

A Modern-Day Pentecost?

Have you ever heard of South Sudan? I hadn't really either until a conversation I had with a missionary friend this morning. South Sudan is a landlocked country in East Africa that only became gained its independence from Sudan in 2011. Before independence, the primarily Muslim leadership of Sudan would not allow Christian missionaries into its southern provinces. Since South Sudan gained independence, however, the churches of Christ in Zimbabwe have been sending missionaries there to great effect. In the last two years, gospel preaching in a previously unreached region has resulted in 4,000 baptisms and 160 new congregations. Can you believe that?! My friend heard these rumors and went to investigate for himself whether these reports were exaggerated but found that they were completely true. We have 4,000 new brothers and sisters in Christ in a country most of us have never heard of, and those numbers are increasing daily!

We may think that a modern-day Pentecost is impossible in America. People are too set in their ways and have too many preconceived (and false) notions about the church of Christ. Spiritual revivals and large numbers of baptisms can only happen in far-away places, right? Well, let's ask ourselves an important question. What led to these 4,000 baptisms and 160 new congregations in South Sudan? Was it not a recognition of an opportunity and the teaching of people who needed to hear the truth? Are we so convinced that Americans don't want to hear the truth of the gospel, that we never give them an opportunity to? Perhaps we've lingered for too long highlighting the successes of previous generations of Christians that we aren't convicted of fundamental biblical truths or, more likely, aren't sure how to teach someone.

The good news is still good and it is still powerful! The gospel is the power unto salvation (Romans 1:16). I have been very encouraged by our very own Drew and Morgan Peyton. After learning the Back to the Bible study tool, they have studied with and baptized three of Morgan's siblings. Morgan's brother, recently baptized himself, has now studied with and baptized one of his friends! We have also had the opportunity to study the Bible with 8 line-men over the past two weeks. Please pray that their hearts will be receptive to New Testament teaching.

If you want to be more involved in our School of Evangelism program, please reach out to me and I can put you to work. Why can't we have a modern-day Pentecost in our very own backyard? The only thing stopping us is ourselves. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

- John

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}
***Retha Ray Mullinicks**-in Horizon, room 145 ***Linda Rodgers**-is now @ NHC @ the Trace for comfort care.
***Sue Hill**-in Horizon with Pneumonia.

{SURGERIES} **Recovering from**
***Norman Gentry**-had procedure on Oct 7th
***Barbara Breedan**-had surg on Oct 6th

{THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER}
***Kenny Fleming**-continued endurance with cancer issues ***Jimmy Phy**-continued endurance with CA care
***Lillian Childress**-(Sherry Harvey's aunt) finished radiation, upcoming check up. ***Houston Howell**
***Dale Street**-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA ***David Nowlin**-CA treatments-WcoC elder
***Mack Winstead**-CA-continued prayers ***Wanda Dobbins**-(kin to Tylers) terminal CA
***Hudson Jones**-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine,Walnut St COC-Leukemia}
***Jackie Borders**-Lauren Stuart's mom
***Robert Gardner**(friend of Bill Williams) CA ***Maggie Wright** -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA
***Casey Vailes**-(Ranae Duncan's son) Cancer ***Alan Jones**-esophageal CA-treatments
***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 of our prayers.
***Andy Marlor**-fractured hip ***Hattie Tate** ***Betty Suddeath** ***Al & Vicki Peek** ***Marvin England** ***Alton Gordon**
***Anita Buckner** ***Betty James** ***Brian Gill** ***Carolyn Wilson** ***Claude Hurt** ***Carlene Davis**
***Margie Gunn** ***Chase Lewis** ***Doug Simpson** ***Marcia Simpson** ***Helen Damesworth** ***Jo Hall**
***Sue Edmission** ***Carol Wall** ***Alyssa Gold** ***Josh Barnett** ***Mike Gunn**
***Warren** (Johnny) **Proctor** ***Shane Cobb** ***Levi&Quis Crowell** (6wk premature baby in NICU in Chatt)Levi is Sharon Forster's nephew
***Whitney**(Bullion)**Sager** ***Greg Mullinicks** ***Thelma Davidson**-(Gwen's sister, now home-continued prayers)

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab/Home}
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-**Wyle Marshall**-(Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad
NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- **JoAnn Haley / Doris Stokes**-R127
Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly,TN 37185-**June Dreaden**- Rm 204/
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:} **Jimmy & Retha Raye Mullinicks**-56 Mike Street **Jim & Jane Ridings**-172 Indian Ck Rd
Robert &(Bertha) Bradford-347 Brown Mill Rd

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Thankyou.



