Dear Church Family,

In the shadow of unimaginable loss, our hearts hurt for those among us who have said goodbye to loved ones far too soon. The recent explosion has left scars that time alone cannot heal. We mourn with you, hold you close in prayer, and stand as one body in Christ, bearing one another's burdens as Galatians 6:2 urges us. Your grief is our grief, and in this valley, we turn our eyes to the One who promises, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

Consider Psalm 23, a shepherd's song that reminds us of God's support and provision for His people. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." David's opening words emphasize our Good Shepherd provides for every need—spiritual, emotional, and physical. In the wake of this tragedy, we may feel a profound sense of need: the aching reminders of loss, the questions that echo in our hearts, and the emptiness at family tables as we approach the holiday season. Yet, the Shepherd knows us, He tends to us, and He provides the comfort we need.

"He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul." What peaceful words for weary hearts! The chaos of the past few days has caused restlessness, but our Shepherd invites us to rest in His peace, where the waters are still. As a church, we are led to these still waters together and our actions can help lead those who are hurting the most to comfort. God restores us and, even now, is guiding our steps through uncertainty.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Many of our members are currently walking through this shadow of death. Yet, David declares his confidence, not because the shadow vanishes, but because the Shepherd walks with him. His rod wards off danger; His staff pulls us back from the edge. God's presence is our greatest comfort. He is with us. No shadow can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38–39). "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over." Even in the midst of grief, despair, anger, or isolation, God prepares a feast. His anointing, or choosing us as His people, is followed by His filling our cups with blessing.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." This promise concludes the psalm, a reminder that goodness and mercy are God's guarantees. His goodness chases after the brokenhearted, His mercy follows the mourning. One day, every tear will be wiped away (Revelation 21:4), but in this time of sorrow, I encourage you to spend some time in the twenty-third psalm. Let it remind you that our Shepherd supports you. You are not alone; He is with you. If you are hurting, please reach out. Let your church family help in whatever ways we can. You are in our prayers and our hearts.

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 in need of our prayers}

*Bertha Bradford-is in room135 at Horizon *Retha Ray Mullinicks-moved to Waverly Hosp for rehab, rm 204-is getting stronger *Abby Hurt-Er visit while on vacation last week for dislocated knee

Please Continue To Keep All The Families That Have Lost Their Precious Loved Ones Due To The Explosion, Close In Our Hearts & Prayers, Giving Comfort Today, Tomorrow & In The Days To Come.

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCERS

- *Kenny Fleming-continued endurance with cancer issues
- *Lillian Childress-(Sherry Harvey's aunt) finished radiation, upcoming check up.
- *Dale Street-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA
- *Mack Winstead-CA-continued prayers
- *Hudson Jones-{2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC-Leukemia;
- *Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA *Casey Vailes-(Ranae Duncan's son) Cancer
- *David Stokes-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone's dad) & Drew Swearns step-dad

Listed below are those that are continuing to have on-going medical issues that are in need o

*Andy Marlor-fractured hip *Hattie Tate *Ralph Simpson-now home on hospice-also keep his wife Marcia in your prayers *Chase Lewis *Carlene Davis *Margie Gunn *Ďoúg Simpson

*Mike Gunn *Sue Edmission *Carol Wall *Alyssa Gold *Warren (Johnny) Proctor-back hm fr rehab.

*Whitney(Bullion) Sager *Shane Cobb *Levi&Quis Crowell (6wk premature baby in NICU in Chatt)Levi is Sharon Forster's nephew

'Thelma Davidson-(Gwen's sister, now home-continued prayers)

*Savannah Patrick-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick's granddaughter-she loves cards) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette,TN

Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons, TN 38363Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726)

NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson, TN 37055- JoAnn Halev

Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly, TN 37185-June Dreaden- Rm 204 Jimmy & Retha Raye Mullinicks-56 Mike St. Magnolia Place- 811 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185-Jimmy Tyler-(room 106)

Waverly Hills Post Acute-895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185-Gary Pace

At Home

*Claude Hurt

*Josh Barnett

*Jimmy Phy-continued endurance with cancer

*David Nowlin-CA treatments-WcoC elder

*Jackie Borders-Lauren Stuart's mom

*Maggie Wright -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA

*Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments

*Carolyn Wilson

*Jo Hall

*Wanda Dobbins-(kin to Tylers) terminal CA

*Houston Howell

Jim & Jane Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd Robert & Bertha Bradford-347 Brown Mill Rd.

