

Contagious!
John Jones

It's that time of year again when every other person we know has come down with a stomach bug, strep throat, or flu. Teachers' classrooms are half absent, sports teams have had to call up the bench players, and everyone is extra "germ-conscious." Only two of my family members have escaped unscathed (so far!). I joked with my wife that since I haven't gotten sick thus far, perhaps I have the healthiest lifestyle in our family (which is definitely not the case)! It sometimes seems random who the latest sickness will attack and who it will spare! We are worried about contagion. Since Covid, people respond in different ways. Some wear masks while others quarantine. Our family loads up with every possible natural oil, tincture, syrup, or salve that you can think of. There doesn't seem to be any set rules to how we try to avoid sickness, but people generally just practice the precautions that make the most sense to them, or that at least provide some mental wellbeing during a season of sniffles.

When we think of the word 'contagious,' it is generally a negative term. You've got some type of illness that I don't want to catch, so I'm going to steer clear of you (or at least wash my hands soon after we interact). But what if we had something that was worth catching? Have you ever thought about what it might take for your faith to become contagious?

We don't know who our contagious faith will affect, so we need to spread it everywhere. Just as a virus can jump from person to person without us knowing exactly who will catch it next, the gospel can touch hearts in unexpected ways. Jesus calls us to be the light of the world: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). We're not meant to hide our faith; we're to let it shine broadly so it reaches everyone around us – neighbors, coworkers, strangers, even those we might never expect to respond.

There's no one way of doing things. Everyone has their own method of sharing God's love. God equips each of us differently, and He uses our unique personalities, gifts, and circumstances. Some share boldly in conversations, like Peter on Pentecost when thousands came to faith (Acts 2). Others write cards, pray fervently, or demonstrate compassion in everyday moments. The key is showing authentic Christian joy in whatever we do.

Philemon 1:6 emphasizes "that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ." Whether through words or actions, our contagious faith spreads God's joy, hope, and transforming love. In a world full of negativity, let's make our faith in Christ the thing worth catching!

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.

<u>{Recent Medical concerns/updates}</u>		<u>{Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery}</u>	
<p>*Jane Ridings-ER visit on 3/15 now home *Ty Adams-knee injury *Randy Stewart & Jeff Stewart (both Ruby Dell England's son)both hm recovering fr surg.</p>		<p>*Marsha Patrick- has follow-up Dr visits. *Gary & Pam Davis-as Gary continues to recover *Judy Simpson-upcoming 4-heart bypass surg.</p>	
<u>THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER:</u>			
<p>*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</p>		<p>*Chris McCurley-Walnut.ST COC *Casey Vailes *Houston Howell *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-prayers</p>	
<u>Listed below are those that are continuing to have on-going medical issues that are in need of our prayers.</u>			
*Jim & Betty Suddeath	*Hattie Tate	*W. R.&Louise Long	*Al & Vicki Peek
*Wade Tummins	*Carlene Davis	*Chase Lewis	*Doug Simpson
*Sue Edmission	*Alyssa Gold	*Carolyn Wilson	*Scotty Palk
*Shane Cobb	*Larry Fuqua	*Claude Hurt	*Marcia Simpson
*Savannah Patrick-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick's granddaughter-she loves cards) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN			
<u>{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}</u>		<u>At Home in McEwen</u>	
<p><u>AHC Decatur County</u>-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726) (Traci Adams dad) <u>NHC</u>-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055 <u>Humphreys County NH</u> 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly,TN 37185-June Dreaden- Rm 204 <u>Magnolia Place</u>- 811 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185-Jimmy Tyler-(room 106) <u>Waverly Hills Post Acute</u>-895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185-Bertha Bradford-rm 102A / Gary Pace</p>		<p>Jim & Jane Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd Robert Bradford-347 Brown Mill Rd. Jimmy Mullinicks-56 Mike Street</p>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Our Spring Meeting
is just around the corner!
April 5th -8th with lessons on [Jesus: Light, Liberty & Life]
Sunday morning-John Jones.
Then Sunday night @ 6:00 PM & Monday-Wednesday @ 7:00 PM our speaker will be Issac Bourne.

We want to congratulate "Thomas Dale Harvey" who will be having his Air Force Retirement Ceremony, March 20, 2026 @ Maxwell Air Force base, in Montgomery, Alabama. Before entering the service Thomas was a member here. We also want to congratulate James M. & Sherry Harvey as his proud parents.

