

## IN HIM

Ephesians is a book every Christian should lay up in his heart. It is about the tremendous privilege we have as Christians. It is about the great blessings we enjoy as a result of being Christians. It is about the huge challenges we face because we are Christians. And it is about the eager anticipation we enjoy because we are Christians. In Ephesians Paul uses the phrase “in Him” to describe what it means to be a Christian. And he will identify the “him” by speaking of being “in Christ” twelve times.

**In Him** we have redemption through His blood (1:7). **In Him** we have forgiveness (1:7). **In Him** we are recipients of the abundant grace of God (1:7, 8). **In Him** we have an inheritance (1:11). Remember how Peter described this inheritance in 1 Peter 1:4-9. And so we, like them, “trusted **in Him**” after we heard the word of truth and **in Him** we were sealed with the Holy Spirit (1:13). And now because we are **in Him** we “have boldness and access (to God) with confidence because of our faith **in Him** (3:12; Romans 5:1-2).

As a Christian you are “in Him” and that is where every spiritual blessing is located (1:3). If this does not get you excited and make you want to study God’s word more I don’t know what will.

(Alton Norman, Owingsville (KY) church of Christ, BulletinDigest, July 23, 2016)

## 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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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

#### Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

#### Bible Study

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

## HE KNOWS MY NAME

Mass media and music gives us a false sense of identification with those around us. We have distorted views of them, believing that we know them even if we have never met them. Informationally our world is small. But real intimacy isn’t created through repeated exposure by television, computers, and CDs.

To really know one another and to be known by them is a unique experience. Many people know who we are, but do they really know us? Do they know our inner thoughts and feelings, our hopes and dreams, our successes and failures? Do they know the struggles that occur deep inside us?

Moses must have stopped in his tracks when God told him, **“I know you by name”** (Exodus 33:17). The fact that the God of all creation would pay attention to one man in a tiny part of the world was an awesome thought. God knew him individually, personally, and completely.

God knows you and me by name. He knows the intentions of our hearts and the desires that are deep in our souls. He knows our biggest weaknesses and how to buffer us for success. He knows how to lift us up when we fall.

God is a God you can count on for the long haul....He lets you sit quietly with Him and share your most intimate and revealing thoughts. He stays when others have left you alone. He knows your hurts and fears....and he knows when you try to love but can’t seem to make it last. He knows when you want to give up.

God knows us because He is our Father. Jesus, his Son, came down to us and became our Friend who discloses to us the nature of God’s heart. His love for us is balanced with His hatred of sin and His determination to give us a way to defeat its effects in our lives. He really knows us and He is always there for us.

Al Behel, Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ,  
Pigeon Forge, TN., April 27, 2020

## **FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:**

WELCOME VISITORS! We are delighted to have you in our midst. We trust your visit will be refreshing and profitable spiritually. If you have questions about things seen and heard, feel free to discuss them with us. Please come again. May God bless and keep you.

We will be resuming our basic schedule of services this Sunday (6/3) and Wednesday (6/6), with some adaptations due to spacing precautions for our precious children's classes. There will only be one Sunday morning adult class. The Young Adult and Ladies' classes will meet in the auditorium. Their usual areas for meeting will be utilized for children's classes. The class areas will be cleaned and sanitized. Other precautions will be in place as well. We should all continue to practice common-sense guidelines regarding hygiene.

Our Sunday A.M. attendance has risen steadily during the month of May. We had a couple of first-time visitors this past Sunday because of invitations **you** extended. Keep on inviting others! Contributions averaged just below budget the first four Sundays of May. Those who have been unable to attend have made sure their gifts to God were here. You are to be commended for your love and liberality. Never lose sight of God's goodness and graciousness, in spite of what is going on in the world (James 1:17).

Some of our members continue to view the live stream due to precautions and high-risk factors related to Coved-19. In addition to our members, we have received several messages from those from other localities who have been blessed by our live-streamed services. We are grateful for all who are a part of these services. We are thankful to those who use their talents to make sure the services are broadcast in a timely and efficient manner.

As reported in our last bulletin, Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp (JSCYC), has been canceled for 2020. As director of JSCYC I wish to express appreciation to all those who regularly support camp monetarily (churches and individuals). To all the campers and staff, we extend gratitude for your work, service, and sacrifice for this work. Begin now to pray and plan for 2021!

Our Wednesday Summer Series – "The Story of Scripture: From Creation to Consummation" - begins tonight and will continue for thirteen (13) weeks with "our own" brethren presenting lessons from week to week. Make plans to participate. You will be blessed and strengthened in the faith!

Hope to see you Sunday!

*Edward L. Anderson*

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**SICK:** John Christopher Klamm has recovered well from his appendectomy. Tony Hackett has been able to be back with us. Continue to pray for Gaye Yeaman; Faye Maberry; Beth Fisher; Gail Vincent; and Alexis Gibbs (Dalisa White's niece). Steve Harper is improving from back surgery. Barry Cook will have knee replacement surgery June 19. Janice Anderson recently went to the ER and is recuperating at home. Bobby Cross has been ill (pneumonia). W. A. Gibbs continues dialysis. Mark Manning recently underwent an amputation (leg). Eric Haynie recently had oral surgery. Nancy Hicks Bane, a relative of Dimple Hicks, requests our prayers as she deals with cancer. (**Reminder:** Members, please contact office – 615-735-0114 – with updates.)

**PRAYER LIST:** Barbara Williams; Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Roslyn Fox Stout; Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Josh Dillard; Gary Dillard; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Cathy Findley; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Wanda Hailey; Patsy Link; Tyrone Poynter; Mark Manning; Emily Moss and children; Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Brad Wilson; Shirley Henry; Roy Hicks; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn; Emily Allen; Judy Fox Jones; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debby Flatt; Ken Miller; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich.

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS:** Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Horace Jones (NHC, Cookeville); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

**IN THE MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines); Derek Brothers (Army National Guard – now in the Middle East), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

**THANK YOU NOTES:** The church has received and read "Thank You" cards from the following: The Eddie Linder family

**SYMPATHY:** Sympathy is extended to the following families in their recent losses: The James Bass family; the Leslie Carter Williams family.

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM (to be resumed when permitted); *Annual Singing:* Friday, August 7, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* September 12; *Run for Don:* September 19; *Retreat:* October 9-11; *Gospel Meeting:* October 4-7, with Clarence DeLoach.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Singing:* Cumberland Caverns Singing hosted by Crossville church of Christ. Saturday, August 1, 6:30 PM – brochure posted; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

**VISITATION:** Thanks to all who assist with visitation. We may not be able to visit in person, but please call and check on the one you are assigned. A personal note or card would be encouraging. Contact Josh Brown if you have questions.

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Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.  
Before our Father's throne,  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.  
We share our mutual woes;  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.  
When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.  
From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and oneness reign  
Through all eternity

John Fawcett, 1782