

"Peace, Be Still!"

John Jones

Have you ever felt that life was just too crazy? Our daily schedules are jam packed, we're constantly on the move, and, when it comes, our sleep is restless. Even when we go on "vacation," we keep ourselves so busy that we come home exhausted. Our culture tells us that busyness, for its own sake, is a virtue. In my own attempts to keep a full schedule for the sake of productivity, I've experienced times in which my busyness led me to feel frantic and frazzled, but not fulfilled. Have you experienced this?

While the world and its activities, schedules, and events often bring chaos (much of it self-imposed) into our lives, our God offers a "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7). But how do we accept God's peace? Does it just happen upon us in the midst of a chaotic calendar or must we choose to make the time for spiritual reflection and quiet? Scripture tells us that God's peace is always available to us, but its up to us to choose it.

To choose peace is to choose God's way. In Psalm 37, David instructs the righteous to "be still before the Lord." This commanded stillness is linked with three other God-facing commandments: "trust in the Lord," "delight yourself in the Lord," and "commit yourself to the Lord." We must choose to follow these commands or to neglect them. What would your day look like if you began it in study of God's Word and seeking His will in prayer? In a moment of stillness, what if you asked God to help you trust Him, delight in His ways, and to be committed to Him today? Perhaps this was the very purpose of Jesus's early morning prayers (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16) to his Father. In my life, the times I have done this have left me with a focused resolve throughout the day, despite its busyness.

Often times our lack of peace arises from feelings of powerlessness or lack of control. Fortunately, other psalms reminds us that it is God's power, not ours, that bring peace to His people. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10). Have you ever considered Psalm 107:29? As the psalmist considers the goodness of the Lord and all His wonderful deeds, he describes God as one who makes "the storm be still." Does that sound familiar? Mark 4:39 records Jesus's power in rebuking the wind and saying to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Amazed by Christ's power, his disciples responded "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" We know the answer to that question, yet how often do we ignore the power He could have in our lives, if we only gave Him the peace in which to work?

If Jesus's power can silence the swells and hush the hurricane, can He not do the same in your chaotic life? He can if you allow Him to. Seek Him in silence, place your trust in His power, and dedicate each day to His delight.

"Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown? Jesus we know, and He is on the throne."

On Our Prayer List... *May we always be using God's blessing & power of prayer for one another: Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them they should always pray & not give up. Luke 18:1.

{Recent Medical concerns/updates} {Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery}

***Marsha Patrick**-doing better-has other upcoming Dr appts. **Mary Mulliniks**-(Cindy Kilpatrick's mom) 3 broken ribs from a current fall
***Norman Gentry**-(Debbie's husband) experienced a fall on Sunday with minor injuries-had ER visit now back home.
***Matt Tummins**-suffered a heart attack is in TriStar Centennial-family would appreciate continued prayers for his recovery.

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER:
***Jimmy Phy**-CA ***Chris McCurley**-Walnut.ST COC ***Brian Gill**-CA-treatments
***Lillian Childress**-successful radiation treatment ***Casey Vailes** ***Mack Winstead**-CA-continued prayers
***Dale Street**-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA ***David Nowlin**-CA treatments-WcoC elder
***Hudson Jones**-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine,Walnut St COC--Leukemia)
***Robert Gardner**(friend of Bill Williams) CA ***Jackie Borders**-Lauren Stuart's mom
***Alan Jones**-esophageal CA-treatments ***Maggie Wright** -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA
***David Stokes**-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone's dad)& Drew Swearns step-dad ***Jerry Honea** -cancer, prayers
***Dwight Proffitt**-cancer, prayers

Listed below are those that are continuing to have on-going medical issues that are in need of our prayers.

