

**LOVE AND CARE**

The greatest thrills of life and love  
That fill us with content  
Are gifts of grace we give away  
And ask no compliment.  
It might be just a helping hand  
We give to one in need,  
Or just a gift of caring grace –  
When nothing else succeeds.

A little bit of love and care  
That comes from you and me  
Can lift a heart of grief and tears  
From days of misery;  
And it is heavenly ordained  
That we – of faith – impart  
The love and care God gives to us  
To share with crying hearts.

(By Michael Dubina, via BulletinGold February 1, 2009)

**ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND**

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

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.

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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

*Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing, God Is Love!”*

**ANNUAL SINGING**

Friday, August 4, 2023

7:00 P.M. – UNTIL

Songbook: “PRAISE for the LORD”

Moderator : Jerry Hicks

**FOOD TO BE SERVED IN ANNEX BEGINNING  
AT 5:30 P.M.**

*EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!*

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**THE JOY OF SINGING**

*Edward L Anderson*

King David is often referred to as “the sweet singer of Israel”. Though others have been recognized for their ability to compose and/or perform, he is immediately connected by students of the Scriptures to this descriptive statement.

Singing is associated with God’s people throughout the Bible. The children of Israel sang upon their deliverance from Egyptian captivity (Ex. 15:1, 21). They sang when given water to quench their thirst (Num. 21:16-18). Deborah and Barak sang when they won the battle over their enemies (Judges 5). In the days of Ezra, the people “sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord...” (Ezra 3:11).

In the New Testament Jesus and the apostles “sung a hymn” before proceeding to the Mount of Olives and eventually to Calvary (Matt. 26:30). Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns to God while imprisoned and as the other prisoners listened (Acts 16:25). In the early church Christians were admonished to sing and make melody in their hearts (Eph. 5:19), and to sing with grace in their hearts to the Lord (Col. 3:16). So are we! Their singing was to be “with the spirit..., and with understanding” (1 Cor. 14:15). So is ours!

Singing reflects the greatest and most godly attributes - faith, thanksgiving, gratitude, humility, joy, love, hope, etc. Many hymns are based upon these themes as well as truth, grace, surrender, rest, peace, family, forgiveness, and heaven itself, that sweet home of the soul! Praising God in “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” will surely please Him and make us better people.

## FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

GREETINGS TO OUR VISITORS! A warm welcome to you. We are honored by your presence and are delighted you came our way. If new to our area, we cordially invite you to be with us for all our services (see schedule on front of this bulletin).

Our attendance was down Sunday morning even with those who had been to camp returning and others who have been ill being back with us. Some are out of town for vacation, and we wish them a safe return home. Most everyone stayed for Bible classes with only six leaving. Let me urge everyone to make attendance at all services a priority. Worship and study of God's word provide edification and fellowship with those of like precious faith. I believe they are vital and necessary for spiritual growth. More importantly, the Lord believes it is, too! (See Heb. 10:25).

As mentioned above, those who attended Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp returned safely home on Friday afternoon. We were all a bit tired and weary, but I did learn that one of the Morris twins was still in "high gear"! We rejoice that ten precious souls were baptized into Christ. Seventeen requested prayers for forgiveness of sin and the strength to be more faithful in their service to God. This year's theme was "Great Escapes". Lessons dealt with Daniel, Paul, Peter, and Israel, all of whom escaped dangerous situations with the help of God. Daily Bible classes and devotionals set the tone with emphasis on gaining a greater knowledge of the Scriptures and making a personal application of the same. We had a few injuries and a couple or three had to leave due to illness and running a temp. Without the volunteer staff of co-directors, counselors, cooks, medical personnel, and the beautiful host of campers, camp would not be possible. A big "THANK YOU" to all!

Our fifth Sunday fellowship meal is this Sunday (7/30). Plan to be present for the worship services and the meal. Pizza and salad will be served. Please bring a dessert (yum, yum!).

Our Annual Singing is one week from Friday – August 4. Please sign the posted meal sheet listing the foods you will bring for everyone to enjoy at 5:30 P.M. (See notice in outside column.)

Remember to encourage our youth who are participating in Bible Bowl preparation for the September 9 event at TTU's Hooper-Eblen Center in Cookeville. Way to go, boys and girls!

Don't miss the Wednesday Summer Series in the adult class each week. The lessons are based on the 2023 SEIBS' lectureship book: "United: Becoming One in Christ". You will be blessed.

Have a great rest of the week! Hope to see you Sunday morning a little before 9:00!

*Edward L. Anderson*

## NEWS & NOTES:

**RESPONSES:** Makenna Hassler was baptized at JSCYC last week. Molly Jones and Jo Ella Morris responded to request prayer for forgiveness and strength. We rejoice with all.

