

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(686-2117) Kurt Maynard  
 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
 Reading .....Jared Mullican  
 Scripture .....John 1:1-2  
 Lord's Table (N) .....\*Ray Weddington  
 (S) .....\*Michael Andrews  
 (N) .....Caleb Graves  
 (N) .....Justin Griffin  
 (N) .....Clent Kesey  
 (S) .....Josh King  
 (S) .....Joe Maynard  
 (S) .....Kane Maynard  
 Sermon .....*John Introduces Jesus* - Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Larry Flatt

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(686-2117) Kurt Maynard  
 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer .....Allen Hughes  
 Reading .....Eddie Palmer  
 Scripture .....Acts 6:1  
 Lord's Table .....\*Larry Cook  
 .....\*Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon .....*Consequences of Neglect* - Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Gordon Mayfield

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Jeff Templeton  
 Lead Singing .....Herb Rowland  
 First Prayer .....David Keele  
 Reading .....David Roberts  
 Invitation .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Zollie Settles

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. ....Allen & Glenda Hughes  
 P.M. ....David & Iona King

Bus Driver: .....Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers: .....Tim Gann, David McColloch, Josh King  
 Attend Nursery: .....Denise Prince  
 Un/Lock Building: .....Randy Griffith/David Keele  
 Prepare Communion: .....Leonard & Avie Clemons  
 Assist Baptisms: .....Mary Flatt & Barbara Witty

Pantry Item: .....Macaroni & Cheese

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Don Sullivan

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....334  
 Bible Study .....257  
 P.M. Worship .....245  
 Wednesday Bible Study .....193  
 Contribution .....\$7,401

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**Services**

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

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## Sick & Shut-in

### At Home:

Daisy Maxwell  
Joann Hillis  
Randy Rains (father of Miranda Vinson)  
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother)  
Brenda Davis  
Ottie Floyd

### In The Hospital:

Dennis Eller - Nashville VA - following a stroke  
Wilma Chisam - Adams Place #1026  
Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother) - St. Thomas West

**Please help us keep an accurate list of the sick.**

## Youth News

Congratulations to our youth group for a great showing in the **BIBLE BOWL** this past Sunday. We finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place missing 1 questions on the test. The next course of study will be 2 Corinthians 10-13.

The **PEW PACKERS** will meet this Sunday at 5:00 pm. Our topic will be "Following the Pattern."

We will host **TaBS** on Sunday night, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone has done a great job in trying to learn what are new songs to most of the congregation. We will have one final song to learn this Sunday night, "The Greatest Commands." Also, it was requested that we list the new songs that will be sung in worship (besides the afore mentioned) on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The are: 10,000 Reasons, Pierce My Ear, And Can It Be, and In Christ Alone. Just as a head's-up, sister congregations will be here at 5:00 pm as we will initiate the activity attached to the program. So, don't be alarmed when arrive to the auditorium. Please just come on in.

**EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** and **EU2** takes place January 13-15, 2017 in Savannah, TN. The event is for Christian high school students (EU) and college age Christians (EU2).

"**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**" on the foyer table.

### UPCOMING:

Wed. 11/16 Birthday Wednesday  
Sun. 11/23 Wednesday Nite Youth Something  
Wed. 11/30 H.E.Y.

## A Straight Line in a Crooked World

In a book about historical figures, Jeff O'Leary described Sir Thomas More (1478-1535), an English lawyer, scholar, and statesman as "a straight stick in a crooked world."

I immediately thought of how that this should describe Christians. To the saints at Philippi, Paul wrote, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain" (Philippians 2.15; cf. Deuteronomy 32.5). Please note that these saints were living in a crooked and perverse world. Crooked means bent, curved, or twisted. It is from the Greek word *skolios*. You may have heard of scoliosis, the medical condition which involves an abnormal curvature or misalignment of the spine. The saints at Philippi were living in a morally bent and spiritually twisted world. Their world was filled with darkness and soot. In the midst of this world, they were to shine as lights and to be without spot (Matthew 5.14-16; James 1.27).

Peter wrote, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2.9). Please note that these saints had been called out of darkness. They were supposed to be peculiar or different. They were supposed to be holy.

Obviously, our world is much like that described by Paul and Peter. It is crooked and perverse and dark. As Christians, we must not bend to it. We must stand strong (Ephesians 6.10-17). We must be a straight line in a crooked world.

~ Wade Webster ~

## The Power of Youth

"Plant a seed in a fertile soil, water it with carefulness and let it grow in a favorable environment, and you will get a strong, fruitful, and everlasting tree. Similarly, youth who are in an encouraging environment, surrounded by a strong support system, when given the chance, can unleash their potential on the whole world" (www.tomorrowyouth.org). The power of youth is reflected in the Holy Scriptures. Solomon admonished, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecc. 12:1).

The Bible reveals many youth who had an everlasting impact. Hannah prayed that if God would give her a man child she would give him to the Lord all the days of his life (1 Samuel 1:11). This she did. The age, at which this took place, is debatable but probably 3-5 years old. Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign (2 Kings 22). Remember what Goliath said about David, "And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance" (1 Sam. 17:42). Daniel was about fifteen when he was taken into captivity and was in Babylon for the seventy years of the captivity yet he distinguished himself as a youth (Dan. 1).

Timothy had been trained early, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:15) and was also admonished to, "Let no man despise thy youth..." (1 Tim. 4:12). Paul wrote two letters to him, both of which are contained in the New Testament.

There are two groups of people who need to understand this. One is the parents and the other is the church. Parents need to see the value of Solomon's words when he said, "Train up a child in the way he should: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Also, Paul wrote, "...Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Parents pay attention! The church needs to give heed in the way it trains up

those in the body. Our children and young people must see the value of the Bible and the church. Our youth need to be in good Bible classes. A dynamic Bible school program is no substitute for the teaching at home but it is a supplement to the parents training. Providing opportunities for devotionals is vital so they learn the value of spirituality. Such activities as the Bible school, Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes, various youth lectureships and programs such as YES Weekend are all valuable to our youth.

Young people are idealistic. They have energy. They are not bogged down with old prejudices. Watch the You Tube Video of the four year old who says his ABC's using Bible verses. Talk to a young person who has been on a mission trip. Watch a young boy lead a prayer or song at the services.

"Much education today is monumentally ineffective. All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants"

~ John W. Gardner ~

## Sermon Topics

Sunday AM .....John Introduces Jesus  
Sunday PM. ....Consequences of Neglect

## Opportunities for Edification

Singing at the **Pleasant Knoll church of Christ** on November 18, from 7-9 pm.

Gospel Meeting at the **Leoni church of Christ** November 11-13, services at 7 pm with Victor Eskew preaching

Gospel Meeting at the **Rock Hill church of Christ** in Readyville, November 11-13, services at 7 pm with B.J. Clarke preaching.

**"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan." Proverbs 29:2**