

I AM WELL PLEASED

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:16-17- NKJV)

Jesus began His public ministry at age 30. Up until that time we have little information about His life. This acknowledgement tells us how He lived. It was in a manner that pleased the Father. He lived righteously without sin. Even though tempted in all points as we, He remained holy.

Some day we all hope to hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant....enter now into the joy of the Lord (Matt. 25:24) edited). In order for that to happen, we must live righteously, repent of our sins and follow the holy way of Jesus. We must be pleasing to the Father.

-Charlie Gamble, Brunswick Church of Christ, Southport, NC, via BulletinGold Extra-

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9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. (4th & 5th Sunday)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

The Inspired & Indestructible BIBLE

The Bible is the oldest book the world has. It antedates the Chinese bible. It has come down to us through the ages. Its enemies have sought to destroy it. Its pages are stained with the blood of martyrs. Empires, kingdoms and states have crumbled around it. How do you account for the Bible surviving the wreck of time? The answer is that God is with it and in it.

It was Mears who said, "The lyric poetry of the Hebrews was in its golden age nearly a thousand years before the birth of Horace. Deborah sang a model of a triumphant song a full five hundred years before Sappho was born. The book of Esther was a venerable fragment of biography, more strange than fiction, at least twelve hundred years old at the dawn of the romantic literature of Europe. The proverbs of Solomon are by eight hundred years more ancient than the writings of Seneca."

Though it has been exploited, demolished, and made ready for the grave countless times, it does on its triumphant way, giving light, hope, and salvation to unnumbered millions in many lands and many tongues.

The Bible lives in spite of men. False theories of religion profess to be built upon it. A relentless war is waged upon it by those who hate it, and friends to it have become lukewarm. Yet, the Bible is here. It is the deathless book. It is as eternal as God. "The word of the Lord endureth forever."

~ A. G. Freed

(via Truth In Love, Vol. 21, No. 2, April-June, 2008)

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

WELCOME VISITORS! You refresh our hearts by coming our way. We are honored to have you and invite you to return at your earliest opportunity. With the Bible as our guide we seek to worship God in spirit and truth and to serve Him faithfully (John 4:23-24; Rev. 2:10). Feel free to ask questions and to pick up free tracts and other reading resources available in the foyer.

We have so many family members, friends, and neighbors dealing with the virus and other health issues. We rejoice in the recovery of many and happy to learn of some who are now at home after hospitalizations. Our prayer list is lengthy, but God is aware of every individual. Read the list and pray daily for His care and providence for all.

Some reminders: Please pick up individual communion supplies from the foyer or annex tables; place contributions in the provided collection trays; pick up a mask if you need one; and be aware of the hand sanitizer dispenser provided. The table in the annex is provided for those who need to come by during the week to pick up communion supplies, bulletins, reading materials, etc.

If you have not yet picked up your copy of our new directory please take just one for your family. If your picture and contact info are not included and you would like for it to be, please contact Jeremy Hassler. Even if you do not desire to have your picture included, it would most be helpful to have your contact information listed (names, address, phone number, birth dates, anniversary, etc.). Thanks!

Thanks to all who participated with donations and “virtual runs” in the Run for Don this past Saturday. This annual event is in memory of Don Chaffin with the money raised going to ALS research and scholarships for deserving young Christians. If you wish to make a late contribution see Josh Brown.

The truck from Tennessee Children's Home is to be in Carthage **next week** (week of 27th), to pick up our donated commodities – **liquid laundry detergent** and **paper towels**. Please bring them to the annex. If you wish to make a monetary donation for perishables, give it to one of the elders, yours truly, or drop it in the office door.

Clarence Deloach, who was to have preached in our Gospel Meeting, is doing much better. This past Sunday marked his seventieth year of preaching the good news! Plans are to have him with us for a spring Gospel Meeting, our Lord willing. Let us **pray, plan, and prepare** for that eventuality. I trust that each one has a great rest of the week. Hope to see you Sunday!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

PLACING MEMBERSHIP: Michelle Allen placed membership with us last Sunday. She lives in Hickory Hills Apartments (202). Phone: 615-720-0156. Please add her to your directory. Welcome, Michelle!

SICK: It was so good to have Carolyn Harris with us Sunday. Jerry and Mary Phillips and Lelani Faustina were involved in separate auto accidents last week but suffered no serious injuries. Barry Cohoon is undergoing reconstructive procedures after recent surgery. Grant Lollar, son of Cary and Kelli (former members), underwent extensive leg surgery last week in Los Angeles, CA. Lola King and Faye Maberry continue to undergo treatments. Nine-year-old A. J. Purkey, son of Susan Klamm's co-worker, is slowing improving in Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital. Peggy Denton was with us Sunday. John Dallas Hassler was sick Sunday. Gary Lawrence is now at home after a stay in the hospital (UTI and other complications). Tammy Crockett, known by many of us, has been diagnosed with cancer. Chuck Jordan, also known by many of us, has a recurrence of cancer. Steve Higginbotham, preacher at Karns (Knoxville), has been undergoing treatments for cancer at M. D. Anderson. Dennis Hackett's aunt, Joyce Kilgore, is awaiting treatments. Dennis and Darlene are caring for her. Ruby Anderson, Edward and Barbara's sister-in-law, is to begin radiation and undergo other tests soon. Prayers are requested. Joe Hensley still needs our prayers. Jan Anderson has been in RRMC and is currently rehabbing in the local nursing facility. Josh Dillard, Joey's brother, is now at home. Bob and Beth Fisher and Dale Woodard are improving at home. Barbara Jenkins is still unable to be with us. Steve Harper continues to have trouble with balance/walking. Hal and Ann Kirby are dealing with covid19. Hal is in ICU at Vanderbilt Wilson (Lebanon). W. A. Gibbs continues his dialysis. Please call 615-735-0114 with updates and news items.

NURSINGHOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss's grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC); Cameron Huff (USMC); Derek Brothers (Army National Guard), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

PRAYER LIST: Sammy Webb; Josh Dillard; Dot Holliman; Lavern Hardee; Mike Ruis; Alan Fitts; Joe Massey; Wayne Lankford; Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Barbara Williams; Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Roslyn Fox Stout; Judy Fox Jones; Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Cathy Findley; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Wanda Hailey; Patsy Link; Tyrone Poynter; Mark Manning; Emily Moss and children; Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Shirley Henry; Roy Hicks; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debby Flatt; Ken Miller; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Pattie Birdwell; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Jerry Phillips (1); Scarlett Hicks (2); Casen Dillard (5); Jerry Hicks (7); Ainsley Hassler (9); Buford Birchett, Candace Richmond (14); R. W. Vincent (16); Eric Swann (19); John Christopher Klamm, Kaelyn Ward (22); Jeremy Hassler (24); Charleigh Birchett, Rick Blankenship (25); Cathy Spivey (26); Josh & Rebecca Brown (10/20/2007); Joey & Maggie Beth Dillard (10/20/2017).

SYMPATHY: Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Rita Apple and Hale Wright in the loss of their mother-in-law, grandmother/great-grandmother and aunt respectively, Mary Helen Wright Apple, age 98, of Livingston. Sister Mary Helen's funeral was conducted Monday afternoon in Livingston with burial here in Carthage.

BABY BOY SHOWER: There will be a Baby Boy Shower for Andy and Hannah Rutherford and big sister Maisy, this Sunday, September 27, following the 12:30 P.M. service. All ladies are invited.

THANK YOU: The church has received recent “Thank You’s” from Lola King and Brian Hall (missionary to Guyana).

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM (To be resumed when permitted); *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotionals:* 2:00 P.M. (To be resumed when permitted).