

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

How would you feel if someone said to you, "You're just like your dad!" It may depend on what your dad is like, right? If your dad was handsome, and had the brains of a Nobel prize winner, you might be happy that people think you are like him. No matter who your parents are or what they do, you will most likely pick up many of their traits, whether it be their appearance or behavior.

In John 14:9 Jesus says, "...*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father...*" If you asked Jesus if He was a lot like His Father, he would have answered, "Absolutely!" Jesus is our access to the Father (John 14:6). He is the visible image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15). The more you learn and know about Jesus the more you come to know about the Father.

We might not be the spitting image of our dad or mom, or even act much like them. But Jesus shows us exactly what God is like. Take opportunity through the scriptures to learn more about Jesus and you will know more about God. Reflect this week on how much you know about God because of what you have seen in Jesus.

Travis Robertson, Lake Norman Church of Christ, Huntersville, NC  
via BulletinGold, June 2020

## 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"**

## THE MISSING SPONGE

A surgeon was very selective with the people he wanted to work with. It was the first day on the job for a young nurse and the surgeon decided to issue a test. As the young nurse assisted the surgeon during the procedure, she noticed a problem.

"You've only removed eleven sponges, doctor," she said to the surgeon. "We used twelve."

"I removed them all," the doctor declared. "We'll close the incision now."

"No," the nurse objected. "We used twelve sponges."

"I'll take full responsibility," the surgeon said grimly. "Suture!"

"You can't do that!" blazed the nurse. "Think of the patient."

The surgeon smiled, lifted his foot, and showed the nurse the twelfth sponge, and said, "You'll do."

It can be difficult to stand up for what is right, especially when we meet resistance. As for the young nurse, she was willing to risk disapproval and possibly her job to stand up for what was right. Thankfully, she was working for a person who also valued integrity. It takes courage to expose ourselves and come under the heat of the spotlight. In John 12:42-43, we see some people willing to stand out, "*Nevertheless many of the rulers believed on Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.*"

Which do we love more, God's approval or man's? It feels really good when people like us, praise us, and agree with us. Many people are even willing to sacrifice their morals and ethics in order to lay low and run with the crowds. It can be scary to be disliked, made fun of, and disagreed with. It can be hard to stand up for honesty and integrity as Christians, especially when those around us do not.

Moses told Joshua before his death, "*Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you*" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

People may dislike or disagree with us, but there is only one approval that really matters anyway, God's. When we stand with God, God stands with us. Therefore, no matter what other people think, let's be courageous Christians and pursue God's approval above all others.

Brett Petrillo, Calvert City, KY, via BulletinDigest, January 23, 2017

## **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.

Even though there are still concerns about Covid-19 attendance continues to grow and contributions are averaging budget level. Those who have been unable to attend have made sure their gifts to God were here. Let's keep on keeping on! Continue to invite others! Times may seem tough, but God is still God and He is so good!

Our hearts are hurting due to the passing of Gaye Yeaman, a dear sister in Christ, who had waged a valiant battle with cancer. And though we sorrow, we do not sorrow as those with no hope (1 Thess. 4:13). Gaye's faith was strong to the end. She was persistent in prayer and Bible reading and study and encouraged many others to that end. Remember Misty, Brian, and Jake in your prayers.

Joe and Gayle Reeves have recently moved to the Cookeville area (7561 Hilham Rd, Cookeville 38506). We regret they will no longer be worshipping and working with us. They have been very much involved in the program of work, Joe serving as a deacon (he formally resigned this past Lord's Day), and Gayle coordinating communion preparation and serving in other areas as well. Both have been mainstays in our camp work (JSCYC). Y'all come back every chance you have!

As previously reported, Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp (JSCYC), has been canceled for 2020. The "Pre-Camp" Singing will take place, however. The date is July 11 at Zion's building. The time is 6:00 P.M. The Run for Don scholarships will also be presented at that time. Matthew Jones and Kennedy Warren will be among the recipients.

Our Wednesday Summer Series – "The Story of Scripture: From Creation to Consummation" – is now in progress with the third lesson in a series of thirteen being presented this evening. Thank you to those brethren presenting lessons during the series. We hope you will make plans to attend these classes. You will certainly be blessed! Bring your Bible and study with us.

Justin reports that more than 30,000 have viewed recent services and Bible classes! Of those viewing via YouTube, 34% were outside the US!

May God bless each and every one!

*Edward L. Anderson*

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**RESPONSES:** June 4, Sally Russell, was baptized; June 6, Owen Gregory, son of Steven & Kim Gregory was baptized. Sunday, June 14, Peggy Faustina requested prayers for strength and forgiveness.

**SICK:** Jan Anderson is in RRMC. Barbara Jenkins has been ill. John Christopher Klamm is feeling better after a minor setback due to his appendectomy. Tony Hackett is back to work. Darlene Hackett has had strep and a rash. Joyce Kilgore, Dennis Hackett's aunt, is dealing with kidney issues. Lola King is having tests this week. Stephanie Vincent, cousin of Justin Mauldin, had surgery to remove blood clots in her lungs. Alan Fitts, relative of Carol Woodard, is in Erlanger due to a stroke. Continue to pray for Faye Maberry; Beth Fisher, Gail Vincent; and Alexis Gibbs (Dalisa White's niece). Steve Harper was back with us Sunday. Barry Cook undergoes knee replacement surgery this Friday (19<sup>th</sup>). W. A. Gibbs continues dialysis. Eric Haynie has had more oral surgery. (**Reminder:** Members, please contact office – 615-735-0114 – with updates.)

**PRAYER LIST:** Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Barbara Williams; Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Roslyn Fox Stout; Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Cathy Findley; Josh Dillard; Gary Dillard; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; 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; 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); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

**"Teach me to do Thy will; for thou art my God: Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness"** (Psalm 143:10)

**IN THE MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (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); Camron Huff (USMC); Derek Brothers (Army National Guard – now in the Middle East), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

**JULY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Alex Hackett (1); Mike Piper (3); Wanda Clemons (8); Ethan Denton, (9); Joe Reeves (13); Edward Anderson (14); Luke Linder, Sophie Linder, (22); Ken Bennett (26); Ann Carter (31). Larry & Jan Silcox (7/2/1983); Steve & Tammy Harper (7/7/1978); Edward & Barbara Anderson (7/7/1966); Dusty & Mia Whitaker 7/8/2006; Dennis & Darlene Hackett (7/16/1988); R. W. & Gail Vincent (7/21/1967); Jimmy & Bridget Austin (7/22/2005).

**SYMPATHY:** Sympathy is extended to the following families in their recent losses: Deepest sympathy to Misty and Brian Smith, and Jake White, in the death of their mother and grandmother, Gaye Yeaman, Wednesday, June 10; the family of Joyce Kittrell Hiett; the family of Tim Smith.

**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; Gospel Meeting: October 4-7, with Clarence DeLoach; Retreat: October 9-11.

**AREA EVENTS:** Gospel Meeting: Montrose church of Christ, June 21-25, with Matthew Scoggins preaching, 7:00 P.M.; 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. Presently 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.

**"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves. Let everyone of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself; but, as it is written, 'The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me'."** (Romans 15:1-3)