

## PASSING INSPECTION

It has been a while since I found one, but notes used to be found in the pockets of men's suits which informed the purchaser that the garment was "Inspected by Number \_\_\_\_". The number may have been "4", "8", "10", etc. In addition to garment inspectors there are those whose job it is to inspect car components; farm machinery; fruits; other foods; medicine; etc. It can be entertaining to listen to old soldiers tell stories about military inspections. Ponder and consider the following "Inspections" we undergo as followers of Jesus the Christ:

(1) Inspection by the world (Matt. 5:13-16; Phil. 1:27; 2:14, 15; 1 Peter 2:12). Remember that you do not need the world's approval to please God, but our example may lead others to Him.

(2) Self-inspection (2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Tim. 2:15; James 1:25). This inspection requires honesty "Let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord" (Lam. 3:40).

(3) Inspection by God. He searches our hearts (Psa. 139:1, 23). Our prayer should be "Search me and try me". His word searches us by facing us with truth (John 17:17). It prepares us for that great "Final Inspection" (John 12:48). Are you prepared?

*Edward L Anderson*

### ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND

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# SMITH COUNTY LIGHT

*"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.  
6:00 P.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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**JUNE BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Kim Claywell (1); Matthew Jones (5); Angela White, Jacob Mauldin (7); Miley Thomas, Robert Henry (8); Jake White (10); Kristin Dempsey (11); Russell Vincent (12); Ken Hensley (13); Maisy Rutherford (14); Denise Hackett (15); Melinda Spivey (17); Jaden Apple-Gibbs, Seth Hackett (21); Molly Jones, Patty Piper (22); Kristi Hassler (26); Tanner Austin (28); Barry Cook (29); Janice Silcox (30). Justin & Sarah Mauldin (6/02/2012); Chris & Courtney Washer (6/02/2012); Hale & Elaine Wright (6/5/1964); Jerry & Mary Phillips (6/10/1967); Riley & Kristin Dempsey (6/13/2020); Jeremy & Kristi Hassler (6/16/2007); Eric & Casey Swann (6/19/2009); Michael & Denise Hackett (6/25/1994); Robert & Charlotte Henry (6/25) Chris & Susan Klamm (6/26/2007).

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by covid regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional:* May 29, 2:00 PM; *Coffee/Fellowship:* First and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 AM; *Lock-In:* Jimmy Floyd Center, 5/27/22 (See Justin for info); *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Schedule-May 29:* Fellowship meal, following the morning services, followed by the second service at 12:30 PM. *Vacation Bible School:* "Fisher's of Men", June 6-10; *JSCYC:* July 17:22, Theme: "CRITICAL"; *Annual Friday Night Singing:* August 5; *Gospel Meeting:* Gary Hampton preaching, September 18-21.

**BABY SHOWER:** For Ashton Phillips, in honor of Houston Brooks Phillips, Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 PM at the Rose Building (110 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. West, Carthage); RSVP to Kim, at 615-999-3723, or, Tammy, at 615-491-1245. Registered at Amazon.

**AREA EVENT: Gospel Meeting:** Adams Avenue church of Christ (Lebanon), with Lance Foster preaching, May 22-25, Sunday evening, 7:30, Mon.-Wed. 7:00 PM.

## SORROW

Christians like all other people suffer sorrow which may include grief, pain, affliction, mourning, and even torture (Young, 916). We are not exempt! There are, however, very different types of "sorrow". There is a "godly sorrow" and then there is "the sorrow of the world" (2 Cor. 7:10). The first is a "positive" which blesses. The latter is a "negative" bringing death. God's children do not "sorrow...as those who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13). It is good to remember that earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal!

*Edward L Anderson*

**FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:**

VISITORS! A warm welcome is extended to you. We are delighted you came our way. May your travels be safe and may God cause His face to shine upon you (Num. 6:24-26)

Sunday was a wonderful day in God's service as is each first day of the week. In fact, we should rejoice in every day the Lord has made (Psa. 118:24). We were blessed with excellent attendance Sunday morning with some able to be back with us after dealing with illnesses. We still have several unable to be with us as noted in the News and Notes section. We trust all will be back soon!

We were saddened by the announcement of brother Jerry Phillips' resignation from the eldership after almost twenty years of service. He and Mary are dealing with health issues and are in need of our prayers and encouragement. He is being treated for severe arthritis. We honor them for their many years of labors in the Lord. Sunday afternoon's worship was very uplifting. Though our attendance was down somewhat from previous "Youth Unite" gatherings due to conflicting schedules, we were blessed by the presence of several young people from sister churches. Elijah Anderson presented a powerful and informative lesson on "Anxiety" (Worry). He focused on its presence among youth with stats which are alarming. But it was a lesson saturated by scriptures, with practical points to be applied by all. If you were unable to be here by all means check it out online. It was great to have Elijah and Taylor with us!

