



Let all that you do be done in love.

-1 Corinthians 16:14

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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”(Matthew 5:16)*



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
12:30 P.M. (Last Sunday of month)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning 10:15 A.M.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.

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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

## LISTEN TO JESUS

Doug Gregory

What if we could communicate directly back and forth with Jesus? We could ask: with so much evil around us in the world, how do we go on as Christians? What if we could immediately get an answer back like:

(John 14:1) “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.” (John 10:14) “I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.” (Luke 12:32) “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (John 14:2-4) “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (Matt. 10:28) “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both.” (Matt. 5:44-45) “You’re your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” (Matt. 5:11-12) “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.” (John 16:1) “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.” (Matt. 6:34) “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.” (John 14:27) “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

The truth is we can get an answer back from our Lord to our questions if we will pick up His Word and allow Him to speak to us through His written word.

## ***FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:***

In February, our congregation expressed our gratitude towards Edward Anderson and Elaine Wright for their faithful service. Edward served for over 47 years, while Elaine served as a secretary for over 21 years. They both supported Carthage with dedication and love, leaving a lasting impact on our congregation that we will always remember.

The Brown, Hassler, Hicks, and Rutherford families recently attended the Challenge Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge. The program focuses on living for Christ, and it's great to see families encourage each other in this journey.

The current bulletin is being published during the final days of the area-wide gospel meeting at the ag center. It's heartwarming to see congregations of the Lord's Church come together to spread the Gospel message and showcase the power of collective faith in action. Brother Jeff Archey's lessons have been inspiring, and I hope you had a chance to attend the meeting. I encourage you to check out Brother Archey's other lessons and material through the International Gospel Hour.

Lastly, we will have various men of the congregation bring forth the sermons and Bible classes as needed during the interim as we continue our search for a minister. We are profoundly blessed to have multiple men within our congregation who are not only capable of delivering insightful sermons and teaching Bible classes but also exhibit a genuine desire to speak when called upon. Their willingness to serve is a testament to their commitment and passion for the Word, for which we are immensely thankful and appreciative.

May we continue to walk in faith and love, guided by the light of the Lord.

Justin Mauldin

## ***NEWS & NOTES:***

**NEW MEMBERS:** We would like to give a warm welcome to David and Tina Stout and their beautiful daughter, Christina, as they have recently moved to this area and decided to worship under the oversight of the elders here at Carthage.

**SICK:** Jerry Hicks is continuing to recover after having eye surgery for a detached retina. Gordon Jenkins is to see the oncologist on Tuesday March 5. Jenna Harville is recuperating from the flu. Mary Jo Hackett and Makenna Hassler were recently diagnosed with Covid. Prayers are requested for Gail and Martin Burns as she battles cancer. Remember Brenda Copeland, sister to Cheryl Hicks. Scott Johnson requests prayers for his uncle, Robert Lee Johnson, age 99, who is under hospice care. Remember Faye Maberry in prayer. Janice Hicks and her family need our prayers. Continue to pray for the following: Jimmy Fisher; Josie Powell; Helen Davis; James Spivey (Faye Maberry's brother-in-law); Robert Fields; Jerry Martin (cancer); Sherrie Lawrence; Kevin Howell (cancer – taking chemo & radiation treatments); Tucker Brown; Michelle Allen; Eva Louise Holt; Ronnie Glover; Mary Ann Herd; Scott, Jennifer, and Stephen Johnson; Brenda Boyd; Linda Myers; Mikel and Janice Hicks; Cynthia Gibbs; Josephine Fitts; Buckie Parsons; Chuck Jordan; Jerry and Mary Phillips; Hudson Anderson; Annika Oldham; Hannah McDowell; Tom and Sherry Culver; Sharon Halliburton; Colton Ferrell; Janice Wilson; Drew Gallagher; Scott Bane; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Brenda Forrest; and Bea Davis.

**NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS:** Ricky Branham (SCHR); Lonetta Bains (Pavilion – Lebanon); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

**MARCH BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Noah Brown (16); Rebecca Brown, Emmy Vincent (18); Ruby Fisher (19); Michael Hackett (20); Aydan Law (21); Earline White (24); Nick Morris (31). Johnny & Susan Law (3/12/1983); Richard & Brenda Bowman (3/20/1965).

**THE MILITARY:** Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's son and Lacey Crockett's brother, Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

**THANK YOU:** The church has received and read “Thank You” notes from the following: Elaine Wright thanking the congregation for everything done for her as she retires from being the secretary.

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *SCHR Devo:* First Sundays of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.; *Pavilion Devo:* March.31, 2:00 PM.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Area-Wide Gospel Meeting:* March 3-7, 2024, 7:00 P.M., with Jeff Archey preaching at the Smith County Ag Center

**SPIRITUAL SWORD:** The current issue of *The Spiritual Sword* is now available on the tables at the front entrance and the entrance/exit of the annex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

THERE IS POWER IN  
*persistent prayer*



MICAH 7:7