

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), as directed in His Word. 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 and soon!

Attendance has been down somewhat of late due to the "vacation season" being in full swing. We also have some who have been absent due to illness. Several families have been out of town for time together and relaxation. Some are back while others are just now getting away. Our contributions averaged above budget during June. You are to be commended for your stewardship.

Our "Summer Series" begins tonight (July 5). Some of our own brethren will present lessons from the 2017 lectureship book of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies. The theme of which is "Discipling for Jesus". Plan to be present for each of these studies which will continue through September.

JSCYC is only ten days away - July 16-22. We had our final planning and assignment meeting last Friday, June 30. Cabins are at capacity with a couple of campers on the "waiting (and wanting) list". So many volunteered to be staff workers we could not find a place for all of them! Thanks to all who were willing to go and work. We anticipate another great week at camp. Pray that it will be a successful and safe week.

You are invited to come for Visitor's Night on Friday night (July 21). **Please be aware that, as much as we would like, we are unable to provide a meal for the overflow crowd.** This year "Run4Don" scholarships will be awarded following our scheduled devotional (begins about 7:15), and talent/skit time. Scholarship recipients will be recognized and honored. Some of the recipients have attended camp for several years. Don Chaffin was a long-time director of Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp.

Our "Fifth Sunday Schedule" will be in effect July 30. Justin will preach that morning and Seth Hackett at the afternoon (12:30) service. A fellowship meal will follow the morning services.

July is busy, busy, busy! I will speak on a Summer Series at Phillippi (Trousdale Co.), July 12 on "The Sanctity of Marriage". The week following JSCYC I have a scheduled Gospel Meeting July 23-26 with Science Hill (Rutherford Co.). Please remember me in your prayers.

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RESPONSES: Jeremy Hassler (6/25/17) responded to the invitation to request prayers for forgiveness and greater strength in the Lord's service.

SICK: Linda Warren's recuperation from knee replacement is progressing nicely. She plans to be back with us Sunday, our Lord willing. Justin Mauldin suffered an insect bite (brown recluse?), recently. Bobby (Buck) King, Lola's husband, is scheduled for eye surgery July 10 at Veteran's. Sue Walker is able to be back with us and was to have received a report today (Wed.), from recent test results. Dalisa White has been dealing with allergies and upper respiratory symptoms. Scotty Yeaman underwent another stent procedure (outpatient) last Wednesday. He and Gaye were present for both services Sunday. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, is very ill in Cookeville Regional (ICU). Derrick Triplett is dealing with a recent leg injury. Barbara Anderson continues to have issues with a knee and her eyes. Dick Marvin, Susan Woodard Marvin's father-in-law, has been released from Vanderbilt. Darlene Hackett is feeling better. Bill Cohoon, Barry's dad, is now at home and improved. Sherry Lester is suffering from a hip injury. Warner (Wally) Kirby was released from Vanderbilt Monday to a Cookeville rehab following back surgery last week. Jeff Carr, cousin to Cheryl Hicks, had his knee replacement delayed due to infection. Another cousin, Deborah Copeland, has suffered injuries to both feet. Richard Woodard, Carol's brother-in-law, is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. He remains at UT Hospital (Knoxville). Regina Goolsby, neighbor to Wilma Richardson, is scheduled for surgery tomorrow (6th) at Summitt. Prayers are requested for Marsha Huffines (colon cancer). 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 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; Judy Spivey (Kindred); Ray Harper (Hartsville); Imogene Reeves (Palace - RBS); and Frank Williams, (Elm Croft in Lebanon).

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

IN THE 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).

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families: To Cathy and Teddy Spivey in the passing of Mrs. Judy Spivey, Teddy's grandmother, whose funeral services were conducted Friday, June 30; To the Gary and Sherrie Lawrence family in the passing of Gary's mother, Mrs. Clara Brown Lawrence of Alexandria.

MAGI BOXES COMING: The "Magi Boxes" for the Honduran work will be delivered July 11. We will have a few weeks to fill them with clothing and supplies before their collection.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: *Gospel Meeting:* Science Hill church of Christ (Murfreesboro/Kittrell), July 23-26, 7:00 P.M., with Edward L Anderson preaching; *Singings:* Herren's Chapel (Putnam Co.), July 7, 7:00 P.M.; McCoinsville (Jackson Co.), will host a Pre-Camp Singing, July 8, 7:00 P.M.; Diana Singings, September 8-9. *Elder, Deacon, Preacher Seminar:* East Main (Murfreesboro), August 5, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, with Glenn Colley, Alan Highers, and Tom Holland; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 18-24 in Sevierville.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 16-22 at Taylor Christian Camp (Holland, KY); *Annual Singing:* August 4, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* TTU's Hooper/Eblen Center, September 9 (Books of Mark, Philippians, and Colossians); *Family Retreat:* October 13-15 at TCC; *Gospel Meeting:* October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey.

FAIR BOOTH: The Smith County Fair will be July 31 - August 5. We plan to have a booth again this year. We need workers! Come and participate in distributing tracts and information about the Lord's church and His work. A "Sign-Up Sheet" will be posted.

WHY COMPLAIN?

If we sincerely pray, as many have in days gone by, "Lord, wear us out in Your service", then why should we complain when He does?! It's just a thought, but think about it.

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