

## PLEASE AND THANK YOU

Are basic manners (such as saying, “Please and “Thank you”) old -fashioned and a thing of the past? Why is it that adults have a hard time expressing appreciation for things they have been given?

Zig Ziglar (known as “America’s Motivator”) has some interesting thoughts:

“Of all the things a parent can teach a child, manners rate very close to the top of the “must teach” list. Number one, when a child is taught, from the time he or she can talk to say “thank you” you are teaching that child thankfulness. Number two, the insertion of the word “please” in a request changes the child from a demanding person to one who accepts the fact that when they ask a favor or make a request, the parent has no automatic obligation to respond favorably to the request. Response to “please” is much better than the “get this for me” demand type of approach. The child must be taught the idea that they must first serve before they can earn the right to command.”

Being kind, courteous, and grateful will never go out of style or become old-fashioned.

Let us strive to be gracious, respectful, and considerate of all with whom we come in contact. And may we always count our blessings--being grateful to our heavenly Father for His love and mercy.

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you: (Ephesians. 4:32).

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you(1 Thessalonians. 5:18).

--Bart Warren, Glasgow, KY, via Bulletin Digest--

## ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND

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

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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

## WHO’S THAT MAN AT THE DOOR?

There are several powerful and touching scenes in the 2011 Hallmark made-for-television movie, “The Lost Valentine”, starring Betty White, Jennifer Love Hewitt, and Sean Farris. One such scene has White receiving from a carrier a yellow telegram telling her that her husband was MIA. Her character, Caroline Thomas, refused to believe her husband (Navy Lt. Neil Thomas), was dead. She would go to the same train station to wait for him each Valentine’s Day until his body was finally found and brought home 60 years later!

During other military engagements (Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan), many families have received similar messages. In later times the message would be delivered by military personnel. Many of us can only imagine the emotions of that moment when a son or daughter asks, “Who are those men at the door?” Some have answered the door only to see a policeman who utters the dreaded words, “I’m sorry to bother you, but there’s been an accident...” Sadly, many parents and grandparents in the present culture have also heard the words, “We are so sorry, but there’s been a shooting...”

In a world filled with “bad news”, it is good to know there is some “good news”! It is available from “The Man at the door”. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me” – so said Jesus to the church at Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22). The word “gospel” simply means “good news”. The gospel is something to be preached (Mark 13:10); to be heard (Col. 1:23); to be believed (Rom. 1:16); and to be obeyed (Rom. 6:17). It brings the light of truth into a world in darkness (2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 1:16). The gospel is appropriately described in the final book of inspiration as “the **everlasting** gospel”, worthy of being preached to “**every** nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” (Rev. 14:6 – Emphasis added).

“The Man standing at the door” is described further in James 5:9: “Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!” Jesus reveals that His word will be the standard by which we shall be judged (John 12:48). The apostle Paul assured the skeptical philosophers of ancient Athens that their “unknown God” would one day “judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained” (Acts 17:31) – none other than the Man at the door! Why not open the door and let Him in?!

*Edward L Anderson*

## 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 from previous meetings this year. One factor was several cases of illness (flu, respiratory infections, etc.). We pray that all will soon be improved and back with us. Worship numbers are waning in America, but sporting events still have capacity crowds, even with freezing temps and blizzard conditions as in Sunday's Bills and Bengals battle! Have we regressed to the spiritual values of Jeremiah's day when God asked: "Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten me days without number" (Jer. 2:32).

The men's breakfast featured a good meal and wonderful fellowship this past Saturday. Thanks to all who attended, prepared food, and cleaned afterwards. Our number was down from previous years but was nevertheless an enjoyable time.

With this Sunday being a fifth Sunday we will have a congregational lunch featuring soups, chilis, stews, and sandwiches. Bring your favorites and let us enjoy together! Fellowship with those we love is sweet. The meal will be served following Bible study classes and prior to the 12:00 Noon service. Justin Mauldin with preach at the 9:00 A.M. worship and Josh Brown at the 12 o'clock service. We encourage all to be a part.

Thanks to all those who have responded to the request for donations to the youth fund. We are scheduled to host the next Smith County Youth Night on Sunday, March 5, at 5:00 P.M. Matt Landman will be the guest speaker.

Thanks for your response to our initial Q&A period. It is always good to search the Scriptures together (John 5:39; Acts 17:11). Several excellent questions have been submitted. If you have a question about a biblical text or subject, please write it on an index card (provided) and deposit it in the question box in the foyer.