*All above McEwen, TN 37101 addresses.

Our **Trunk or Treat** this year, will be on Thursday, October **30th** due to the 31st being the last football game. You 🔟 can go ahead and start leaving candy downstairs. Thank you

Our "Fall Family Retreat" this weekend Oct 17th-19th @ Nathan Bedford Forrest. Lots of fun & fellowship involved for all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Our sympathy & prayers to the family of our sister Linda Rodgers, her visitation will be this Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM with the service @ 1:00PM here at the building.

nity, whose service was held on Monday, Oct 13th. Oct 21st from 11:00am-1.00pm

Remember, the TN Depart of Health's Mobile Unit will be here in our parking lot giving

FREE FL<u>U SHOTS</u> on Tuesday

Ladies, our Christmas Exchange for this year will be on Nov 16th after evening service, please bring a \$10-\$12 gift along with finger foods. Our "Tapestry Groups" will also choose a new study book for our new study beginning January 2026 . There is also an app you can currently download for a daily bible study on your own until January. more info coming or see Erin about.

IN F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our youth activities for last week began on Friday night with our last 5th Quarter of the football season. We had a group of around 20-25 youth in attendance. The kids ate pizza, played basketball, enjoyed fellowship and laughs together. It was a good night, and I appreciate all the ones who came. Our final activity for the weekend was our devotional Sunday night at the home of Wade and Terri Tummins. We had 15 youth in attendance and another 11 adults. It was a cool night, so we gathered around a fire for a time of singing and devotion. Afterwards we enjoyed a great meal of hot dogs, chili, chips, cookies and smores. It was great to be able to be out on a cool night around a fire and enjoy a great time of fellowship. I appreciate Terri and Wade for hosting and for the hard work they put in to making it a great night for our youth. In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, October 19th 2025

WelcomeWade Tummins Lead Singing Mark Forster 1st Prayer.....John Hurt Se*rmon*.....John Jones Lord's Table......Wayne Coates

> Calvin Buckner Andrew Peyton Dwight Stuart Barry Phy Todd Mullinicks Jack Grigsby

Closing Prayer......Ronnie Tyler Collect Cards......Jaxon Holt & Hudson Buttrey Greeters..... Drew & Nicole Buttrey *Nursery*...... Not at this time Collect Cups......Youth Security.....Team #2

Sunday 6PM October 19th 2025

Lead Singing	Mark Forster
Prayer	Jimmy Suddeath
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Wayne Vaughn & Matthew Dotson

Closing Prayer......Mike Robertson

Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 22nd 2025

Lead Singing	Jacen Robertson
Prayer	Danny Dotson
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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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 omebound/shut-in or sick.

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OUR RECORDS for 10/12/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — 11	7
Sunday Morning Worship 19	8
Sunday Evening Worship 12	21
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study 11	0
Sunday Contribution — — — — \$7,79	95



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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST



Sunday Morning

"Upcoming Sermons"

Sunday Night Continued prayers for all those of our community & family that are hurting at this time.

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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 John Hurt Mark Forster Barry Phy James Ridings Robert Proctor Dwight Stuart Wade Tummins Toe Smith Ethan Tummins Ronnie Tyler

Staff:

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

EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Continue to be:

- Praying for those we are studying with
- To provide new (Contact's) cards for us to reach out to.

Team - 2 will have cards to work on this Wednesday night.)