

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Randy Griffith  
 Reading.....Ethan Duncan  
 Scripture.....I Timothy 5:8  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Rickey Hurst  
 (S).....\*Ken Martin  
 (N).....Joe T. Cantrell  
 (N).....Don Cathey  
 (N).....Joe Maynard  
 (S).....Conner Dixon  
 (S).....Ezra Dixon  
 (S).....Cory Prince  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Ronnie Prince

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
 Reading.....David King  
 Scripture.....Acts 24:10-14  
 Lord's Table.....\*Stanley Graves  
 .....\*Kurt Maynard  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Derek Vinson

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews  
 First Prayer.....Steve Boyd  
 Reading.....Sam Gillies  
 Invitation.....Don Sullivan  
 Dismiss.....Dustin Rhea

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Rickey & Margaret Hurst  
 P.M.....Derek Vinson Family

**Bus Driver:**.....Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** .....Bob Cantrell & Josh King  
**Attend Nursery:** .....Erin Duncan  
**Un/Lock Building:**.....Jeff Templeton/W.C. Chilton  
**Prepare Communion:** .....Jeff Templeton Family  
**Assist with Baptisms:** Doris Smith & Missy Biles  
**Pantry Item:** .....Cookies

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Leonard Clemons

**Record For The Week...**

A.M.Worship.....309  
 Bible Study.....259  
 P.M.Worship.....217  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....235  
 Contribution.....\$6,162

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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Allen Hughes	David Keele
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## Sick

### At Home:

Jesse Jones-pneumonia  
Charles Bradshaw (father of Denise Prince) - at home following surgery for a broken hip.  
Nan Cantrell  
Gerry Waddell  
Ellamae Holloway (Maggie Hurst's mother)

### In The Hospital:

Grady Hurst (Rickey Hurst's father)-in rehab at Tennova Physicians Regional Medical Center; 900 E. Oak Hill Avenue; Knoxville, TN 37917  
Ted Flatt (Larry's brother)-hospital in NC. Cards may be sent to: 4930 Lynwood Rd, Sherrills Ford NC 28673-8205

## Sermon Preview

Sunday AM.....Are You A Good Provider?  
Sunday PM.....Before Governors and Kings

## God Forgives Completely

**The East-West Promise** (Psalm 103:12)  
"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

**The Stain Remover Promise** (Isaiah 1:18)  
"...though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool."

**The Behind-the-Back Promise** (Isaiah 38:17)  
"...for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back."

**The Eraser Promise** (Isaiah 43:25)  
"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins."

**The Amnesia Promise** (Jeremiah 31:34)  
"...I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

**The Deep Sea Promise** (Micah 7:19)  
"He will again have compassion on us... Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

## What Makes Life Worth Living?

Jesus said, "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10). What is abundant life? How do you live it? Where do you find it? Perhaps many definitions could be given for the abundant life.

The abundant life could consist of our meditating on the word of God. David said, "...In his law doth he meditate day and night" (Ps. 1:2). It could be remembering that when we were baptized that out past sins had been remitted and that "...If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7). The abundant life could be seen as a life dedicated to serving others. The Bible teaches "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Mt. 23:11).

Yet, we must ask the question, is there a key that unlocks the door to the abundant life? Sure there is and the Holy Word of God gives us that key. Are you really missing a part of life? Does your Christianity seem to be drudgery rather than a joy? Here it is! Here is the key! [Christ living in us!](#)

*"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith"* (Eph. 3:17).

*"One God and father who is above all and through all and in you all"*

(Eph. 4:6).

*"...But Christ is all and in all"* (Col. 3:11).

*"...Christ in you the hope of glory"* (Col. 1:27).

With Christ living in us we have no fear for the future nor for today. Jesus taught us to seek his kingdom first and all things will be added to us (Mt. 6:33). Paul said, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19).

The climax of this is found in the following passage, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

~Larry Acuff~

## Youth News

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and guardians who stayed for our **BBYG** meeting. We have some great opportunities to grow closer to our Father and each other this year. We only have two spots that need to be filled, which are a Bible Bowl study in March and a Home Devotional in May. Just let me know if you would like to host one of these events. Next up is a meeting for the **PEW PACKERS**. For all our 5<sup>th</sup> grade and down parents, please try to make this meeting as we discuss the classes for this year and activities for our first quarter. We had a great class last Sunday starting our theme of [HEROES OF FAITH](#). A big thanks to Cory, Jacob, and Justin for helping. The classes are only going to get better!

The **BIBLE BOWL** was yet another great success as Morrison did a great job of hosting. Our youth came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place only missing one question (plus only missing one word on the three bonus!) All the teams are really excelling and hopefully growing. The teams finishing in first place were East End, Jericho, Shady Grove, Smith Grove, and Woodbury. Additional second place finishers were Bluff Springs, Earleyville, Ivy Bluff, and Main Street. Coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> were Mt. Leo, Red Hill, and Rockliff. Rounding out the ribbons in 4<sup>th</sup> place were Hebron and Morrison. New Union will host in February with 1 Samuel 22 – 26 as our point of study.

**ADOPT** will meet this Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, in Room 1. All students in grades 5 thru 12 will be part of the session.

For those attending **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** please remember to be at the church building and ready to go by 3:00 pm this Friday. I will have a reminder list of things to bring this Wednesday.

## What Will People Remember About My Teaching?

I was going through my files and found this note written by Danny Lutz, December 4, 1974. I was reminded of the long-term investment that a teacher makes when she/he prepares a class and presents a lesson.

Notice what Danny wrote and remembered about his first Sunday School teacher.

The teacher that probably influenced me more than any other one was Mrs. Imogene Long. This was a long time ago when I first started coming to Sunday School at the church building on Grapevine Road. I was in about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at school and never thought very much about the church. When I was encouraged to attend the church of Christ by some of my friends, I found myself in Mrs. Long's class. She was the first "real Sunday School teacher I had ever known. She amazed me because of her knowledge of the Bible and her reverence. She would not put up with any foolishness, but yet, she seemed just like one of us. After the class period, we would sing some hymns. She enjoyed this very much. She especially liked to sing "Angry Words." Mrs. Long just seemed "set apart" from other teachers I had known. She was not the most "learned" teacher that I have been studying under as I have progressed through the years, but, as far as impressing me with the church, she was probably the Most Important teacher I've ever had.

What do you notice? Here's what impressed me:

- Danny started coming to class because some friends invited him.
- He was fortunate to get in a class with an excellent teacher.
- She knew her Bible.
- She demonstrated an attitude of reverence.
- She had order and respect in her class. This was consistent with her attitude of respect.
- She related well to her students.
- She liked to sing and communicated that to her students.

It has been more than three decades since I read this for the first time. I am again encouraged by this teacher and her student. Imogene Long died in 2005. Her life and lessons are still remembered.

What will my students remember about me?

~Jerrie Barber~