

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

VISITORS! A warm welcome is extended to you. We delighted you came our way. If you are traveling, may your travels be safe and may God cause His face to shine upon you (Num. 6:24-26). If you recently moved to this area, we hope you will be with us on a regular basis. "Come now and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18).

Our attendance was down Sunday which makes us sad. I trust those who were ill will be better and back with us soon, as well as those who may be vacationing. We were blessed by visitors, some of whom stayed with us for Bible classes and the meal afterwards. We are told in Scripture, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers..." (Heb. 13:2) That's exactly what you did. So many of you greeted and conversed with those who have recently moved into the community. I was not surprised!

Our Summer Series began June 15 which means the third presentation will be made this evening (June 29). We are grateful to all the brethren who have volunteered to teach. We are using the SEIBS lectureship book as a study guide. It features numerous lessons on very important issues we are facing today. We will only study thirteen chapters/lessons. Let me urge you to read all the lectures. We have been asking that each family takes just one copy until we are sure all families have a book. Please attend the mid-week services, and by all means, bring your Bible! Searching the Scriptures is vital to knowing truth, faithfully serving God, and being blessed by Him (John 5:39; Acts 17:11; James 1:25).

The annual Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp is just over two weeks away - July 17-22. This year's theme is "CRITICAL". Camper Applications are still being received daily. We are accepting applications even though the deadline was Wednesday, June 22, because we still have a few bunks available in both boys and girls' cabins. We have an excellent staff in place to serve as counsellors, cooks, Bible teachers, medical personnel, crafters, recreation supervisors, etc. These folks donate their time and volunteer their services for the week. We will be having our final planning and assignment session for **STAFF ONLY**, Friday, July 8 at 6:30 PM., at the Bagdad building. **ALL** staff members are strongly urged to be present. We will have a meal at 6:30 sharp and then the meeting. Camp will begin Sunday afternoon (17th), and end Friday (22nd) at noon. **Parents**, your children need to be picked up Friday morning by 11:00 A.M. Remember us in prayer for a successful and safe week!

The first half of 2022 has swiftly passed. We know not what the remaining months will bring or whether they shall be completed (See Matt. 24:36; Prov. 27:1). Let us, therefore, resolve to be

faithful to God above all else. Hope to see you Sunday! *Edward L. Anderson*

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Janice Anderson has been in RRMC for several days but was transferred to Summit Hospital Monday evening due to recurring hip joint issues. Josh Dillard is having treatments to help his lung function. Bob Fisher, Ruby's son, is beginning treatments for cancer and requests our prayers. Prayers are also requested for Colton Ferrell (in ICU), a student of Lelani Faustina. Jean White, known by many of us, is quite ill and prayers are requested. Prayers are also requested for Derek Bush, recently injured in a MVA. Andy, Hannah, and Maisy Rutherford have been ill but are much improved. Denise Griffin, member at Gordonsville, is now in rehab. Ted Russell, member at Montrose, is able to attend services. Nick and Pam Morris' family is much better. Barbara Jenkins was back with us Sunday and awaiting reports from recent heart tests. Gordon Jenkins is doing well after cataract surgery and will have surgery on the other eye soon. Young Zayden Roulette, the Jenkins' grandson, is much improved following a tonsillectomy. Lola King is able to be with us. Prayers are requested for Michael and Janice Hicks and grandson, Cody. Faye Maberry had tests on successive days last week. Remember Jerry and Mary Phillips in prayer. Prayers are requested for Sharon Halliburton, Tony Hackett's sister; Brenda Hooper; Mark Goad (Bagdad); Ciera Haffner; Janice Wilson (stroke); Ted Gaw; Mike Shoulders; Brenda Brawner; Dwight Fuqua; Drew Gallagher; Joy Conner; Barry and Teresa Harville; Scott Bane; Jerry Driver; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall; Brenda Forrest; Bea Davis.

NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS: Wilma Richardson; Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham; Janice Anderson (SCHR); Lonetta Bains, Robbie North, Barbara Billington (Pavilion); Mary Searle (aunt of Cathy Spivey), is in a Knoxville nursing home; Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

IN THE MILITARY: Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (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).

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following families: David Dudney (former member), whose funeral was June 16; Paul Wright (cousin to Hale) and family in the passing of his wife, Kathy, with funeral on June 24; Amanzo Jones, long time gospel preacher who preached in gospel meetings here. The funeral was

June 17; ; Garry Vinson, the father of Jeannie Vinson who is known by many of us from JSCYC, whose funeral was June 24.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS: The monthly meeting will be July 10 at 4:30 PM. Agenda copies will be available 7/6/22.

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by covid regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional:* July 31, 2:00 PM; *Coffee/Fellowship:* First and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 AM; *5th Sunday Schedule-July 31:* Fellowship meal, following the morning services, followed by the second service at 12:30 PM.; *JSCYC:* July 17:22, Theme: "CRITICAL"; *Trip to Sounds' Game:* July 30; *Annual Friday Night Singing:* August 5; *Gospel Meeting:* Gary Hampton preaching, September 18-21.

AREA EVENTS: **Men's Seminar:** East Main church of Christ (Murfreesboro), August 13, 8:30-1:00 P.M. with B. J. Clarke, Jim Dearman, and Alan Highers; **Girls' Day:** East Main church of Christ, September 10, with Travena Rogan, 8:30 Registration; Lunch will be served.

I CAME TO SERVE

Jesus said, "*The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give His life a ransom for many*" (Mark 10:45). Jesus was a servant. He taught His followers to become servants. What about you? Could you be described as a servant? We want to serve and be known as servants, but how often do we simply take the initiative and serve?

Here are 15 ways you can serve in the church. (1) Get to the building and welcome people to worship and Bible class; (2) Stick around after services to fellowship and encourage others; (3) Mentor younger church members, couples, or families; (4) Volunteer to help cook or clean up at fellowship meals; (5) Step out of your comfort zone and teach an adult class or a children's class; (6) Be a helper in one of the children's Bible classes; (7) Host a youth devotional in your home; (8) Invite a couple or family over for dinner; (9) Offer free babysitting so a young couple can enjoy a "date night"; (10) Volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School; (11) Ask one of the deacons if you could help in their area of service; (12) Cook and deliver a meal to a member who is shut-in; (13) Sit near the front during Bible class and facilitate discussion; (14) Notice visitors and go out of your way to make them feel welcome; and (15) If limited in mobility, make phone calls and

write encouraging cards or notes. Possibilities for service in the church are endless! Please don't wait for someone to come and ask you to serve. Be a self-starter, push yourself, and serve the LORD!

Shawn Montandon (Adapted from *Heartbeat*).