

THE SMELL OF HEAVEN

“Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119:97). *“Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”* (Psalm 119:104-105).

John Bunyan wrote his immortal allegory “Pilgrim’s Progress” after mastering the Scriptures and sensing that God had spoken to him again and again through its pages. He said, “Although you may have no commentaries at hand, continue to read the Word and pray; for a little from God is better than a great deal received from a man. Too many are content to listen to what comes from men’s mouths, without searching and kneeling before God to know the real truth. That which we receive directly from the Lord through the study of His Word is from the ‘minting house’ itself. Even old truths are new if they come to us with the smell of heaven upon them.” (From Bible Illustrator) Let us open our eyes and behold wondrous things from God’s holy word.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. (4th & 5th Sunday)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

SURRENDER TO WIN

“Never surrender” is a phrase that has been around for many years. It has been screamed out by men of war; it has been used to motivate sports teams to victory. It can be found in entertainment, and it also has been used by boys pretending to hold off a fierce attack of world-dominating creatures. This phrase has been a part of almost every person’s life at one point or another. I can relate to this phrase, for I grew up being one of those boys who had a wild imagination. Nevertheless, while the world shades this phrase with honor and respect, the truth is that there is more to life than the physical battles we face. There is a spiritual warfare that is taking place as well, and in order to win, we must surrender to God and fight no more.

2 Kings 21 is an account of Manasseh’s reign over the southern portion of the divided kingdom of Israel. Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, who was a devoted man of God, was nothing like his father. Instead, Manasseh spent his days in absolute rebellion against God and His Law, and if one reads only 2 Kings 21, he would think this is where the story ended. However, 2 Chronicles 33 fills us in on what 2 Kings leaves out, and there we find a wonderful example of someone surrendering to win. Due to Manasseh’s sinful ways, God allowed him to be carried away by the hooks of his enemies. When he arrived in an enemy territory, instead of looking to heaven with a high hand toward God, Manasseh humbled himself and prayed to God. God heard Manasseh’s prayer and brought him back to his country, where he spent the rest of his life serving God (2 Chronicles 33:10, 17).

If Manasseh would have lived by the phrase, “Never surrender” with regards to God, he would have died a captive in a foreign land. Because he surrendered, he was delivered. In our life we will face battles where we need not surrender, but with God, we must surrender to win!

-Clint Patterson, Youth and Family Minister for the Main Street Church of Christ, Milan, TN. Via BulletinGold Extra-

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

WELCOME VISITORS! You refresh our hearts by coming our way. We are honored to have you and invite you to return at your earliest opportunity. With the Bible as our guide we seek to worship God in spirit and truth and to serve Him faithfully (John 4:23-24; Rev. 2:10). Feel free to ask questions and to pick up free tracts and other reading resources available in the foyer.

We have so many family members, friends, and neighbors dealing with the virus and other health issues. We rejoice in the recovery of many and happy to learn of some who are now at home after hospitalizations. Our prayer list is lengthy, but God is aware of every individual. Read the list and pray daily for His care and providence for all.

Some reminders: Please pick up individual communion supplies from the foyer or annex tables; place contributions in the provided collection trays; pick up a mask if you need one; and be aware of the hand sanitizer dispenser provided. The table in the annex is provided for those who need to come by during the week to pick up communion supplies, bulletins, reading materials, etc.

Copies of the new Church Directory are still available in the foyer and the annex. Please take one for your family. If your family's picture and contact info are not included and you would like for it to be, please contact Jeremy Hassler. If you do not desire to have your picture included, we would really like to have your contact information (names, address, phone number, birth dates, anniversary, etc.), which enables all of us to have pertinent info. Thanks!

Several of our youth will be participating in the virtual Bible Bowl this Saturday. We will have a complete list of participants in the next issue of the bulletin.

The annual Run for Don held at Gainesboro will be done virtually this year. See Josh Brown for more information.

Thanks to Justin Mauldin and Matthew Jones for preaching during the 9:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. assemblies September 30. Great job! Thanks to the other young men who led in other parts of the P.M. service. I think we are all looking forward to resuming our fellowship meals before long.

As mentioned in the last issue, brother Clarence Deloach will be unable to preach in our scheduled Gospel Meeting in October. Due to this and the continuing concerns about COVID, our elders decided to cancel the October 4-7 event. Please pray for brother Deloach as he recovers and deals with the loss of his beloved wife.

Hope to see you Sunday! *Edward L Anderson*

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Barry Cohoon received a good report from his recent surgery and is undergoing reconstructive procedures. Lola King and Faye Maberry continue to undergo treatments. Carolyn Harris remains at home but improving. Peggy Denton suffered two broken fingers last week. Gary Lawrence is recuperating from surgery on his broken leg. Steve Higginbotham, preacher at Karns in Knoxville, is undergoing treatments for cancer at M. D. Anderson in Texas. Dot Holliman is now rehab. Dennis Hackett's aunt, Joyce Kilgore, is not doing well. Prayers are requested. Paul Anderson, Edward's nephew, is recuperating from recent surgery. Joe Hensley still needs our prayers. Justin Mauldin's sister, Leslie Maddie, is doing better. Sally Russell is feeling much better. Jan Anderson has returned to her home but still needs our prayers. Josh Dillard, Joey's brother, is now at home. Bob and Beth Fisher, Ruby's son and daughter-in-law, are now at home. Dale Woodard is now at home, on oxygen, following a lengthy hospital stay. Barbara Jenkins is dealing with inner ear and sinus issues. Keep Steve Harper in your prayers as he continues to deal with complications from back surgery. W. A. Gibbs continues his dialysis. Please call 615-735-0114 with updates and news.

PRAYER LIST: Dot Holliman; Lavern Hardee; Mike Ruis; Alan Fitts; Joyce Kilgore; Joe Massey; Wayne Lankford; Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Barbara Williams; Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Roslyn Fox Stout; Judy Fox Jones; Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Cathy Findley; Josh 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; 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; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich.

NURSINGHOME/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).

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's grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC); Cameron Huff (USMC); Derek Brothers (Army National Guard--now in the Middle East), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

SYMPATHY: Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Josephine Thomas of Pleasant Shade, mother of Jimmy, known by many us. The funeral was today (September 9).

THANK YOU: The church has received recent "Thank You" cards/letters from Ruby Fisher on behalf of her family; Lola King; and Jerry and Paula Bates.

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM (to be resumed when permitted); *Virtual Bible Bowl:* September 12; *Virtual Run for Don:* September 19; *Retreat:* October 9-11 (Cancelled due to COVID)

BABY BOY SHOWER: There will be a Baby Boy Shower for Andy and Hannah Rutherford and big sister Maisy, Sunday, September 27 following the 12:30 P.M. service. All ladies are invited.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Bridal Shower

HONORING

Alexis Faith Bartley
(Bride-elect of Alan White)

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