**SICK:** Gerald Piper remains in RRMC after surgery on his injured knee. Latasha Davis, niece of Earline White, is in Vanderbilt awaiting delivery of her baby scheduled for August 11. Earline also requests prayers for her daughter, Rhonda Stark and family. Julie Wright has been sick but is back with us. Josh Brown is better after some back problems. Mark Denning underwent eye surgery on Monday. Janice Hicks' back surgery is scheduled for Thursday (7/28). Michael Hicks has been diagnosed with Atrial Fibrillation (A-Fib). Barry Cook was with us Sunday recuperating from knee surgery. So good to see Ruby Fisher, Frances Stewart, Helen Davis, Sally Russell, and Faye Maberry back with us. Jonah Mauldin was sick Sunday. Lola King continues treatments with great reports on recent blood work. Remember Bobby, Lola's husband, in prayer, too. Darrell Vincent, brother to R. W., is battling cancer. Gene Vaughn, Elaine Wright's brother, had recent hip surgery. Continue to pray for Mary Ann Herd, Jo and Tony Hackett's sister-in-law. Prayers are requested for Scott, Jennifer, and Stephen Johnson. Little Josie Powell was to have an MRI today (Wed.). Pray for the Powell family. Brenda Boyd, Susan Klamm's mother, is improving. Prayers are requested for Edward St. John (hospice care); Sherry Gibbs Lawrence; Cynthia Gibbs; Mike Shoulders (cancer); Josephine Fitts; Gene Vaughn (VA-Murfreesboro); Buckie Parsons; Garmon Vincent; Brenda Copeland; Chuck Jordan; Jerry and Mary Phillips; Sonya Swallows (cancer); Hudson Anderson; Hope Gibbs; Annika Oldham; Hannah McDowell; Tom and Sherry Culver; Sharon Halliburton; Tish Clark (B. J.'s wife); Colton Ferrell; Jean White; Janice Wilson; Brenda Brawner; Drew Gallagher; Scott Bane; Jerry Driver; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Brenda Forrest; and Bea Davis.

**NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS:** Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham (SCHR); Lonetta Bains (Pavilion – Lebanon); Betty Denning (Mt. Juliet); Pat Paysinger (Shut-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) and Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss' grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:

Cheryl Hicks (4); Maggie Beth Dillard, Mila Phillips (5); Hannah Rutherford, Gail Vincent (10); Larry Silcox (13); Charlotte Henry (20); Harper Whitaker (21); Misty Smith (22); Lelani Faustina (24); Sarah Mauldin, Laura Piper, Gordon Jenkins, (27); Barry Cohoon (30); Pat Paysinger (31). Chris & Amanda Hicks (8/5/06); Jim & Kathaleen Replogle (8/6/1977); Rick & Melinda Spivey (8/30).

**CORRECTION:** The response in the 7/12/23 issue of this bulletin should have read Jeannie Vinson instead of "Jeanie Vincent". I apologize for the error (ELA).

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the following: Joy Wright family (Hale's aunt), known and loved by many; E. C. Meadows family in his passing last week. E. C. had preached the gospel for many years and is highly respected by all who knew him. Truly, "a prince has died in Israel"!

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November – August 6; *Pavilion Devotional:* Fifth Sundays at 2:00 P.M. – July 30; *Annual Singing:* Friday, August 4, 2023; *Bible Bowl 2023:* Saturday, September 9; *Retreat:* At TCC, October 5-8; *TCC Fundraiser:* November 4, 6:00 PM in annex; *Gospel Meeting:* November 5-8, with Dan Gulley preaching.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Gospel Meeting:* Richmond Chapel church of Christ, July 30-August 2, Brant Stubblefield preaching, Monday – Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.; *Men's Seminar:* East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, August 12, 8:30 AM – 1:00 P.M.; *Girls' Day:* East Main (Murfreesboro), September 9, with Brooke Miller and Bethany Nichols; *Ladies' Days:* Clearview church of Christ (Cottontown), Saturday, August 5 (See posted flyer for list of speakers); Jefferson Ave. (Cookeville), August 11, with Laura Jenkins; Philippi church of Christ (Castalian Springs), August 19, with Lynn Dearing.

**MAGI BOXES:** The items are being bought in bulk quantities, which will result in less expense. We can fill the boxes and prepare them for delivery with a work session when the items are purchased. Thanks for your participation, generosity, and love for the children. The deadline was Monday (7/24), but we will be needing volunteers to assist with packing the boxes. A big "THANK YOU" to all who have contributed!