***Marvin England** ***Hattie Tate** ***W. R. & Louise Long** ***Al & Vicki Peek** ***Jerry Martin** ***Jackie Harvey** ***Joe & Betty James**
***Bonita Madewell** ***Becky Palk** ***Jim & Betty Suddeath** ***Chase Lewis** ***Doug Simpson** ***Joe Wright** ***Judy Simpson**
***Sue Edmission** ***Alyssa Gold** ***Carolyn Wilson** ***Scotty Palk** ***Margie Gunn** ***Josh Barnett** ***Lance Davis**
***Frances Simpson** ***Carlene Davis** ***Daniel McCarson** ***Marcia Simpson** ***Nancy Daniel** ***Claude Hurt** ***Thelma Davidson**
***Savannah Patrick**-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick's granddaughter) c/o Jaimie Patrick--111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN ***Rita Oliphant**

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab} **At Home in McEwen**
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363**Wyle Marshall**-(Rm 726) (Traci Adams dad)
Magnolia Place-811 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185-**Jimmy Tyler**-(room 106)
Waverly Hills Post Acute-895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185-**Bertha Bradford**-rm 102A I
Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly, TN 37185- **Gary Davis**-in rehab there room 717
& **June Dreaden**-(**Sonya Rachford's mom**) had to go to the hospital & stay for a few days-now back @HCNH . please continue to keep Sonya & family in yr prayers.

ANNOUNCMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS MISSION: GOD IS OUT OF THIS WORLD. CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!
We still have Wed & Thursday night, that you won't want to miss! An of course as always we will end Thursday night with all different flavors of delicious homemade ice cream!!

College Pal Reveal
Is this coming Sunday, June 14th after our am service. This is for all our college students that have participated in this last year & their families, we will be having barbeque, if you could please bring a side dish to go with.

Remember our study group for the new line-man students as started back, on each Monday night @ 6:00 PM while they are here in school. If you would like to be a part of this awesome outreach by helping with the study or help in providing a meal one Monday night contact John Jones for more information.

IN.E.O.C.U.S. Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Night one of VBS was a big success! We had a total of 205 in attendance, and we look forward to four more great nights of bible lessons, skits, crafts, songs, puppets, and fellowship. Our only youth activity for last week was our Breakfast and Bible Study on Thursday morning. We had 11 youth in attendance. We began with a great pancake breakfast that Laurie prepared, followed by our bible study. Our next Breakfast and Bible Study will be this Tuesday, and we will begin a new study over Living a Life that Matters. This Sunday we will have a devotional after evening worship for all our 6th-12th graders. We will meet in the fellowship room. I have placed a new devotional sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board for anyone that would like to host a devo. If you have any questions, please let me know.

In Him, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, June 14th 2026

WelcomeJohn Hurt
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Drew Buttrey
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Bruce Mayfield
 John Potter Mike Tyler
 Dwight Stuart Barry Phy
 Matthew Dotson Chad Vaughn
Closing Prayer.....Noah Stuart
Collect Cards.....Jaxon Holt
 & Stirling Hurt
Greeters.....Lori & Karolann Ridings
Nursery..... *Not at this time*
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #1

Sunday 6PM June 14th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Thomas Cook
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Danny Dotson
 & Jack Grigsby
Closing Prayer.....Carter Howard

Wednesday 6:30 PM, June 17th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Andrew Peyton
Prayer.....Mark Forster
Adult Class.....John Jones

* If you are unable to serve.....please contact
 Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)

*If changes need to be made in scheduling please
 contact Jimmy Phy.

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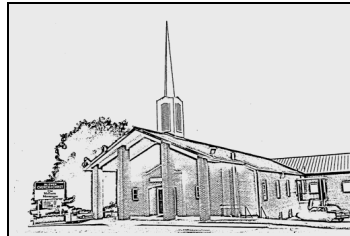
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 our *YouTube* page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the
 command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be
 homebound/shut-in or sick.

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OUR RECORDS for 6/7/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	151
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	224
Sunday Evening Worship	-- VBS-----	205
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	127
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$10,284



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am
 Worship..... 10:00am
 Evening.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:30pm

Elders:

Calvin Buckner

Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield
 W.R. Long Mike Robertson

Deacons:

Derek Berryman Mike Burns
 Wayne Coates Mark Forster
 John Hurt Barry Phy
 Robert Proctor James Ridings
 Joe Smith Dwight Stuart
 Ethan Tummins Wade Tummins

Ronnie Tyler

Staff:

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EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Continue to be:

1. Praying for those we are studying with
2. To provide new {Contact's} cards for us to reach out to.

Team - 1 there will be cards to work
 on downstairs this Wednesday night.