

RULES FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

Don't neglect your prayer time. It is the breath of the soul (Luke 18:1)

Don't neglect your Bible. It is your sword for conquest, your hammer for construction, your guiding light for dreary days (Rev. 1:3).

Don't neglect your body. It is the capital on which you are to do business for the rest of your life (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

Don't neglect your mind. It is your channel for reaching to the very thoughts of God (Phil. 4:8).

Don't neglect your laugh. The Bible teaches that "A merry heart does good like medicine" (Prov. 17:22).

Don't neglect your reputation. It is the gold with which you will meet the demands of a complex civilization (Mt. 5:14-16).

Don't neglect your influence. It will point others to the living God whom you serve (Prov. 11:6).

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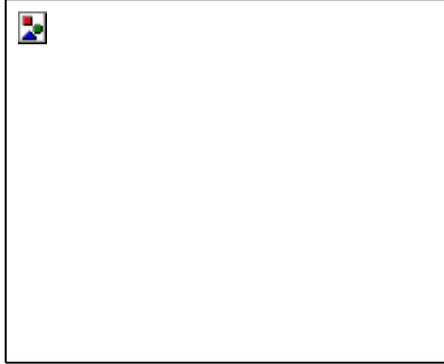
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. last Sunday of month

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10:15 A.M.
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7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

WHERE WOULD YOU GET YOUR MAIL?

For many years I have picked up mail for the church, as well as my personal mail, at the local post office. It has consisted of all kinds of bills, bulletins, letters, cards, promotions, periodicals, mission reports, magazines, and many solicitations for everything imaginable. Most of the solicitations were "unsolicited". A couple were obscene and were returned to the counter with a request to put nothing like it in the box ever again. Talk about "junk mail"!

Recently, however, I received a piece of mail addressed to one of our members who is dealing with cancer and going through chemo treatments. The sender did not know the member's home address, so they sent it to the church's address because they knew that person always attends the assemblies of the church even while experiencing various tests and chemotherapy. The address on the card is a great tribute to the faithfulness of this Christian lady whose worship of and to God is a priority in her life.

It caused me to stop and ask a question: "Where would those who know my habits and routines send a card or letter which they really desired to get to me, if they did not know my home address?" Ever thought about it? If not, please do.

Would they send it to the country club where you play golf regularly and sometimes on Sunday morning?

Would they send it to the local pub or night club which you habitually visit to relax and wind down after a long day's work?

Would they send it to the resort to which your family retreats quite often to "just get away from it all"?

Might it be sent to the stadium of your favorite sport's team, because you are always there to cheer them on?

Do you suppose they could mail it to the local Walmart because you go there almost every day?

Or maybe they could send it to the boat dock where you can be found most every weekend "putting your boat in".

It is important to assemble with God's people (Heb. 10:25). In person fellowship with other Christians is a source of strength, edification, and joy (Acts 2:41-47). God's commands are always based on truth and given for a reason. They are for our benefit, not His! His love, mercy, and grace are demonstrated daily in His bountiful blessings. Worship is the primary way of expressing our gratitude. Not only does it speak volumes about our reverence for God, His word, and His way, but also of our love for Him and the church purchased by the blood of His Son (Acts 20:28). Please think about it.

Edward L. Anderson

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

The past Sunday (2/20) morning attendance exceeded the previous highest of the year. We still have several families dealing with illnesses (flu, colds, upper respiratory, etc.). Let's continue the upward trend - not only for Sunday morning, but all other services! Invite friends and family to attend all our regular assemblies. Make a special effort to welcome all our guests. It has been said: "Cold churches, like cold butter, do not spread very well". Be warm and friendly!

I am sure most of us are aware of the current state-of-affairs in Ukraine. We should be praying for the situation there and for brothers and sisters in Christ in particular. Brother Mark Posey has been preaching in that area recently. Please pray for his safety and all others who might be in harm's way.

The theme for the upcoming "Ladies' Day" is "Daughters of the Heavenly King". It is planned for Saturday, March 12 with registration beginning at 8:30. Kelly Bell, Kelly Edens, and Amanda Scoggins will be the speakers with classes for separate ages. Ladies, make plans to attend (See opposite column for more info).

A visit makes a world of difference (See Matt. 25:36). It might determine to which "world" a soul goes for eternity! Josh Brown does an excellent job coordinating our visitation program. There is an emphasis on contacting newcomers to the area. Contact Josh and let him know you are willing to assist. If we will but "lift up our eyes" and look upon the fields, opportunities for good will be before us (See John 4:35).

