

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-2184) Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Tim Fisher  
 Reading.....Ethan Duncan  
 Scripture.....Ephesians 2:8-10  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Joe Collins  
 (S).....\*Charles Gillies  
 (N).....Harold McGinness  
 (N).....Jason Vandagriff  
 (N).....Caleb Graves  
 (S).....Mike Mullins  
 (S).....Sam Gillies  
 (S).....Kevin Flatt  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jacob Griffin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-2184) Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Jeff Flatt  
 Reading.....Robert Elam  
 Scripture.....Matthew 14:31-32  
 Lord's Table.....\*Rodney Reynolds  
 .....\*Kelly Thaxton  
 Sermon.....Kyle Butt  
 Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....(668-2112) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey  
 First Prayer.....Stanley Graves  
 Reading.....Cory Prince  
 Invitation.....W.C. Chilton  
 Dismiss.....Tyler Judkins

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Willie Newby Family  
 P.M.....Steve Wilcher Family

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

**Ushers:** .....Bob Cantrell & Josh King  
**Attend Nursery:** .....Almetia Jones  
**Un/Lock Building:**.....Jordan Thomas/Clent Kesity  
**Prepare Communion:** .....McColloch Family  
**Assist with Baptisms:** .....Judy Sullivan/Carol Boyd

**Pantry Item:** .....Pork & Beans

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

**Record For The Week...**

A.M.Worship.....276  
 Bible Study.....220  
 P.M.Worship.....215  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....215  
 Contribution.....\$7,519

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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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W.C. Chilton	Joe Collins
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Allen Hughes	David Keele
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## Sick

### At Home:

*Fuston Womack*

### In The Hospital:

*Leonard Crouch - NHC #116*

*Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) - NHC*

*Wesley Sain - NHC-Farragut Room 379 (120*

*Cavette Hill Lane Knoxville, TN 37934)*

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of brother J.B. Gribble. He passed away late on Sunday evening and his funeral will be this Wednesday afternoon at Highs.

We also express our sympathy to the family of Brenda Bratten. She passed away early Tuesday morning and funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Her body will be at Highs.

## Opportunities For Edification

**Grange Hall church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting, June 10-14, services at 7 pm with Stan Stevenson preaching

**Rockliff church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting, June 10-13, services at 7 pm with Terry Townsend preaching.

**Main St./Manchester church of Christ** will host a VBS, June 8-11, services at 6:30-8 pm

**Woodbury church of Christ** will host a VBS, June 11-15, services at 9-11 am

**Central church of Christ** will host a Vacation Bible School, June 18-20, services at 9:30-11:00 am for age 2 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Trousdale church of Christ** will host a Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, services at 7 pm

**Curlee church of Christ** will host a Gospel Singing, June 29, services at 7 pm

## Youth News

A **HOME DEVOTIONAL** will be at the home of Dale Bennett this Sunday. Food will be provided.

**ADOPT** will be next Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. All grades in 5 thru 12 will meet upstairs in Room 21.

The **JUNIOR/SENIOR BANQUET** is Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. All activities will take place in Murfreesboro. Details are on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Our yearly trip to **LAKE WINNIE** is Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will leave at 9:00 am from the building. Again, details are on the Youth Bulletin Board.

The **BYBEE BRANCH YOUTH NEWS-LETTER** is on the table in the foyer.

## Empty!

This past week, a friend of mine (who will remain nameless) had some car trouble more than 500 miles from his home. If you've ever been in that situation, it is certainly disconcerting to say the least. What do you do? Who do you call? How much will it cost? All these questions rush through your mind. In my friend's case, after paying a tow truck, it was just a matter of putting gas in the gas tank (now do you see why he will remain nameless?)

But in his defense, while he ran out of gas, his gas gauge was showing that he still had a quarter of a tank of gas remaining. Of course, I couldn't help but see a spiritual application in this event.

How many people do you suppose are trusting in a "fallible gauge?" How many people do you think are being told they're alright, but their "tank is empty?" I do know that on the day of judgment, there will be some who stand before Christ, surprised that they are not saved (Matthew 7:21-23).

To avoid such a fate, we must trust in the only "gauge" that will never fail and never mislead us...the word of God. Friends, spend time in God's word so that you can make your calling and election sure.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

## The Power of Forgiveness...

Since I have been working as a minister, I have by necessity become a student of human nature. During this time, I have been amazed by the amount of time and energy people put into staying mad at others for extended periods of time. This grudge holding marathon that some will pursue, however, has a very nasty habit of pursuing them in the end. The problems that this course of life ends up causing with the relationships in their lives can hardly be overstated.

So what do grudges actually do to those that hold them? First and foremost, holding a grudge and nursing anger opens up a place for the devil in our lives. Ephesians 4:26-27 says, —"Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil." When we allow anger to fester for any period of time, we are giving the devil an opportunity to come into our hearts and set up shop. As we know from 1 Peter 5:8, Satan is that roaring lion that is seeking someone to devour and anger is an easy way to accomplish that task.

We also see that carrying anger (or holding a grudge) does a lot of damage to the relationships around us. When our lives are dictated by a grudge, we lose sight of others. We fail to treat them with the dignity and respect that all other people deserve. In particular, the person with whom we are angry suffers the most. We are also apt to direct our frustration and anger at that person in ways that are unbecoming and inappropriate for a Christian. I am ashamed at the number of times I have witnessed Christians "letting each other have it" in the most unchristian like fashion in the middle of the church building! This is something that should never, ever happen, but when we carry our grudges, we fail to put our mouths and hands under the LORD's control.

All of these things clearly violate the commands of the New Testament. Jesus Himself pointed out that the second greatest command in the Law was for one to love their neighbor as his or herself. Paul tells us in Romans 13:8-11 that loving our neighbor is required for us to fulfill the law of Christ. Blasting one another or holding grudges for long past offenses is a far cry from fulfilling the law of loving our neighbor. However bad and pervasive anger may seem, it does not have to be the end of our relationships with one another or with God. There is something that is more powerful than anger, but a little harder to come by. That thing is forgiveness. Forgiveness is something that we all desire – we don't want people to stay mad when we mess up. Forgiveness is something that Jesus Himself said is required from us – we don't gain God's forgiveness without giving it ourselves (Matthew 6:14-15). Forgiveness is something that we find ourselves so very unwilling to give – it is hard to let go of the offenses that others have committed against us. Once we do forgive, we will find that our lives will be filled with fewer burdens, less stress and more fulfilling relationships. Forgiveness opens communication and helps us all grow stronger. That way, we can fight together to overcome problems instead of fighting with one another. With forgiveness in our hearts, we can lift one another up and help each other make it to heaven.

~ Bryan Kirby ~

## The Truth

\* KNOW IT (John 8:32)

\* LOVE IT (2 Thess. 2:10)

\* BELIEVE IT (2 Thess. 2:12)

\* OBEY IT (1 Pet. 1:22)

\* TELL IT (Eph. 4:15)

\* HELP IT (3 John 8)

## Summer Series Guest Speaker

This Sunday evening our guest speaker will be brother Kyle Butt. Kyle is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University, where he earned a B.A. with a double major in Bible and communications, and an M.A. in New Testament. Currently, he serves in the Bible department at Apologetics Press and as editor of Discovery magazine. He speaks frequently around the country at youth rallies, lectureships, Gospel meetings, etc.