

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are so honored by your presence. It is our desire to worship the one true God in spirit and God's inspired Scriptures with us. And, as the Lord through Isaiah said, "Come, let us reason together" (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you wish to study the Bible via a Bible Correspondence Course, please request such on the available attendance cards.

Attendance for June was steady throughout the month, but we dropped by about ten last Sunday (7/1). Perhaps that was due to so many beginning vacations the week of "The Fourth". July is a very busy month for most of us. As we celebrate **national freedom**, let's be sure to remember the Lord and His kingdom (Matt. 6:33), the **true freedom found in Christ** (John 8:32), and never be guilty of abusing either (Gal. 5:1, 13).

Contributions averaged a bit over the budget for June. As we have seen in the past two Sunday morning sermons it is good and blessed to be generous. Thanks for your "generous" comments concerning the lessons. So many respond and are "ready unto every good work" (Titus 3:1). May we all seek to grow in giving and become more God-like and Christ-like.

Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp is just around the corner. **July 15-21** is the date for camp. "Change Me from the Inside Out" is the theme. Almost two-hundred campers and counselors will be traveling to Taylor Christian Camp for the week. The final preparatory meeting for the staff was last Saturday with cabin and other assignments being given. Visitors Night is Friday night beginning at 7:00 P.M.

We are so looking forward to **Alan Highers** being with us the fifth Sunday of **July 29**. He will be speaking at all three services (9:00 and 10:15 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.). Keep brother Alan in your prayers as he travels to be with us. Please make plans to be here and invite friends and family.

The Smith County Fair is in progress. We appreciate all who are helping with our booth. Free bottled water has been much in demand. We also are given packets with tracts, pens, etc. to those who come by the booth. Thanks to all our volunteers.

The fourth Sunday night singing was wonderful and the ice cream afterward was excellent. We had several different flavors of the fresh homemade delicacy. Thanks to all who brought freezers of cream and/or other desserts. Let's do it again!

I hope to see all of you Sunday morning. Have a great rest of the week!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RESPONSE: Barry Cohoon requested prayer Sunday morning (7/1/18), for forgiveness and greater strength in living for the Lord. Let us "pray one for another" (James 5:16).

SICK: Rick Blankenship suffered a broken hip in a fall at home. He is in RRMC and will undergo rehab. Gary Lawrence, son-in-law of W. A. Gibbs, became very ill with an infection while on an Alaskan cruise. He is in a Seattle hospital with Sherrie by his side. Rozelle Driver, Amanda Hicks grandmother, is in Cookeville Regional due to a fall and elevated heart rate. Gene Sykes was injured recently in a farming/chainsaw accident. He has been rehabbing at McFarland. Regina Goolsby will be undergoing back surgery 7/9/18 at Centennial and requests our prayers. Scotty Yeaman is still unable to be with us. Gaye is staying with him. Some have been dealing with viruses – Noah Brown, Jack Grisham, and Justin and Sarah Mauldin's family. Prayers have been requested for the following: Hilda McCallum, Steven Gregory's grandmother; Corinne and Karen Woodward; Debbie Flatt; Ken Miller; Lynn Vaden (cancer); Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Corinne and Karen Woodward; Guilford and Faye McKay; Jimmy Dale Merryman; Doug Bain; Joey Black; Debbie Fulton Mary Helen Apple; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Billy Halliburton; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Jere Andrews; Shelia Glover; Mark and Mary Ellen Lawrence; Lena Winfree; Faye Massey; Tucker Burford; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Charles White (Valdosta, GA); Mike Sircy; Paul Meacham, Jr.; Sawyer Cole; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Jimmy Bean; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Cathy Stafford; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose (Local); Ray Harper (Hartsville); Howard and Loneta Bains (Pavilion).

SHUT-INS: Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; Pat Paysinger.

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); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines).

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

FAIR BOOTH: We are hosting a booth at the Smith County Fair this week. Packets of reading materials and gifts, along with bottled water, will be distributed. Drop by if you visit the fair.

SYMPATHY: To the following: Larry and Jan Silcox in the death of their sister-in-law, Judy Silcox of Smithville; Joe and Gayle Reeves in the death of their nephew, David Eckert of Columbas, Indiana; Rebecca and Josh Brown in the passing of Becca's uncle, Mark Carlisle of Clay County. A celebration of life will be Saturday at 6:00 P.M. at Anderson-Upper Cumberland Funeral Home in Gainesboro.

THANK YOU: We have received and read "Thank You" notes from the following: Carolyn Harris; Alex Driver/Chris and Amanda Hicks family; Mike and Martina Sircy; and Daniel Webster (student at Memphis School of Preaching).

IT'S A BOY! A Gift Basket is in the foyer for Brian and Shelby Bennett in expectation of a baby boy due in August. Ken Bennett is the grandfather and Katie an "Auntie".

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Fair Booth:* July 2-7. If you can help, please sign the sheet posted next to the stairs. *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 15-21. Theme: "Change Me from the Inside Out"; *Fifth Sunday of July:* Alan Highers will be here to speak at all services; *Annual Singing:* August 3, 7:00 PM, food served at 5:30 P.M.; *Bible Bowl:* September 8 (Daniel and Ecclesiastes); *Gospel Meeting:* September 16-19 with Allen Webster; *Retreat:* October 12-14 at Taylor Christian Camp.

AREA EVENTS: *Singings:* Herren's Chapel church of Christ, Friday, July 6 @ 7:00 P.M.; Pre-Camp JSCYC Singing at McCoinsville church of Christ, Saturday, July 7 @ 7:00 P.M.; Trinity Lane church of Christ, July 27 @ 7:00 P.M. *Ladies' Day:* Corinth church of Christ (Portland), with Bailey Sexton, August 18, 9:00 A.M. until Noon.

GOOD WORKS: Please bring Peanut Butter Snacks and Pancake Mix for Potter's Children Home and Bathroom Tissue and Paper Towels for Happy Haven Children's Home. Reminder: Bring any filled coin cans to the building to be picked up.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"
(Philippians 4:4, NKJV)