Sunday, being the last of the month, is the time for our Fellowship Meal following the morning worship and Bible study periods. Everyone is invited to bring a pot of soup, stew, or chili, along with sandwiches and desserts and enjoy this time of togetherness! Our P.M. worship will follow at 12:30 and be devoted primarily to singing praise to our heavenly Father.

Please note the schedule change for this year's Gospel Meeting with Gary Hampton. It has been rescheduled for **September 18-21**. We look forward to Gary and Teresa being with us. Keep them in your prayers.

The second in the series of sermons on "The Anatomy of a Servant" was preached this past Sunday. It dealt with "The Servant's HEART". We emphasized that "the heart of the problem is the problem of the heart"! Each of us must strive for spiritual "Heart Health". Daily Bible study, prayer, and service will help!

I hope to see you Sunday morning. "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'." (Psalm 122:1).

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

REASON TO REJOICE: We rejoice with Regina Rowland and all the family of Landon Rowland (her grandson), on his recent baptism into Christ. His Dad, Jonathan baptized him 02/12/22.

SICK: Teresa Morris, Nick's mother, is in Alive Hospice (Murfreesboro, Room 403, 1629 Williams Dr.), following a severe stroke. Davey Rutherford recently had the ear-tube-placement procedure. Joyce Jamison, Dayton's wife, was admitted to Riverview Regional Saturday (2/19). Richard Bowman will have a pacemaker installed Friday (2/25). Jenna Harville is still feeling poorly (head /throat chest). Steve and Tammy Harper, Barry Cook, Justin, Jonah, and Jacob Mauldin have had flu and/or viruses recently. Michelle Allen is awaiting hip surgery. Allison Copeland Murdock, Cheryl Hicks' niece, was admitted to the hospital Saturday with sepsis. Kim Bray is doing well after wrist surgery. Lola King is able to be with us. Delores West (wife of Charles) has suffered a severe stroke and remains in Cookeville Regional. Faye Maberry requests prayers for her brother, James Nunley (cancer), and her niece Brenda Brawner (liver disease). Janice Hicks has undergone more tests revealing a tumor in her leg (She hopes to be back with us soon). Remember Barbara Jenkins and her great-grandson Zaydan Rowlett in prayer. Dale Woodard, Barbara's brother, had kidney stone surgery recently. Barbara Anderson is scheduled for knee surgery March 14. Sally Russell is still unable to be with us. Jerry and Mary Phillips are about the same. Remember Patricia Brooks in prayer. Good to see Ruby Fisher and daughter Cille with us Sunday. Prayers are requested for Ciera Haffner, Brenda Aikens (cancer); Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall (stroke); Brenda Forrest; Bea Davis; and Gary Vinson, (cancer).

NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS: Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham; (SCHR); Lonetta Bains (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: A "Thanks You" note was recently received and read from AGAPE.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:5-8).

MARCH BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Noah Brown (16); Rebecca Brown, Emmy Vincent (18); Ruby Fisher, Sally Russell (19); Michael Hackett (20); Earline White (24); Nick Morris (31). Johnny & Susan Law (3/12/1983); Richard & Brenda Bowman (3/20/1965).

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 ; *Ladies Day:* March 12, with Kelly Bell, Kelly Edens; and Amanda Scoggins; *Youth Unite:* April 24, 5:00 P.M.; *Vacation Bible School:* June 6-9; *JSCYC:* July 17:23; *Annual Friday Night Singing:* August 5; *Gospel Meeting:* Gary Hampton preaching, September 18-21.

VISITATION /GREETING PROGRAM: Josh Brown has a list of several newcomers and shut-ins. If you wish to help with new assignments, welcomes, and calls, please contact him.

RUN4DON: The Run4Don Committee is now accepting 2022 Scholarship applications from graduating seniors. Contact Josh Brown or Jeremy Hassler for information.

MOVIE NIGHT/PHOTOS: Please contact Justin about March 5 Family Movie Night (6:00 PM), and photos you have that you might share of events over the past few years.

LADIES' DAY

Saturday, March 12, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Theme:

"Daughters of the Heavenly King"

Speakers/Teachers:

Kelly Bell; Amanda Scoggins; Kelly Edens

Classes for Princesses of all ages!

Registration begins at 8:30 AM
A Catered Lunch Will Be Provided

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