

The Legacy of a Legend
John Jones

Today’s date, July 20th, is a date that two legendary figures share in history. Sir Edmund Hilary was born today in 1919. In 1953 he and Tenzing Norgay were the first documented mountaineers to reach the summit of Mount Everest, the highest point on Earth. Hillary didn’t stop there. He spent much of his life helping the people of Nepal by building schools and hospitals. His work showed a quiet commitment to service after his great achievement. If you visit New Zealand, Hilary’s legacy is remembered every time you see his face on the five dollar bill.

Legendary Hollywood martial artist Bruce Lee died on this day in 1973. Born in 1940, Lee inspired millions to learn more about kung fu through his action films. Movies like *Enter the Dragon* made him a star and, until Jackie Chan emerged in the next generation, every young martial artist wanted to be like Bruce Lee. Lee’s legacy was one of self-discipline and teaching others about hard work and focus. His influence on action films and fitness remains strong today.

Both men left lasting legacies through determination and hard work. Hillary showed what perseverance can achieve in the harshest realities of nature. Lee demonstrated the power of skill and dynamic presence on screen. Their stories remind us of the impact one life can have. Yet, as Christians we know that we don’t need to climb the world’s tallest mountain or become famous movie stars to leave a meaningful legacy. We don’t have to fight great battles against dangerous enemies. God values the steady, faithful life lived in His name.

The Bible is clear on this. In Galatians 6:9 we read, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Our daily choices matter. A kind word, help with a task, or time spent listening can make a real difference. Jesus Himself said in Matthew 10:42 that even a cup of cold water given in His name will be rewarded. In Matthew 25:40 the Lord tells us that when we serve the “least of these” brothers and sisters, we serve Him. These words point to small acts of goodness done with love. They build a legacy of faith that lasts.

Think of the people you see each day. A neighbor who needs a hand, a child who wants to talk, or someone sitting alone at worship service. These opportunities come quietly. We may miss them if we aren’t paying attention. Serving God in these small ways will not make headlines. But, more importantly, they honor God and touch hearts in ways we may never fully see.

Sir Edmund Hillary and Bruce Lee achieved much in their respective fields and their stories are inspiring. However, most of us will live a much quieter existence. Can we leave a legacy in our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods? I believe we do every time we show patience, honesty, and care. Over time these small things add up to a lifelong legacy of love and service. Does that make us a legend? It depends on who you ask. But when we view time and life through the lens of eternity, any small action that might bring someone closer to Christ is legendary in my book.

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.

[\[Recent Medical concerns/updates\]](#)
*Kay Monroe-(Wendell’s sister-in-law) serious hlt issues/in Murf hosp.
*Carlene Davis-fell & broke her arm-keep in prayer

[\[Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery\]](#)
*Traci Adams-recovering from hip surgery
*Rita Oliphant-surgery scheduled for July 20

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER	
*Jimmy Phy-CA *Lillian Childress-successful radiation treatment *Dale Street-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA *Hudson Jones-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC-Leukemia) *Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA *Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments *David Stokes-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone’s dad)& Drew Swearns step-dad	*Marsha Patrick-radiation therapy *Casey Vailes *Chris McCurley-Walnut St coC *Bill Bieneman-(Mike Burns cousin)- liver CA-lives in TX) *Brian Gill-CA *Mack Winstead -CA-continued prayers *Houston Howell *David Nowlin-CA treatments-WcoC elder *Jackie Borders-Lauren Stuart’s mom *Maggie Wright -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA *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.						
*W. R. & Louise Long *Bonita Madewell *Jackie Harvey *Sue Edmission *Frances Simpson *Savannah Patrick-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN	*Hattie Tate *Sherry Harvey *Chase Lewis *Alyssa Gold *Daniel McCarson	*Al & Vicki Peek *Jim & Betty Sudeath *Doug Simpson *Scotty Palk *Marcia Simpson	*Allison Erskin *Joe Wright *Josh Barnet *Nancy Daniel	*Jerry Martin *Michelle Lashlee *Judy Simpson *Lance Davis *Claude Hurt	*Faye Featherstone *Scottie Lashlee *Joanie Coleman *Archer Schindel *Thelma Davidson	*Becky Palk *Mary Mullinicks *Clay Crafton

