

Who Helps the Helpless?

Have you ever been in a situation where someone you love is hurting, and you feel utterly helpless? It's a terrible feeling. Last night, just five seconds before Erin and I fell asleep, one of our children burst into our room, crying from inner ear pain. We sprang into action, trying everything we could think of. Pain relief, essential oils, and warm compresses didn't seem to help. For a full hour, as she tossed, all we could do was hold her and pray. In that moment, our parental instincts collided with the harsh reality of our limitations. We couldn't fix it, and that helplessness hurt.

This reminded me of a profound truth from Scripture. God is with us even when we are helpless. The Bible doesn't shy away from portraying human frailty; instead, it reveals a God who draws near in our weakness. Psalm 46:1 declares, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Our God isn't a distant deity – He is "ever-present," stepping into our helplessness with His comforting presence.

Consider the story of Hagar in Genesis 21. Cast out into the wilderness with her young son Ishmael, she faced utter despair. Their water ran out, and Ishmael cried from thirst and hunger. Hagar, feeling completely helpless, placed her child under a bush and walked away, unable to bear watching him die. She wept bitterly, convinced all was lost. But God heard their cries. An angel appeared, revealing a well of water nearby, and promised Hagar that her son would thrive.

In her helplessness, God not only provided but affirmed His care: "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying" (Genesis 21:17). This account reminds us that when we're at our wit's end, God sees, hears, and intervenes.

Another powerful example is the Israelites at the Red Sea in Exodus 14. Trapped between Pharaoh's advancing army and the impassable waters, they panicked, crying out to Moses, "Why did you bring us out here to die?" Helpless and terrified, they had no escape. Yet God instructed Moses to stretch out his staff, parting the sea and providing a miraculous path to safety. As the waters closed on their pursuers, the people sang, "The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation" (Exodus 15:2). Their helplessness became the stage for God's deliverance, teaching us that our limitations highlight His limitless power.

Even Jesus, in His humanity, experienced helplessness. In the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46), facing the cross, He prayed in anguish, sweat like drops of blood falling from Him. His disciples slept, leaving Him alone in His distress. Yet, Luke 22:43 tells us an angel from heaven appeared to strengthen Him. God the Father was with His Son, providing comfort amid overwhelming sorrow.

These stories apply to our lives today. Whether it's a child's illness, a loved one's grief, financial ruin, or personal failure, helplessness strips away our illusions of control. But it invites us to lean on God. Isaiah 41:10 reassures, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." In our family's late-night ordeal, as we prayed over our daughter, peace eventually came – not from our efforts, but from God's blessing of rest. If you're feeling helpless today, remember: You're not alone. Turn to Him in prayer, trust His promises, and watch how He can transform your weakness into a picture of His faithfulness.

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}

***Jerry Martin**-upcoming heart test

***Wade Tummins**-lots of labs & med changes-follow-up visit on 3/11.

***Jody Banes**-prayers for good results. ***Judy Simpson**-upcoming 4-heart bypass surg.

***Marsha Patrick**- has follow-up Dr visits.

***Gary Davis**-continued prayers for improvement-fell broke arm

***Nancy Daniel**-now recovering from surgery

{Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery}

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

***Houston Howell**

***Casey Vailes**

***Brian Gill**-CA-treatments

***Mack Winstead**-CA-continued prayers

***Vicki Donegan**-taking treatments-needs prayer

***David Nowlin**-CA treatments-WCoC elder

***Jackie Borders**-Lauren Stuart's mom

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

***Debbie Gafford**-(friend of Diane Curtis)

***Jerry Honea**-cancer

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

***Jim & Betty Suddeath**

***Carlene Davis**

***Sue Edmission**

***Scottie Lashlee**

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

***Chase Lewis**

***Alyssa Gold**

***Shane Cobb**

***W. R.&Louise Long**

***Doug Simpson**

***Carolyn Wilson**

***Larry Fuqua**

***Al & Vicki Peek**

***Josh Barnett**

***Scotty Palk**

***Janie Brown**

***Diane Curtis**

***Joe Wright**

***Margie Gunn**

***Claude Hurt**

***Lillie Grigsby**

***Marcia Simpson**

***Thelma Davidson**

***Warren (Johnny) Proctor**

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363**Wyle Marshall**-(Rm 726) (Traci Adams dad)

NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055

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-**Bertha Bradford**-rm 102A / **Gary Pace**

At Home in McEwen

Jim & Jane Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd

Robert Bradford-347 Brown Mill Rd.

Jimmy Mullinicks-56 Mike Street

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



As with each year, a special thanks to our youth & adults, along with Laurie & Keith for a wonderful time & meal at our Valentine Dinner. Congrats to King & Queen {Wade & Terri Tummins} & to our new category of {Prince -{Gerald Curtis} & Princess -{Joyce Long} which was voted on by our youth!

231 Trash Pick-up this Saturday March 7th @ 7:30 AM. Breakfast afterwards!



American Red Cross

Will be here on Monday, March 23rd from 1:30-5:30.

Meetings

***Spring Break Youth Retreat**– Wed, March 4th after bible class.

***VBS meeting**-this coming Sunday, March 8th @ 5:00 PM, in Adult Classroom 1.

Our 5th Sunday Meal on March 29th will be "Meet, Eat & Meet" again @ 1:30, with our Youth conducting the afternoon service. There will be no pot-luck meal on April 5th which is the start of our Spring meeting, but is also Easter Sun.

IN.F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our big activity last week was our Valentine Dinner on Thursday night. I'm so thankful we were able to get this great event rescheduled after having to cancel it due to bad weather. We spent Wednesday doing as much work as we could. Several of our youth kids came after school to help. We prepared lasagnas, made desserts, set up tables, and decorated. On Thursday we worked hard to get all the cooking done and last-minute details before everyone arrived. We had such a great night serving so many of our members. I thought our youth kids did a great job! I want to say thank you to them for all their hard work. I also want to give a big shout out to my wonderful wife Laurie for heading all of this up and making it flow so smoothly! She is awesome!! I also want to say thank you to all the other adults that came and helped us in so many ways. It truly was all hands on deck!

In Christ, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, March 8th 2026

WelcomeWade Tummins
 Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
 1st Prayer.....Thomas Cook
 Sermon.....John Jones
 Lord's Table.....John Hurt
 Wendell Monroe Jacen Robertson
 Jimmy Suddeath Ethan Tummins
 Brent Davis Jon Holland

Closing Prayer.....Wayne Berryman
 Collect Cards.....Slate Berryman
 & Colt Stanfill
 Greeters.....Billy & Jean Buttrey
 Nursery..... *Not at this time*
 Collect Cups.....Youth
 Security.....Team #2

Sunday 6PM March 8th 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
 Prayer.....Calvin Buckner
 Sermon.....John Jones
 Lord's Table..... John Potter
 & Mike Tyler
 Closing Prayer.....Gerald Curtis

Wednesday 6:30 PM, March 11th 2026

Lead Singing.....John Jones
 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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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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 to view!



OUR RECORDS for 3/1/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School ----- 118
 Sunday Morning Worship ----- 195
 Sunday Evening Worship -----
 Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study ----- 114
 Sunday Contribution ----- \$8,766



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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST



Remember
 Daylight Savings
 time is this Sunday,
 March 8th



{And to set your
 clocks forward
 one hour}

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 - 2 there may be cards to work on this Wednesday night.}

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