

## YOU CAN'T TAKE IT BACK

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.”  
(Proverbs 25:11)

Most of us at one time or another have “put our foot in our mouth” by saying something we wish we hadn’t. One thing is sure – you can’t take it back. Once something is said – it is said. You can’t take it back. You may apologize as an aftermath of inconsideration and bad taste, but what you said won’t be forgotten. You may forget it, but the other person won’t.

“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.” (Colossians 4:6)

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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)

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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

## ONE AT A TIME

The story is told of a businessman who was overworked and decided to take some time off. While vacationing on the coast, a terrible storm hit. When it died down, he decided to take a walk down the coast, a terrible storm hit. When it died down, he decided to take a walk down the coast to see what damage had been done. As he walked along the shore, he noticed thousands of starfish which had washed upon the shore. He knew that in a few hours the sun would come out and the starfish would dry out and die. As he thought about the starfish, he noticed a young boy who was throwing the starfish back one by one. The man was amazed by the youth’s diligence and shocked by his feeble attempts to make a difference. As he looked up the long beach, he saw thousands of starfish. When he caught up with the young man, he informed the boy that he could not possibly save them all and said to the little boy, “You’ll never be able to make a difference to the starfish population.” The boy bent down, picked up a starfish, looked at it, then threw it back into the safety of the ocean. The he said, “I sure made a difference to that one.”

We cannot personally make a difference in the lives of everyone that fills this world, but we can make a difference to a few of them. It is interesting that when Jesus spoke of those on His right hand on the Day of Judgment, he described them as having made a difference in the life of one person. He said, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me” (Matt. 25:40). I sincerely believe that each of us can make a difference in the life of someone. This is how Jesus worked – one at a time. Sure, He preached to thousands, but He visited with families, and helped with individuals.

Wade Webster  
Bulletin Digest (June 2003)

To any visitors we offer a sincere welcome to our services, and we hope you will grace us with your presence any chance you are in our area. If you have any questions about what you see or hear, please do not hesitate to ask! To all our “regulars” it’s always good to see you as well. We often point out that the church is not a building but rather the people who fill it, and this congregation wouldn’t be the same without each of YOU!

Hopefully everyone made it through the weather watches and warnings we had yesterday (Tuesday 4/2/24). Keep those not too far from here (Morgan and Scott Co.) who suffered a stretch of tornadoes in your prayers.

This past Sunday we were blessed with another fifth Sunday and our traditional young men’s service. In addition to Justin bringing us a sermon in the A.M. service as usual, we were treated to a “first” in the P.M. service. Thank you to Jake White for bringing us the lesson during that service; his first time doing so! Jake often helps “behind the scenes” in the sound booth, but it was so good to see him put his talents to work. Encourage him and all our young men in their work for the church.

We are already gearing up for summer plans such as Vacation Bible School and other activities, but before we get to that we have plenty to look forward to in the short-term. Our annual fish fry will be April 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 p.m. We will be preparing “to-go” plates for deliveries. If you know of anyone who needs to be on the delivery list, make sure to let Justin know. The ladies of the congregation may take note of the Bridal Tea planned for Rachel Fuson (bride-elect of Seth Hackett) on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we did not have a meal last week because of the Easter holiday, but we are planning to have our fourth Sunday meal as usual this month (April 28<sup>th</sup>).

Spring is trying to take hold here in Smith County and all around with the sounds of birds chirping, trees coming back to life, and early signs of flowers blooming. Take a moment every day to look around at God’s wonders and His handiwork (Psalm 19:1). Hope to see you again Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.!

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Gordon Jenkins. Gordon passed away on Monday, March 25 at his home. Please continue to keep Barbara and all the family in your prayers.

**BIRTH:** Congratulations to Ashton & Bryson Phillips on the birth of their baby boy, Huxton Graham Phillips, born March 21, weighing 7 lb 1 oz, 19.5 in long! Due to being born early, Huxton has spent some time in the NICU at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital, but he got to go home Monday, April 1!

**SICK:** Ann Carter has been sick with sinus infection and flu-like symptoms. Mary Phillips is now home from the hospital. Connie Dyer, from the Bagdad congregation, suffered a fall this past Sunday. She had surgery to repair a shattered elbow on Monday. Makenzi Galey also had a fall recently and is suffering with fractured bones in both legs. Jerry Hicks will have his second eye surgery on April 17.

**Continue to pray for the following:** Brenda Copeland; Robert Johnson; Faye Maberry; Lola King; 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. **Please let Kristi know if there is anyone that needs to be added or removed from this list.**

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

**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).

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.” Psalm 100:1-2

**APRIL BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Peggy Faustina (3); Faye Maberry, Jonah Mauldin (8); Steven Claywell (9); Hale Wright (12); Josh Brown (20); Brayden Blum (21); Michelle Allen (22); Bridget Austin (24); John Dallas Hassler (26); Conner Dodson (27); Tammy Harper (28). Brian & Misty Smith (4/10/10); Barry & Linda Cook (4/22/96); Steve & Kim Bray (4/23/09).

**BRIDAL TEA:** There will be a Bridal Tea honoring Rachel Fuson (bride-elect of Seth Hackett) on April 14, 2024, from 2-4 PM at The Rose Building in Carthage.

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** **SCHR Devo:** First Sundays of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. **Egg Hunt** There will be an egg hunt for all the children at the home of Rita Apple on Saturday, April 6 at 4:00 PM. **Fish Fry** We will have our annual fish fry on Saturday, April 13. **Youth Night** The next youth night will be held at Brush Creek church of Christ at 5:00 PM on May 5. Please make plans to attend. **Vacation Bible School:** June 3-7, 6:30 PM Nightly **JSCYC** July 14-19.

**AREA EVENTS:** **Gospel Meeting** at the Zion church of Christ with Jerry Cherry April 7-11, 7:00 PM nightly. **Gospel Meeting** at the Willette church of Christ with Brant Stubblefield April 7-10, Sunday evening at 6:00 PM, Mon-Wed. at 7:00 PM. **Gospel Meeting** at the Center Grove church of Christ April 19-21 with Allen Webster. Services will begin on Fri. & Sat. at 6 & 7 PM, Sun. at 9 & 10 AM, & 7:00 PM. **Gospel Meeting** at the Celina church of Christ with Tim McHenry. April 21-24, Sunday worship at 10 AM & 6 PM, Mon-Wed singing will begin at 6:30 and services at 7:00 PM. **Ladies’ Day** at the Baxter church of Christ April 27. Speaker: Lori Austin. Registration at 8:30 AM, Starts at 9:00 AM. **Women’s Fellowship** Clearview church of Christ in Cottontown, TN. April 27 beginning at 9:00 AM. Multiple speakers throughout the day. **Lectureship** Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies will host its 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Lectureship April 21-24 at the Karns church of Christ in Knoxville, TN.

**SPIRITUAL SWORD/HOUSE TO HOUSE:** The current issues of *The Spiritual Sword* and *House to House, Heart to Heart* are now available on the table at the front entrance. Please pick up a copy for your family.

“O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people. Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him: talk of all His wondrous works.” Psalm 105:1-2