Remember, the TN Depart of Health's Mobile Unit will be here in our parking lot giving "FREE FLU SHOTS" on Tuesday Oct 21st from 11:00am-1:00pm



Youth Devo This coming Sunday, Oct 12th after PMservice.

If anyone is in need of a hospital bed call the office or Mike Burns



Our **"Fall Family Retreat"** will be Oct 17th-19th @ Nathan Bedford Forrest. Lots of fun & fellowship involved for all ages!! Cost is \$15.00. Sign-up sheet in the foyer, last day to sign up will be Wed, October 8th. *Hope to see you there!*

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

The school year and the year 2025 are quickly passing by. Our kiddos just wrapped up Homecoming week and have started Fall break. Several of our kids are out of town on trips and we hope they have a great time with family, and we pray they stay safe as they travel. Our youth activities for the week began with FLAME on Wednesday night. We had a group of 8 youth in attendance. We played games together and enjoyed a meal before bible study. On Friday, we had our second 5th Quarter of the football season. We had several youth kids and kids from the community stop by for pizza and time of fellowship. This Wednesday night is the deadline to sign up for the Fall Family Retreat. If you haven't signed up, please be sure to do that before Wednesday night.

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, October 12th 2025

WelcomeRonnie Tyler
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Mark Forster
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....John Potter
Glenn Ross Wayne Vaughn
Chad Vaughn Joe Smith
Derek Berryman Carter Howard

Closing Prayer.....Mike Burns
Collect Cards.....Abel Tummins
& Colt Stanfill
Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #1

Sunday 6PM October 12th 2025

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Mike Tyler
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Barry Phy
& Ethan Tummins
Closing Prayer.....Wade Tummins

Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 15th 2025

Lead Singing.....John Hurt
Prayer.....Barry Phy
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
homebound/shut-in or sick.

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OUR RECORDS for 10/5/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	— — — — —	107
Sunday Morning Worship	— — — — —	169
Sunday Evening Worship	— — — — —	75
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	— — — — —	124
Sunday Contribution	— — — — —	\$8,523

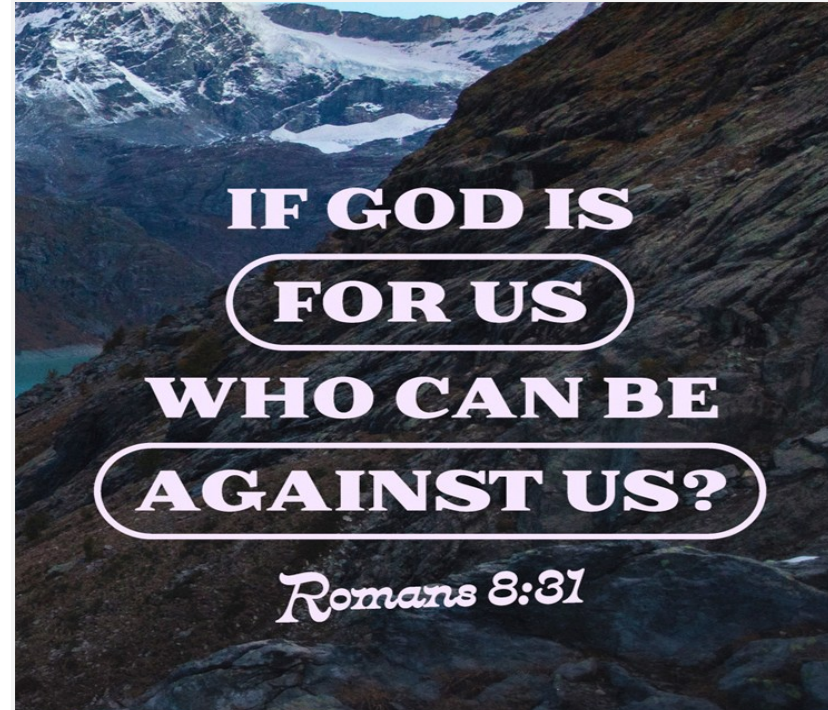


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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST



Sunday Morning

"Christian Living Series":
How should Christians
use their Bodies?

"Upcoming Sermons"

October 12th

Sunday Night

What Does the Bible say?
Isaiah 63 "The Grapes
Of Wrath"

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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 - 1 you may have cards to work
on this Wednesday night.}**