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}		At Home in McEwen
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363 AscensionSt Thomas Three Rivers Rehab: 451 Hwy 13 Waverly Tn 37185	Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726-(Traci Adams dad) Jimmy Tyler-rm 101 & Wayne Jones-rm Humphreys County Rehab/NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly, TN 37185: Jane Ridings—rehab/rm & (Sonya Rachford’s mom)-June Dreaden-room) NHC-812 N charlotte St. Dickson, TN 37055: Aineita Rye-for rehab (Rm) Waverly Hills Post Acute – 895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185: Bertha Bradford- room 102A	Gary Davis-(now hm)-4126 Hurricane Ck Rd Jimmy Mullinicks-56 Mike Street Jimmy Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd Outside McEwen Joe & Betty James-keep in prayer- 8516 Burleson Ln, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

BACK TO School

SUPPLY GIVEAWAY
FRIDAY, JULY 24TH
5:00PM TO 6:30 PM
PLEASE PUT BACKPACKS DOWNSTAIRS OR IN THE FOYER. MONEY DONATIONS MAY BE GIVEN TO DEREK BERRYMAN, TERRI OR TERESA.

 American RedCross Will be here next Monday, July 27th from 1:30-5:30.

PROMOTION SUNDAY
August 2nd

8:45-9:15 AM—Breakfast for our students, teachers & parents downstairs. (food sign-up sheet in foyer)
9:20-9:45 AM—Promotion Sunday Program upstairs in the auditorium.

Remember this Wednesday night will be our Singing Night with a meal @ 5:15.

Our sympathy & prayers to the family of Robert Bradford

He passed on July 20th & was a part of this congregation. The family is looking to schedule a memorial service at a later date.

Our Upcoming 2026 Summer Series
"The One Church: God's Design, Christ's Body: Eph 4:4-6

JULY 29 TH	JOE RHODES	CAMDEN COC
AUGUST 5 TH	RICK BRUMBACK	CHRISTIAN CHAPEL
AUGUST 12	DONNIE DEBOR	RIPLEY(MS) COC
AUGUST 19	BRANDON BAKER	POPLAR GROVE COC
AUGUST 26	DEAN DUKE	BAKERVILLE COC

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

I always know when summer break is coming to a close after we get back from the rafting trip. The kids have about 2 weeks left before gearing back up for another school year, and these two weeks will go by fast!

We had another great trip to the Hiwassee River this past weekend. We had a group of 28 go. The group consisted of 8 adults and 20 college through middle school age kids. We left out Friday morning around 9:30, stopped in Chattanooga for lunch and arrived at our destination around 4:30. We spent Friday night eating, singing together, and playing games. We woke Saturday to a beautiful morning. We ate a great breakfast, played volleyball, ate a little lunch and then went rafting. It was a wonderful trip down the river with great weather and no issues. After rafting we enjoyed another great meal followed by a devotional together, more games, and a much-needed good night’s rest. We worshiped together Sunday morning before loading up and heading home. I’m thankful for all that went and for the great memories we made together!

In Him, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, July 26th 2026

WelcomeMike Tyler
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Wayne Berryman
Sermon.....J. C. Enlow
Lord's Table.....Mike Burns
Gerald Curtis Wayne Coates
Andrew Peyton Jon Holland
Mike Robertson Jimmy Suddeath
Closing Prayer.....Noah Stuart
Collect Cards.....Slate Berryman
& Colt Stanfill
Greeters.....John & Abby Hurt
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #2

Sunday 6PM July 26th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Calvin Buckner
Sermon.....Keith Grigsby
Lord's Table.....Joe Smith
& Dwight Stuart
Closing Prayer.....Glenn Ross

Wednesday 6:30 PM, July 29th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long
Prayer.....Bill Williams
Adult Class.....(Summer Series Begins).....Joe Rhodes

** 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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Return Service Requested



*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our *Facebook* page or 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.

The MESSENGER is online!
Visit the church website
to view!



OUR RECORDS for 7/19/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	---	97
Sunday Morning Worship	---	181
Sunday Evening Worship	---	93
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	---	117
Sunday Contribution	---	\$8,863



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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:

Ministers	-----	Every Member
Pulpit	-----	John Jones
Youth	-----	Keith Grigsby
Secretaries	-----	Terri Tummins Teresa Fleming

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 - 3 there may be cards to work
on downstairs this Wednesday night.?**

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