesus then the sacrifice that Jesus made is still of benefit to us. Encourage each other, yes. Build others up. Let's also be about the business of pushing people towards the Lord.

Matt

News, Prayers & Announcements

Our Sick and Prayer Requests:

Randy Spurlock was scheduled for quadruple bypass surgery Monday but suffered a heart attack on Saturday. He is now scheduled for an office visit with his surgeon on Monday, October 3, at St. Thomas.

Walter Fitzpatrick had a bone biopsy Tuesday at Vanderbilt. He asks for prayer as his cancer has spread.

Kaye Bowman's biopsy is scheduled for this Wednesday in Franklin.

Fay Borden remains in Cookeville Regional.

Sympathy to **Karen VanHooser** in the passing of her mother, **Ruth Payne**, on Saturday. Her funeral was held Tuesday at Oak Lawn Funeral Home.

Those who are dealing with cancer:

Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Karma Carter, Joy Carter, Walter Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Fortner, Anthony Hammock, Blake Houston, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Buddy Morgan, Paula Palk and Jan Shepherd

**If you have placed someone on the prayer or sick list, please give updates so we can keep current.*

Our Shut-Ins

Bethesda: Lyman Schroeder, Jan Shuster, Cornelia Steakley & 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 Medley, Pat McCanless, Opal Nichols, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Jordan Terry and Charles Williamson

Thank You! Dear Christian Brethren, I want to thank you for remembering me in your prayers. My brother, Charles Moore, speaks very highly of the congregation there in Cookeville. Words cannot express gratitude for being lifted up in your prayers. I believe that God answered our prayers. In this case, I know he has as I am receiving my physical strength daily.

In Christian Love, **Richard Moore**

NHC Worship Service: Sunday, October 2, Jefferson Avenue will conduct the worship service at **2:00pm**. The Wednesday PM Auditorium Class is scheduled to assist.

Area Meeting: Tuesday, October 4 - Anyone wanting to go hear Bro. Phil Sanders at Center Grove Church of Christ in Gainesboro, we will leave the back parking lot at 6:00pm. See John Mayher

Healing Hands: We will be going to Healing Hands Friday, **October 7 and 21**, leaving at 8:00am. See Frances Bumbalough.



It's **Mary Dyer's** 90th birthday party on Saturday, **October 8** in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to be here. Watch for more details.

Fall fellowship at Fowler Farms: Come one and all to the annual Fall Fellowship at Fowler Farms on **October 15 at 5:30p.m.** Bring your lawn chairs and favorite pot-luck dish. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the Family bulletin board. Please indicate what you will bring so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to this special time together and hope to see you there! If raining, event is canceled.

The Amazing Ladies will be going to Helen's Restaurant on Tuesday, **October 11** for lunch. Sign up sheet is on the YAH Board. More details to follow.



Women's Prayer Group: Don't forget ladies, prayer session in the library this Thursday at 10am, then to lunch at Laura's and a movie.



Candy—Candy—Candy. It's that time of year again to bring your individually wrapped candy and put it by Matt's office. We need big piles of candy!!!

BIRTHDAYS



October 9 - 15

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| 9 - Alexis Webb | 13 - Penny Pennington |
| 11 - Sophie Olson | 15 - Lauren Clark |
| 12 - Mackenzie Bowman | 15 - Harold Gentry |
| 12 - Ralph Medley | 15 - Andy Milton |
| 12 - Patti Skinner | 15 - Jen Webb |



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<u>Sunday, September 25, 2016</u>	
Bible Class.....267	Church Office.....931-526-4605
Sunday Morning.....495	Information Line.....931-528-1006
Sunday Evening.....221	Fax Line.....931-520-8708
Wednesday Night.....293	Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861
Contribution.....\$20,035	
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Information Line.....931-528-1006	Church Office (Carol).....carol.hart@jacoc.org
Fax Line.....931-520-8708	Buddy Johnson.....buddy@jacoc.org
Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861	Matt Collins.....mattc@jacoc.org
	John Mayher.....john.mayher@jacoc.org
	Bo Perez.....bo@jacoc.org
	Mother's Day Out.....laura.fox@jacoc.org
	Service Schedule
	Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM
	Sunday Morning.....10:00 AM
	Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
	Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
<u>DEACONS (cont.)</u>	
Brian Carver	Brian Patterson
Randy Chaffin	Dave Piggott
Ken Clark	Gaylon Presley
Jim Dale	Bud Simpson
Jason Fowler	Pete Story
Chad Gilbert	Don Viar
Seth Gilbert	Donnie Westbrook
Jim Hicks	
Sean Kelly	
Chuck Lankford	
Bryan Limer	
Bob Mackie	
Ken Mayes	
Brian McDaniel	
Andy Millton	
Dean Olson	
Jimmy Patterson	
Dave Piggott	
Gaylon Presley	
Bud Simpson	
Pete Story	
Don Viar	
Donnie Westbrook	
<u>SHEPHERDS</u>	
*Glenn Binkley	
Doug Fowler	
Don Foy	
Bobby Lane	
John Rhodes	
Leighton Sissom	
*Chairman of Month	
<u>MINISTERS</u>	
Buddy Johnson	
Pulpit Minister	
Matt Collins	
Youth Minister	
Bo Perez	
Hispanic Ministry	
John Mayher	
Visitation Minister	
<u>DEACONS</u>	
Jason Bennett	
William Birdwell	
Sam Brown	
Phillip Burr	

A News and Notes

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September 30 - Bison Day-Harding

October
3-14 - 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
21-3 - Winter Break
22 - Opry Mills

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