Happy Haven Children's Home (Cookeville) is in need of house parents – husband & wife. You may check out the bulletin board near the north entrance for more info or contact the Administrator, Houston Bynum at 931-526-2052 or by Email: [happyhaven@frontiernet.net](mailto:happyhaven@frontiernet.net). We have been long time supporters of this good work.

May the Lord bless and keep you through the remainder of the week. I trust you and yours will be blessed with health, happiness, and hope. Pray the Lord to bring us together again Sunday at 9:00!

*Edward L Anderson*

## NEWS & NOTES:

**SICK:** Michelle Allen was to undergo surgery today (Wed,) at Summit. Brenda Bowman is back with us after carotid artery stent placement. Steve Harper is recovering at home from last week's knee surgery. Faye Maberry is beginning a new treatment plan. So good to see Lola King with us Sunday. Janice Hicks was also able to be with us Sunday along with her granddaughter, Chelsa Pirtle. Gordon and Barbara Jenkins were with us Sunday. Hale and Elaine Wright have been ill. Tanner Austin; Jeremy, Makenna, and John Dallas Hassler; and Alex Richmond have all have been ill. Tony and Jo Hackett; Jake White; and Steve Bray are back with us. Prayers are requested for Amy Thackxton Ray (cancer – Hospice Care); Chuck Jordan (cancer treatments); Kevin Bray (heart catheterization on Monday at Cookeville); and Barbara Billington (Tom's mother), in the hospital at Lebanon. Continue to remember Jerry and Mary Phillips. Prayers are requested for Teresa Mayo Waldran; Sonya Swallows (cancer); Bobby King; Joseph Law; Hudson Anderson; Hope Gibbs; Annika Oldham; Hannah McDowell; Betty Carter; Tom and Sherry Culver; Sharon Halliburton; Tish Clark (B. J.'s wife), who has cancer; Colton Ferrell; Jean White; Mark Goad (Bagdad); Janice Wilson (stroke); Ted Gaw; Mike Shoulders; Brenda Brawner; Dwight Fuqua; Drew Gallagher; Joy Conner; Scott Bane; Jerry Driver; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall; Brenda Forrest; and Bea Davis.

**NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS:** Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham (SCHR); Lonetta Bains (Pavilion – Lebanon); Robbie North, Barbara Billington (Pavilion – Carthage); Betty Denning (Quality Care, Lebanon); 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) and Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss's grandson; Benjamin Gentry(USMC).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congrats to Ethan Denton and Macy Kemp on their marriage Saturday afternoon, January 21 in Baxter. We wish them the very best in their new life together.

**THANK YOU:** A nice "Thank You" note has been received and read publicly from Brenda and Richard Bowman for your kindness and prayers during Brenda's recent surgery and recuperation.

“JESUS WEPT” (John 11:35).

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Peggy Denton, Allen White (5); Amanda Hicks, Kim Bray (7); Steve Harper (8); Bobby King (11); Haven Brown (15); Linda Cook; Ainsley Washer (19); Caleb Harville (22). Alex & Candace Richmond (2/19/1974).

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November. *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional:* 1/29/2023, 2:00 PM; *JSCYC 2023:* July 16-21. *Annual Singing:* Friday, August 4, 2023.

**TEACHERS & TEACHERS' HELPERS NEEDED:** Thank you to those who have responded to our need for teachers and helpers in some of the children's classes. There is an ongoing need for teachers and helpers so that others might have a break. Sometimes a helper is needed because of the numbers in a class. Please contact Andy Rutherford if you can assist. Thanks Andy and all teachers for your service to the Lord!

**AREA/YOUTH EVENTS:** *Young Men's Seminar:* East Main (Murfreesboro), "Choices", with Webb Williams, February 4, 2023, Registration begins at 8:00 AM; Lunch served; *Smith County Youth Nights:* Carthage will host March 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM with Matt Landman speaking; Brush Creek will host May 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

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### **A BABY SHOWER**

You are invited to a baby shower for

**MORGAN & EMERY LEE DODSON**

**Saturday, February 4, 2:00-4:00 P.M.**

**Carthage Church of Christ Annex**

**711 North Main Street, Carthage, TN 37030**

**Registered at Amazon & Walmart**

**Please RSVP to Lelani at (615) 489-5836**

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### **WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

Mike Riley writes about a Christian high school senior who was honored as one of the best and brightest in his community because he provided a forceful demonstration of integrity. When his school team was given the word "auditorium" in a regional spelling bee, he glanced down to ponder his response and noticed that the word was printed on the microphone stand. He called this to the attention of the judges who responded with a more difficult word. This young man did what he knew was right whether others noticed or not. We don't know when our actions may become an example to others – we're always on display... Uprightness and honor should be goals for Christians of every age (1 Tim. 4:12). –Adapted