Our Vacation Bible School is rapidly approaching. June 6-9 (Monday – Thursday), is the date. Our theme is "Fisher's Men" with lessons dealing with Peter, Andrew, James, and John, who were fishermen by trade transformed into "fishers of men". Character studies are always helpful when applied to our lives. Plan to attend and invite others. Different speakers will address the adult class.

We now have JSCYC Counselor Applications available. Several have been returned. Check out the schedule for JSCYC on the bulletin board. Thanks to all who assist with Bible camp. The date is July 17-22 (Sunday afternoon – Friday morning).

Our Summer Series is scheduled to begin Wednesday, June 15. We will be using the SEIBS lectureship book as a study guide. Those who are willing to teach a lesson in the series should sign the list on the bulletin board. Let Andy Rutherford know if you will teach.

Please pick up available literature such as *The Spiritual Sword*, *House to House/Heart to Heart*, this bulletin, and tracts on various topics. Reading them will be profitable to you and your family. Please pick up copies in the foyer or annex. Hope to see you Sunday morning as we gather for worship, our Lord willing! Edward L Anderson



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING**



**KAELYN WARD**

**GORDONSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**GRADUATION DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022**

**TANER COOK – SMITH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL,**

**GRADUATION DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022.**

**CONNER WARREN – CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY,**

**DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**GRADUATION DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2022, WITH A.**

**SETH HACKETT – UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH**

**SCIENCE CENTER, DOCTOR OF PHARMACY,**

**GRADUATION DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022.**

**TEN "BE'S" FOR GRADUATES & ALL**

Be thankful (Col. 3:15)

Be good (Psa. 145:9)

Be humble (Micah 6:8)

Be prayerful (Col. 4:2)

Be faithful (Prov. 28:20)

Be persistent (1 Cor. 15:58)

Be honest (Rom. 12:17)

Be truthful (Eph. 4:25)

Be productive (Col. 1:10)

Be kind (1 Cor. 13:4)



**NEWS & NOTES:**

**RESPONSES:** Wanda Clemons, Kim Sircy, Janice Anderson, and Cheryl Hicks have requested prayers for forgiveness, strength, and restoration. Our love and encouragement are extended to each one. Rick and Amanda Cronin (Brush Creek) were baptized last Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup>) by Jeremy Hassler.

**SICK:** Mary Searle (aunt of Cathy Spivey), in a nursing home. Michael Hackett is recuperating from shoulder surgery. Mary Jo Hackett is recuperating from back surgery at McFarland Rehab, Lebanon. Frances Stewart, Helen Davis's sister, suffered a recent fall at home. Dayton Jamison also fell with only minor injuries. Hale Wright and Julie Wright are better after suffering with a "bug". Barbara Jenkins is at home after a short stay in Sumner Regional. Gordon Jenkins is awaiting cataract surgery. Zayden Roulette, the Jenkins' grandson, has strep and is to undergo a tonsillectomy. Brian Denton has undergone several tests recently but was with us Sunday. Lola King is able to be with us. Janice Hicks was able to be with us for all services last Sunday. Ciera Haffner was to have lung tests this week to check for blood clots. Janice Anderson is recuperating from hip replacement surgery. Donna Cowan is reported to be doing well after stent placements. Faye Maberry was with us Sunday. Jerry and Mary Phillips send their love for the prayers. Prayers are requested for Mark Goad (Bagdad); Evelyn Brown (Gordonsville); Janice Wilson (stroke); Joe Widick (pancreatic cancer); Ted Gaw; Mike Shoulders; Brenda Brawner; Dwight Fuqua (recurrence of cancer); Drew Gallagher; Joy Conner; Barry and Teresa Harville; Scott Bane (cancer); Jerry Driver; Brenda Aikens (cancer); Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall; Brenda Forrest; Bea Davis; and Gary Vinson (cancer).

**NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS:** Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham; Janice Anderson (SCHR); Lonetta Bains, Robbie North, Jane Whitley, Barbara Billington (Pavilion); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

**IN THE MILITARY:** Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss' grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

**THANK YOU:** We received a recent "Thank You" note from SEIBS (Greg Wanderman) for our support of the school of preaching.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Singing:* Jackson Co. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing, Gainesboro church of Christ, May 22, 2:00 PM; *Gospel Meetings:* Lafayette church of Christ, May 22-25, evangelist Matt Miller, 7:00 P.M.; *VBS:* Rome church of Christ, Saturday, June 4.