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* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for May 24, 2017					
<b>SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED!</b>					
All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)					
1. God's Breath makes Scriptures Fragrant!					
2. God's Breath makes Scripture Refreshing!					
3. God's Breath makes Scripture Beautiful!					
(By Mark N. Posey, Pulpit Preview, July 24, 2015)					
<b>ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND</b>					
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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.  
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"**

**LEARNING FROM TREES**

The following (edited) article is entitled "All I Need To Know About Life I Learned From Trees" (author unknown)

- \* It's important to have roots.
- \* In today's complex world, it pays to branch out.
- \* If you really believe in something, don't be afraid to go out on a limb.
- \* Be flexible so you don't break when a harsh wind blows.
- \* Sometimes you have to shed your old bark in order to grow.
- \* Grow where you're planted.
- \* It's perfectly okay to be a late bloomer.
- \* Avoid people who would like to cut you down.
- \* Get all spruced up when you have a date.
- \* If the party gets boring, just leaf.
- \* You can't hide your true colors as you approach the autumn of your life.
- \* It's more important to be honest than poplar.

Those are some good lessons. They remind me of some other lessons taught in Psalm 1:

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." (Psalm 1:1-3)

The Psalmist says that a godly man is like a tree in three very important ways. First, he is planted -- he's got his roots put down deep, he's fortified, stable. Second, he bears fruit -- he develops godlike qualities in his character and life. Third, he doesn't wither -- he is able to survive under all circumstances, even days of difficulty.

May your spiritual life take on the qualities on a tree planted by the rivers of water.

Thought --for-the-day, May 25, 2017, By Alan Smith, Cruciform Church of Christ, Spring Lake, North Carolina

**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 truth (John 4:24). Let us investigate the Holy Scriptures and reason together (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you have questions about what you hear or observe, please discuss them with us. We hope you will visit with us again!

Our VBS is progressing well, with sessions each evening beginning at 6:30 P.M. Our theme is centered on "Characters of Faith" (Godly Women of the Bible). Ruth (Loyalty); Esther (Courage); Mary, mother of Jesus (Obedience); and Mary & Martha (Focus), have been or will be the subjects for study Monday through Thursday. These four lessons can be life-changing. Adult class speakers include Jeremiah Tatum (Willow Ave.), Alan Judd (Allons), Edward Anderson (Carthage), and Dan Gulley (Smithville), in that order. Friday's session will be devoted to presentation of awards and refreshments (pizza). Invite friends and family to come with you.

JSCYC camper applications are coming in at a rapid pace. At this writing we have received more than ninety. Several registered at the distribution meeting and others have been received on a daily basis. Camper application deadline is **Wednesday, June 14**. We inadvertently listed the deadline date as June 11 in the last issue of the bulletin. Our theme this year is "Games We Play" with life applications drawn from biblical principles each day. We anticipate another great camp at full capacity, so get your application in ASAP. A gracious "THANK YOU" is extended to all those who assist with camp. Many of our all-volunteer staff takes vacation time to work at camp. We are also indebted to the individuals and families who support the work financially with memorial donations throughout the year as well as the churches who send contributions to help with costs.

Another note about JSCYC is that Friday night is always "Visitor's Night". This year "Run4Don" scholarships will be awarded with the winners being recognized and honored. The scholarship presentation will be added to Visitor's Night activities. Many of the recipients have attended camp for many years. Don Chaffin was a long-time director for Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp. His wife, Judy, continues as our craft person.

I will be taking some time off next week (June 11-17). Andy Rutherford (AM), and Josh Brown (PM), will be preaching next Sunday (June 11). I hope to see you soon.

*Edward L. Anderson*

#### NEWS & NOTES:

**BAPTISM:** Tiffany Goodnight was baptized last Wednesday here at the building. Pray that Tiffany may have a long life in the Lord's service.

**SICK:** Mary Phillips is not feeling well due to infection in her legs. Emogene Dixon is in Cannon County Rehab in Woodbury after being hospitalized due to a fall and other complications. Gail Vincent is able to be back with us on a regular basis though she is still a bit sore after recent surgery. Caleb Harville received a good report from a recent MRE. Julie Harville has been sick but is back with us. Scotty Yeaman is still recovering from recent surgery, but has been with us. Kenneth Goolsby is feeling better after having a seizure which required a change in medication. Eric Marvin's dad, Dick, has been hospitalized in California due to heart problems. Remember the following in prayer: Dick Marvin; Claire Owen Sawyer Cole, Gerrie Dillon; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Staci Bush; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Mark Lawrence; Jo Norton; Caroline Sales; Jimmy Bean; Troy and Judy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Cathy Stafford; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Jimmy Rigsby; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:** Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose; (Kindred); Ray Harper (Hartsville); Imogene Reeves (Palace - RBS); and Frank Williams, (Elm Croft in Lebanon).

**SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Hattie Branham; Emogene Dixon; Wilma Richardson; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

**IN MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (Army); Matt West, Linda Dicken's grandson (Marines); Zack Tongate, son of Scott & Debbie Tongate (Marines); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines).

**NEW BABIES:** Congratulations! To Justin & Sarah Mauldin on the birth of their son, Jacob Kyle, today, June 7. Congratulations to big brother Jonah, grand-dad Ken Hensley, uncle and aunt Nick & Pam Morris, and cousins Jody and Josie Morris; To Gordon & Barbara Jenkins on the arrival of a new grand-son, Zayden Jace Rowlett, born 5/24/17, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz., and 20 inches tall. Proud parents are Ariel and Dylan Rowlett.

**THANK YOU:** The church has received and read publicly notes of gratitude from the following: the Dorothy Gregory Draper family, the Marcus Kemp family, and all the Gregory family

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR:** Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp: July 16-22 at Taylor Christian Camp; Annual Singing: August 4, 7:00 PM; Bible Bowl: TTU's Hooper/Eblen Center, September 9 (Books of Mark, Philippians, and Colossians); Gospel Meeting: October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey.

**UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:** Singings: DIANA SINGINGS, June 9-10 and September 8-9. Polishing the Pulpit: August 18-24 in Sevierville.

#### GET-AWAYS

Nearly every person and family has a favorite "get-away". It may be a cabin in the mountains, a cottage or condo on the beach, or a simple sun room attached to their house. Memories are there made which last a lifetime.

Jesus had favorite places to go for prayer, communion with the Father, fellowship with His disciples, and - though He received little - rest. It seems that the Christ was, too, "a Creature of habit", but they were all good habits (See Luke 4:16).

An interesting instance is recorded by the apostle of love: "When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples (John 18:1-2, NKJ).

Jesus, no doubt, had often conversed here with His disciples about things divine, preparing them for their roles in the coming kingdom (church). Other accounts record the prayer Jesus prayed three times this very night, while some of the disciples slept. They would all remember the events that unfolded that fateful night. Judas, the betrayer, would understandably be haunted by the deeds he did that night.

Our society is "speed" oriented. Everyone is in a hurry. Does anybody drive the posted limit or below? And where are we going? Is it our "custom" to faithfully attend all gatherings of the church (Heb. 10:25)? Do we have the same zest and ambition for assembling with the saints that the early disciples had (Acts 2:42, 44, 46)? Do we have regular prayer times and places (1 Thess. 5:17)? Why not make heaven your eternal "Get-Away"?! See Colossians 3:1-2.

*Edward L. Anderson*

