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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Allen Hughes
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Mike Mullins
Reading	Ken Martin
Scripture	Romans 14:13
Lord's Table (N)	*Matthew Woodside
(S)	*TBA
(N)	TBA
(N)	TBA
(S)	TBA
(S)	TBA
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Allen Hughes
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Jason Adams
Reading	Travis Adams
Scripture	Proverbs 11:30
Lord's Table	*Tim Gann
.....	*Tucker Gann
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Joe Collins

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....	Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing.....	Seth Graves
First Prayer	Dale Zuna
Reading	Jared Mullican
Invitation.....	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....	Ronnie Hoover

Welcome Committee

A.M.....	Larry & Jane Flatt
P.M.....	Brandon Fuston Family

If you can not serve, please contact
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Ushers:.....Jason Vandagriff, Tommy Crouch, Clint Kesey
 Un/Lock Building:.....TBD/TBD
 Assist Baptisms:Jean Ware & Cynthia Duncan
 Pantry Item:Jello
 Check Pantry:Rebecca Mullican
 Check Kitchen:Maggie Hurst
 Check Workroom:Jane Flatt
 VideoClint Kesey
 Elder Closing RemarksStanley Graves

Record for the Week...

A.M.Worship	204
Bible Study.....	159
P.M.Worship.....	127
Wednesday Bible Study	108
Contribution	\$6,508



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Services

Sunday	Wednesday
A.M.Worship	Bible Study
Bible Study	10:15 AM
P.M.Worship	6:00 PM
	Monday (2 nd & 4 th of each month)
	Monday Morning Bible Class
	9:00 AM

Radio Program

Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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At Home:

Tim & Cindy Fisher
Justin Griffith (Randy & Vickie Griffith's son)
Betty King
Tyler Rutledge
George Vandagriff (June Crouch's brother)
Titus Ward

Hospital

Dennis Duncan - rehab in Manchester
Carolyn Elrod - St.Thomas Rutherford
Deven Grove - AHC Bethesda in Cookeville
Elaine Hoover - Centennial Medical Center

Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Mamilene McGee (half sister to Nelma Chilton and Nona Martin). Her services were last week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Shane and Emily Fisher will be leaving on Tuesday, September 13th, for a mission trip to India. Please keep them in your prayers.

Area Events (further information is on the bulletin board)

From September 18th - 21st there will be a gospel meeting with John DeBerry at New Union.

From September 18th - 22nd there will be a gospel meeting with Larry Acuff at Morrison.

On September 24th there will be a Ladies Day with Renita Archey at West Riverside.

On September 24th there will be a Ladies Day with Annette Sanders at Oakwood St (Sparta).

On September 25th the Central congregation will be having a homecoming with Bill Watkins.

Visitation Teams

Visitation team #3 will meet in room #1 following our evening services.

Autumn Street Fair

The Autumn Street Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to be present at the booth for the duration of the day. Volunteers will be asked to help hand out calendars, goodies and greet people as they pass. At least 12 volunteers are needed. The time slots are 1.5 hour each. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Also, if you are willing to help set up on Friday night or tear down on Saturday evening, please see Caleb Graves.

Youth News and Updates

H.E.Y. at Smartt

Our first meeting of H.E.Y. this year will be at Smartt on Sunday, September 18th beginning at 5:00 PM. Please sign up by Wednesday the 14th, if you plan on attending (we need to RSVP by the 15th).

Home Devo

Our next home devo will be on Sunday, September 25th at the Kesey's. Boys, please bring drinks and girls, please bring desserts.

Erupt Diggin' Deeper

This years theme is "Diamond in the Rough". There are a limited number of tickets, so please sign up for this no later than Wednesday, September 21st.

Upcoming September Activities

September 18th (Sunday) H.E.Y. at Smartt

September 25th (Sunday) Home Devo at Kesey's

September 28th (Wednesday) Birthday Wednesday

October 1st (Saturday) Autumn Street Fair

October 21st - 23rd Erupt...please sign up ASAP
(there are a limited number of tickets available)

Chameleons — Fascination and Frustration

I cannot remember a time when I was not fascinated by chameleons. Among all of the defense mechanisms that the Creator built into some of His creation, the ability to change the appearance in order to blend in with the surroundings is one of the most remarkable.

From a very early age, I've read about chameleons, seen pictures of them, watched videos, etc. At times, it takes some effort to distinguish this lizard-like creature from a leaf, the bark of a tree, and/or whatever else is in the background. It is my understanding that some species are more adept at this transformation than others, but merely the ability to do this is interesting to me.

While I am fascinated by these relatively small creatures, there is another kind of chameleon that frustrates me. The ones that frustrate me are not those who have the ability to adapt to their surroundings built in by God. They are the ones who have developed this ability on their own.

These chameleons are in all kinds of surroundings and environments. At times, they may be difficult to detect because they blend in so well. They don't change the color of their skin in order to look like a tree, a leaf, piece of fabric, a wall, etc. Instead, they change things like their wardrobe, their language, their habits, etc. in order to fit in with the people they are around.

One of these chameleons may "take a lead" in a worship service on a Sunday and follow the crowd in living an ungodly life the rest of the week. They may invoke the name of God in prayer when they believe themselves to be in some sort of religious setting and/or around religious people and then take His name in vain when they are not in that environment or around those people.

Some of these chameleons will at least make an attempt to dress modestly and respectfully when they believe that it is proper to do so and then show a lot more skin than cloth when they are in an environment where this is acceptable and maybe even expected. While they at least pay lip service to the idea that the church is a family and that Christians are to have much more in common with each other than they do with people of the world, the truth is that their closest friends are people who are not Christians and that they have much more in common with them.

I'm reminded of what the Lord said about John the immerser. In Matthew 11:7, He asked the crowd what might be considered a rhetorical question: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?" In effect, Jesus was saying that John was the same everywhere and in every situation. He was not swayed or intimidated by circumstances or people. As those who are familiar with the New Testament know, his "color" did not change even when it cost him his life.

I'm already thinking of one possible objection to what I've written so far. Some may view what Paul wrote in I Corinthians 9:16-27 as an argument for changing depending upon the circumstances. I would invite people who might think along these lines to read that passage carefully. I believe that, when that is done, it will be seen that Paul's emphasis was on the gospel, the salvation of those who heard him preach, and the eternal destiny of his own soul. While he was willing to adapt his methods, he was unwilling to do anything that would compromise the message. I believe that Paul knew something that all of us need to think very seriously about: There will be no chameleons (of either kind) in heaven.

By Jim Faughn