

Welcome New Members



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This Week's Lesson

Sunday Morning Worship

**Take Up Your Cross
Matthew 16.20-25**

Sunday Evening Worship

**The Worldly Church Part 2
1 John 2.15-17**

GOOD NEWS

On Sunday afternoon, Hildegard Vaughn met with the elders and expressed her desire to be a member of this congregation. Hildegard is a sister to our David Vaughn. It was such a joy to see him baptize her this year! Hildegard worked as a nurse for many years at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Please welcome Hildegard into our church family!

Rob and Brandy Porter also met with the elders to place membership. Rob and Brandy are back in Cookeville after working and living in Wisconsin for the past few years. We are glad to have them back at Jefferson Avenue! They have two sons: Colton and Bennett. They are faithful Christians and hard workers for the Lord.

30s AND 40s CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 30s and 40s Christmas Party was a lot of fun! We had 42 people come and enjoy the catered dinner from Halfacre Farms. The food was delicious and the fellowship was even better. After a challenging round of holiday trivia, we played the gift swap game with a new twist. It is so encouraging to see Christians taking time for their busy schedules to be together. We want to extend a huge thank you to Leah Milton and Stacey Bennett for their hard work in organizing this event.

MAKE TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY

The holidays are here! Thanksgiving is past; Christmas is right around the corner. It seems like life gets busier every year. We work long hours to provide for our families. Our social calendar fills up so quickly. Sometimes, we lose sight of what is truly important.

Let me encourage you to make time for your family. Call your parents (or grandparents) and let them know you are thinking of them. Listen to your kids when they want to talk to you. Focus your attention on them. If Jesus could make time for children, then so can you! The temporary distractions of this world can easily consume our thoughts and our time. What really matters is how we treat those closest to us. Don't give all your time and energy to your job. Your family needs you!

Buddy

Collins' Corner

JOHN 6:1-15, 25-26

Why I follow Jesus is just as important as how I follow Jesus.

Now, we put a lot of time and energy talking about the “how” part of following Jesus, don’t we? We should be doing this and doing that. We talk a lot about love and how we treat each other. We talk about our character, and how we act. We talk a lot about how we can bring our friends closer to the Lord. We talk a lot about the importance of things such as prayer and worship. We talk a lot about how to conduct ourselves throughout life in general. Those things are good. Those things are needed. Those things are right. It seems to me, however, that we need to spend some time talking about the WHY part of following Christ.

These people, in John 6, had a misconception of who Christ was. They saw signs, power, healing, miracles, and food...and were ALL IN. That was what they were about. If Jesus can continue to provide for me in these ways, if he can be my genie, then sure, I’ll do whatever he says (just as long as he continues to do the things that I want him to do). Don’t you think its possible that we can behave in a similar way? Don’t you think its possible that we can “come to church” and “follow Jesus” because we like what it provides us, but we don’t care as much about who Jesus is? Think about what the church provides us today: relationship and friendship, jobs, fun activities, stability, resources, assistance, care, training, etc. To top it all off, its free to join! What can beat that? So, isn’t it possible that we enjoy being a part of the collective unit more than we want to actually follow Christ?

So, why should we follow Christ? I would propose thinking more about what he has done for us rather than what he can do for us. Does following Christ have benefits? Absolutely. It sure does. And the Lord is gracious and kind in that way. But it also requires commitment. It requires sacrifice. It requires discomfort. It requires selflessness. It requires humility. Following Christ requires relinquishing your life to Jesus, but disciples do it because Christ has done that first. Everything that we talk about, everything that it requires of me to follow Jesus, Jesus has already taken part in for my sake. Everything I would do for him, he’s already done, on a larger scale, for me. So, why wouldn’t I live for Jesus?

Matt

BIBLE CLASSES

PRESCHOOL-PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES

Sunday Morning

Cradle Roll	Jane Foy	Anna Gilbert	108
Toddlers	Laura Fox	Linda Gilbert	105
2 year olds	Rebecca Baggett		106
3 year olds	Kayla McCord		100
4 year olds	Brook Gilbert	Seth Gilbert	103
Kindergarten	Jeana Piggott		107
1st Grade	Macey Korth		202
2nd Grade	Jason Bennett	Stacey Bennett	203
3rd Grade	Andy Milton		206
4th Grade	Andy Milton		206
5th Grade	Mae Fowler		208
6th Grade	Dave Piggott		210

Wednesday Night

Cradle Roll	Whitney Bowman		108
Toddlers	Cindy Mackie	Lauren Mackie	105
2 year olds	Olivia Simpson		106
3 year olds	Faith Henshaw		100
4 year olds	Lynn Lane		103
Kindergarten	Pam Rawdon		107
1st Grade	Lisa Rhodes		202
2nd Grade	Sarah Lane		203
3rd Grade	Courtney Norton	Lindsey Norton	206
4th Grade	Courtney Norton	Lindsey Norton	206
5th Grade	Rick Gilbert		208
6th Grade	Glenn Binkley		210

Teens Bible Class—Matt Collins—Downstairs

ADULT CLASSES

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-SmallA
- 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-Large 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 Daily Prayer!

