

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston  
 Reading.....Dale Bennett  
 Scripture .....Luke 18:35-43  
 Lord's Table (N) .....\*Leonard Clemons  
 (S) .....\*Chris Snow  
 (N) .....Joe Maynard  
 (N) .....Stephen Felty  
 (N) .....Harold McGinness  
 (S) .....Jared Mullican  
 (S) .....Chris Neale  
 (S) .....Derrick Pennington  
 Sermon .....*What Did You See* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Rickey Hurst

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
 Reading .....Larry Cook  
 Scripture .....Hosea 7:8  
 Lord's Table .....\*Don Griffith  
 .....\*Aaron Ownbey  
 Sermon.....*A Cake Not Turned* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Mike Mullins

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing.....Justin Griffin  
 First Prayer .....Micah Lawrence  
 Reading .....Jeff Flatt  
 Invitation .....Larry Flatt  
 Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Don & Judy Sullivan  
 P.M. ....Herb & Thelma Rowland

Bus Driver: .....Randall Gann (580-6252)

*If you cannot serve, please contact David Keele (273-5566)*

Ushers: .....Norman Sain, Rodney Maynard, Bruce Pryor  
 Attend Nursery:.....Denice Rhea  
 Un/Lock Building:.....Jeff Templeton & Don Griffith  
 Prepare Communion: .....Andrews Family  
 Assist Baptisms: ..... Jean Ware & Kara Fuston

Pantry Item: .....Beef Stew

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

**Record For The Week...**

A.M.Worship.....351  
 Bible Study .....246  
 P.M.Worship .....232  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....186  
 Contribution.....\$9,931

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

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## Sick

### At Home:

Willie Holmes  
Dennis Gann (requests no visitors at this time)  
Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father)  
Dorothy Solomon (Zollie's sister)  
Bill Brown following a stay in NHC  
Marsha Collins

### In The Hospital:

Ella Mae Holloway (Maggie's mother) - ICU in hospital in Knoxville  
Clara Scott - NHC #118 for rehab

## Changing Habits: The Church Isn't

It seems that many today have relegated the church to the pages of history. Somehow, in their way of thinking, the church either ceased to exist or ceased to be relevant a long time ago.

I realize that most of the people who read this would not agree with that kind of thinking. We would assert that the church is, indeed, in existence today and that it is still relevant.

That is what we say. Is that what we demonstrate?

Is it possible that, all too often, the attitude is demonstrated concerning the church that it is some sort of abstract thing? Isn't this at least partly behind some of our "they" and "it" statements concerning the church?

Have you ever begun a statement in any of the following ways? "The church isn't..." "The church should..." "They don't..." The next time you begin to say something like that, try beginning the statement with "I" or "we." The next time there is an opportunity to band together with some brothers and sisters in the Lord for some evangelistic or benevolent work, try rolling up your sleeves and joining in. The next time there is an opportunity for fellowship, try participating.

Why not see if doing these things will make a difference in how you view the church?

~ Jim Faughn ~

## Youth News

### Fire Station Lunch:

Anyone that is interested can go with us to the fire station this Saturday 1-20-18. The main food for this event is taken care of. We are asking that each family that comes bring a pack of hamburger buns to go with the food that the ladies are providing. We will be serving the firefighters bbq-slaw-beans-corn-desserts-tea. We will meet at the building at 10:45 on Saturday to color a picture or write the firefighters an encouraging note. Then at 11:20 we will leave to head to the fire stations. We are going to divide our group and go to the station that is downtown (313 E Main Street) and the one that is by the church building (1022 Old Smithville Rd). I am going to gather some tracts and other information about the Lord's Church and give to each station. Before you leave the fire station make sure to thank them for what they do and invite them to come to services.

### YES Weekend February 23-25 in Valdosta, Ga:

This is your last week to sign up for YES weekend. This is a great youth rally for middle schoolers, high schoolers, college, and even adults. I have looked forward to this event each year. Always great topics and I love the singing. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the foyer on the bulletin board. I need to make arrangements for our hotel rooms and for our travel. Please see me on how to pay for this trip. I highly encourage anyone to go, you will benefit spiritually.

### Spring Youth Retreat March 16-18:

Please sign up if you want to come, I also need to know what size shirt you wear. Please invite one of your friends to come and make sure to put them down on the sign up sheet. I have recruited some great speakers for this weekend. Jessi Templeton, Hannah Maynard, Ashley Newby and Annie Niles, Ethan Duncan, Jacob Griffin, Josh Templeton, Garrett Woodside, Josh Pierce and Chris Perry. I am excited to hear all of these men speak and I know the young ladies will do an outstanding job as well.

I hope you are making arrangements and plan on attending. I have to place my food order and t-shirt order 3 weeks in advance to be able to have them done in time for our Retreat. That is why I need you to sign up and pay before February 18.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

- January 20 - (Saturday) Food to the Fire Dept.
- January 24 - HEY
- January 28 - Home Devotional @ Templeton's
- January 31 - Birthday Wednesday
- February 4 - Bible Bowl Matthew 21-24
- February 11 - Pew Packers
- February 18 - Home Devotional
- February 21 - HEY
- February 23-25 - YES Weekend Valdosta, Ga (Please Sign Up On Bulletin Board)



"SAYS HE WANTS TO CONFESS HIS NEIGHBOR'S SINS."

## A Very Special Day

Just whose day is it anyway? Don't you believe the Lord's Day ought to be given back to the Lord?

Sunday should be more than another busy, pleasure-filled, weekend play day. It ought to be more than another excuse for sleeping late and lounging about the house. It must be seen as more than another opportunity to water the grass or wash the family car.

Sunday, the first day of the week, is special. It is the Lord's Day—a day for worship.

The apostle Paul tarried seven days in Troas, until "the first day of the week," when he met with the saints of that city in worship (Acts 20:6-7). John, "the disciple whom Jesus love" wrote, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10). And is it any wonder why? Our Lord arose from the dead on the first day of the week. The church was established on Pentecost Day, the first day of the week. This day, the Lord's Day, is more than ordinary. It is special.

Justin Martyr, one of the recognized historians of the early church, wrote near the beginning of the

second century, "On Sunday a meeting is held of all who live in the cities and villages...They arise together and send up prayers."

Early disciples faced terrible persecution in gathering together for worship on the Lord's Day, yet they assembled and worshipped in spite of their adversities. According to John Fox, in his *Book of Martyrs*, many early Christians were burnt alive, others were dragged by their feet throughout the streets naked until they expired; some were scaled to death, many were stoned, and a great number had their brains beaten out with clubs. Nero is said to have dressed Christians in shirts made stiff with wax, fixed them to axletrees, and then set them on fire to light his garden at night.

And what of us? We have great difficulty convincing more modern saints, with no fear of physical oppression, to drive the new car down a four-lane, paved highway to a comfortable, climate-controlled building.

By the way, what will you be doing this Sunday?

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