

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Harold Cook  
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
 Scripture.....Psalms 57:1-3  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Willie Newby  
 (S).....\*Ronnie Hoover  
 (N).....Harold McGinness  
 (N).....David Roberts  
 (N).....Chris Neale  
 (S).....Marc Martin  
 (S).....John Nussbaum  
 (S).....Marty Boles  
 Sermon.....Steve Hillis  
 Dismiss.....Don Griffith

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Noel Pepper  
 Reading.....Kevin Flatt  
 Scripture.....Acts 17:10-12  
 Lord's Table.....\*Clent Kesey  
 .....\*Don Sullivan  
 Sermon.....Steve Hillis  
 Dismiss.....Joe Collins

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing.....Micah Lawrence  
 First Prayer.....W.C. Chilton  
 Reading.....Phillip Brock  
 Invitation.....Brian Moody  
 Dismiss.....Stanley Graves

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Harold & Teresa McGinness  
 P.M.....Rodney Maynard Family

**Bus Driver:**.....Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

**Ushers:** .....Heath Griffith & Tim Fisher  
**Attend Nursery:** .....Regina Templeton  
**Un/Lock Building:** ....Rodney Maynard/Ricky Prince  
**Prepare Communion:** ....Leonard & Avie Clemons  
**Assist with Baptisms:** .....Cindy Flsher & Sherry Graves

**Pantry Item:** .....Ramen Noodles

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Steve Boyd

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....318  
 Bible Study.....235  
 P.M. Worship.....244  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....223  
 Contribution.....\$6,561

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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

**Elders**

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Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Shannon Griffin	Allen Hughes
Rickey Hurst	David Keele
Ken Martin	Kurt Maynard
Willie Newby	Jim Slatton
Jeff Templeton	

**Missionary**

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## Sick

### At Home:

Cora Stenbridge (at daughter's home. Send cards %Grace Davidson, 1703 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Manchester, TN 37355)

Leonard Crouch

Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister)

Mildred Glenn

Melinda Martin

Haley McColloch

Billy Hudson (grandfather of Jayla & McKenzie Hudson)

Denice Reynolds (received news of cancer, please pray for her as treatment plans are being made)

Justin Griffin

### In The Hospital:

Lucille Van Winkle (sister to Billy Gilbert & Roberta Parmley) - Smithville NHC

John David Keele - River Park Surgicenter to have outpatient surgery on Wednesday.

## Youth News

The final count of money you donated was \$887. The majority of the money was spent on children of Kid's of the Community. We do have funds left over and if you know of anyone who could use help this season, please let me know. Again, though, thank you for your generous gift to help others.

**EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** takes place in Savannah, TN on January 18 – 20, 2013. The cost is now \$45.00 Final sign-up date is Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Something new for the BBYG next year is **CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE**, which is held in Gatlinburg. A sign-up sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board with full details. Also go to [www.cyconline.com](http://www.cyconline.com). The trip is for grades 7 through 12, plus chaperones.

The next **PARENT'S MEETING** for the BBYG will be Sunday evening, December 30<sup>th</sup>, following services. Please make plans to be with us as we will discuss our agenda for January through May.

## Program for next week

### Sunday Morning Worship (Dec. 30)

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer .....Brian Moody  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture.....Philippians 4:4-7  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Steve Hillis (S) .....\*Dale Bennett (N).....Ryan McColloch (N).....Aiden McVey (N).....Cory Prince (S).....Caleb Hughes (S).....Eugene Wilcher (S).....Christian Barrett  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

### Sunday Evening Worship

YOUNG MEN CONDUCT SERVICES

### Wednesday Bible Study (Jan. 2)

Announcements.....Harold Cook  
Lead Singing .....Jeff McVey  
First Prayer.....Michael Andrews  
Reading.....Justin Griffin  
Invitation .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....John David Keele

### Welcome Committee

A.M. ....Tony & Corretta Lawrence  
P.M. ....John & Judy Nussbaum

**Bus Driver:**.....Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

**Ushers:** .....Ken Martin & Marc Martin

**Attend Nursery:**.....Becky Maynard

**Un/Lock Building:** ....Rodney Maynard/Ricky Prince

**Prepare Communion:** ....Leonard & Avie Clemons

**Assist with Baptisms:** .....Cindy Flsher & Sherry Graves

**Pantry Item:** .....Pudding Mix

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

## Known Because of Kindness

“Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did.” (Acts 9:36, NASBU)

A discouraging aspect of current American culture is the seemingly endless fascination with celebrities—actors, athletes, and those who are fabulously wealthy. Not only are there entire television programs and magazines devoted to this cult of celebrity worship, but even “serious” news programs have segments filled with the latest “buzz” and celebrity gossip. Most of the people followed, worshiped, and profiled lives of shallow hedonism.

How refreshing it is, then, to turn to the pages of the Bible and be introduced to a woman whose life was characterized by deeds of kindness. Tabitha (also known as Dorcas) was a Christian at Joppa, a city on the Mediterranean coast of Palestine. Readers of the Bible are introduced to Tabitha because she died, but she was significant because of the way she lived her life. You can read her brief story in Acts 9: 36-43.

First, notice that the Bible makes special mention of her kindness. The first words of the narrative are those explaining who she was. The Bible says she was “abounding with deeds of kindness.” She was not known for one deed, but many—an overflowing number. Also, it is said that she “continually did” acts of kindness. This was a way of life for her. Thus, it not only describes her deeds, but her heart.

Secondly, take note of the fact that her brothers and sisters in Christ made a special effort to get Peter to go to Joppa. Wayne Jackson, in his commentary on Acts, makes mention of normalcy of same-day burial (Acts 5:6) and the delay in Tabitha's case. He also wonders if their delay and call for Peter were indicators of their hope that he could do something about her death (The Acts of the Apostles from Jerusalem to Rome, p. 119).

Finally, as you read the account of Tabitha, notice the impact of her passing on those she had affected. The widows (an often-neglected class then and now) stood by crying and displaying clothing she had made (presumably for them). Her life was

so meaningful that the impact of her death was powerful.

We would likely not have known of Tabitha if it had not been for her kindness. Not only did she make a difference in the lives of people then, but she continues to affect people today, because of her kindness. What a beautiful life—that started in a beautiful heart! How's your heart?

~ Lance Cordle ~

## A Huge THANK YOU

Every year I am humbled and grateful for the tremendous generosity of the congregation. This year you honored Corretta and myself with a generous gift of \$670. While the monetary gift was so much appreciated, I cannot begin to tell you how fortunate I feel to work with and among such great Christians every day. Weekly I get encouraging words from so many for the sermons and classes. I see such positive attitudes among so many people. You are a congregation of people who want to be sound in the faith and striving for greater spiritual heights. I am also fortunate to work with an eldership that wants nothing but Bible preaching and has high expectations. I want each of you to know just how much I appreciate you and thank you. The words of Paul are very true, “You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men” (2 Corinthians 3:2).

~ Tony Lawrence ~

## Mission Trip for Templetons

Regina and Jessica Templeton are going on a mission trip to New Zealand in February. They ask for your prayers in this effort. If you would like to help them monetarily for this mission work please make checks to Bybee Branch, noting it is for Templeton New Zealand Mission and give it to one of the elders.

## Prepare Communion for 2013

For those willing to prepare communion for 2013, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.