Congratulations to **Brad & Sandra Poller** on the birth of their son, **Kyle Wilson Poller**, who was born on November 30, weighing 8lbs. 6oz. The proud Grandparent is **Faye Wilson**.

Remember the family of **Joyce Williamson** in your prayers as she is in her last days. Pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Sue Clack is now at Susan Melton's house, she is on bed rest and is very weak.

Harold Gentry had a stroke on Tuesday, and is in ICU room #6639 at Vanderbilt. He will have a Tracheotomy and a stomach tube put in Wednesday.

Donnie Westbrooks has just learned that he has a mass on his left lung and spots on his liver. He is also still dealing with ulcerative colitis and his heart. He is at CRMC room #429.

Rita Ashburn fractured her back several weeks ago and now is going to see a surgeon on December 11 to schedule surgery.

Sympathy to **Bill Flatt**, in the passing of his brother, **Don Flatt** who passed away on Monday. His funeral will be held in Morehead, Kentucky in a few days.

Remember those who are dealing with cancer:

Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Helen Carr, David Cowan, Walter Fitzpatrick, Tim Jennings, 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

Signature Health-Algood: Matilda Craighead

At Home: Hugh & Kathy Adams, Rubye Anderson, Sue Clack, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Wilma Judd, Peggy Mackie, Ralph Medley, Pat McCannless, Robert & Jean Reeves, Claudine Smith, Ed & Rosella Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith, Jimmy Stafford, Jordan Terry and Joyce Williamson

Youth Protection Training - Training sessions to renew Youth Protection Training will be **TONIGHT** Wednesday **December 6** and **NEXT WEEK** **December 13** in Room #209 during bible class time. Everyone who regularly works with our youth needs to attend one of these sessions. Please make plans to attend. For more information, contact **Bobby Lane**.

The Amazing Ladies

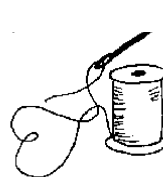
Sunday, December 10 is the last day to sign up for our luncheon being hosted by Lisa Rhodes at her home (705 Liberty Court) on **Tuesday, December 12 at 11:30am**. Transportation will be provided if you want to ride the van. We will leave the church parking lot at 11:15am.

Christmas Fruit Bags:



We will be delivering fruit bags on **Saturday, December 16**. We need as many people possible to be here by **8:30am** to load up and get your list. The bags will already be assembled. See **Andy Milton**.

Ladies at Poet's: Starting Sunday night, **December 10**, a small group of ladies will meet on **Sunday nights at 7:15**, at Poet's, to discuss Francis Chan's *Forgotten God*. If you're interested in joining, please see **Anna Gilbert** or **Carrie Simpson**.



Quilting Group: Beginning in January, a new quilting group will be making quilts for the girls at Happy Haven to take with them when they leave. If you are interested in helping, we will be meeting soon; watch for details. **Also**, donations of 100% cotton fabric are needed. See **Ruby Holloway** for details.



On Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. we will decorate Christmas Cookies then head down to the basement to watch a Christmas Movie. See **Allison Burr**.

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Say a good word for Jesus this week!

<p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017</p> <p>Bible Class.....264 Sunday Morning.....514 Sunday Evening.....180 Wednesday Night.....262 Contribution.....\$21,205</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>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>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>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 Limer Bob Mackie Ken Mayes Brian McDaniel Andy Millon Dean Olson Jimmy Patterson Dave Piggott 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

December 10-16

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| 10- Brad Fortner | 12- Mack Fisher |
| 10- Curtis Shinsky | 14- Charles Jackson |
| 11- Beth Davidson | 15- Valerie Birdwell |
| 11- Judy Henry | 15- David Lane |
| 11- Ruby Holloway | 15- Chloe Savage |
| 11- LaVonna Phy | 16- Paul Korth |
| 12- Wes Burnett | 16- Holly Myers |
| 12- Nick Carter | |



This Week's Bible Reading December 6-12

- Wednesday, December 6—2 Corinthians 10-13
 Thursday, December 7—Acts 20:1-3, Romans 1-3
 Friday, December 8—Romans 4-7
 Saturday, December 9—Romans 8-10
 Sunday, December 10—Romans 11-13
 Monday, December 11—Romans 14-16



Holiday Schedule

- Sunday, December 24—No PM Service
 Monday, December 25—Office Closed
 Tuesday, December 26—Office Closed
 Monday, January 1—Office Closed
 No Bulletin The Week of Christmas

JAY youth News and Notes

DECEMBER

- 21—Opry Mills
 21-1/2—Christmas Break
 6,13—W.A.S.

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