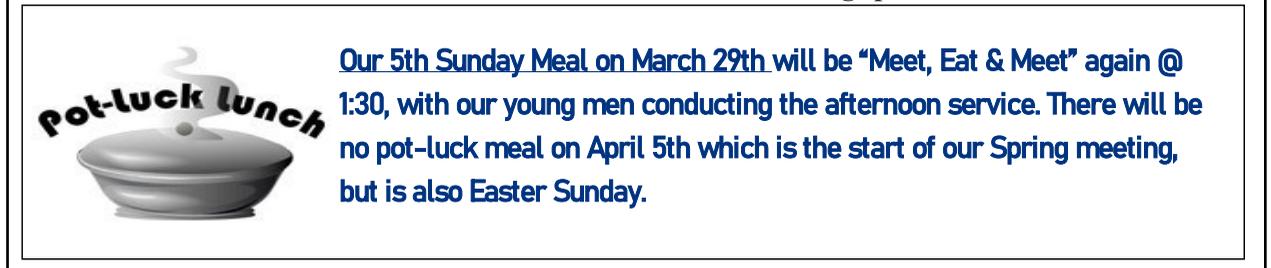
Ladies, we will be having a "Ladies Evening Event" this year instead of a Ladies Day. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th starting @ 4:00 PM & ending with Dinner around 6:30 PM. Be sure & mark your calendars & be inviting others. There will be a meeting to discuss details on Wednesday, March 29th after our afternoon service.



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

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

Keith still on Youth Retreat!! So using space below this week!



Pot-luck lunch
Our 5th Sunday Meal on March 29th will be "Meet, Eat & Meet" again @ 1:30, with our young men 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 Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, March 22nd 2026

WelcomeEthan Tummins
 Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
 1st Prayer.....Jacen Robertson
 Sermon.....John Jones
 Lord's Table.....Ronnie Tyler
 Terry Parchman John Hurt
 Glenn Ross Derek Berryman
 Andrew Peyton Ty Adams

Closing Prayer.....Joe Smith
 Collect Cards.....Jaxon Holt
 & Stirling Hurt
 Greeters.....Mark & Kim Forster
 Nursery..... *Not at this time*
 Collect Cups.....Youth
 Security.....Team #4

Sunday 6PM March 22nd 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
 Prayer.....Barry Phy
 Sermon.....John Jones
 Lord's Table..... Robert Proctor
 & Jimmy Sudeath
 Closing Prayer.....Mike Robertson

Wednesday 6:30 PM, March 25th 2026

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long
 Prayer.....W. R. Long
 Adult Class.....Singing Night

*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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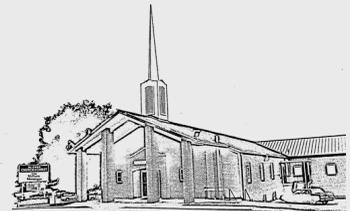
*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our Facebook page or our YouTube page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

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



OUR RECORDS for 3/15/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	90
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	154
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	70
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	108
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$9,302

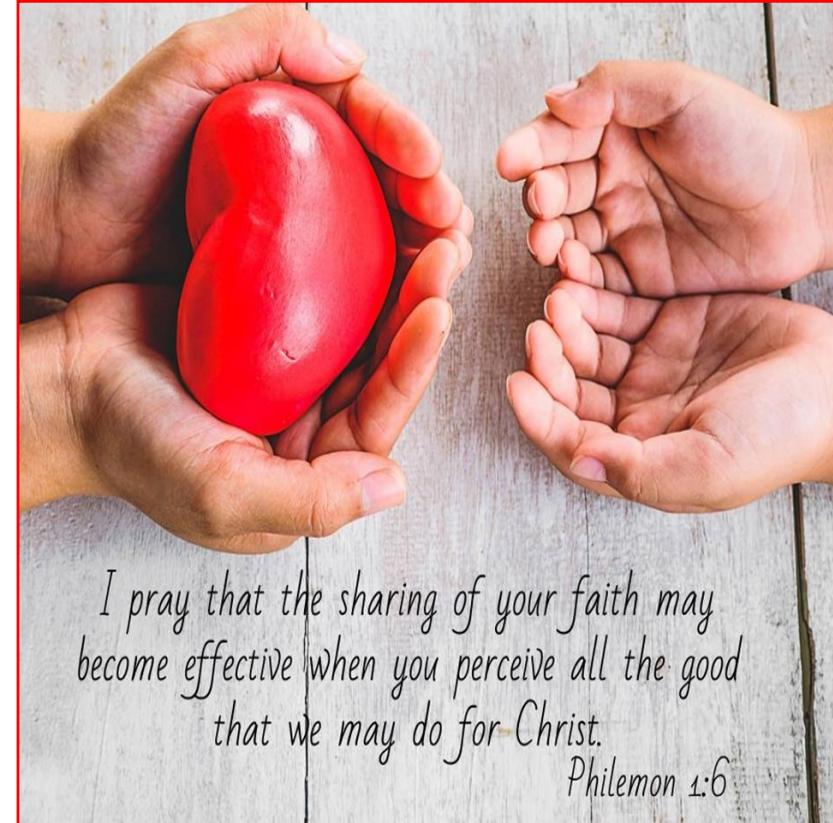


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Schedule of Services

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

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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 - 3 there may be cards to work on this Wednesday night!