

Never Grow Old!

John Jones

When I was younger, there were a lot of things I could do much more comfortably than I can now. For instance, I could play three 90-minute soccer games in one weekend in high school soccer tournaments. Was I sore afterwards? Sure, maybe for a day or so. But no big deal! This past Friday, I went to an hour-long soccer practice, specifically for old guys, and I'm still feeling the burn! Though our physical stamina, strength, and speed have abated, our pride still gets us going out there, despite the pain we know we'll feel the next morning! And before you mention it, I know... I'm not getting any younger!

While physical activity is a blessing at any age, it can remind us of the realities of aging, atrophy, and eventually, death. Biblically speaking, we know that these physical challenges are a result of human sin, including our own. They should, if we allow them, point us to the spiritual reality that our human bodies are decaying, slowly over time, and that one day we will cease from physical existence on this earth. At that time we will expectantly wait for the "Great Day Coming" in which we will stand before the Judge in His Glory (Revelation 20:4).

Though we live in a world that God designed perfectly, it has become stained and constrained by sin and death (Romans 8:21). As you look backward to those perfect summertimes of our youth, presently at your feeble body as it ages and breaks down, and forward to that glorious day when God will make all things new (Revelation 21:5), remember this: Christians can look at the present physical challenges and rejoice in a new life to come.

All this reminds me of the hymn, "Never Grow Old," and how that promise becomes more and more precious to me the older I get. Written in 1914, the story behind the hymn is touching. While training for ministry, James Cleveland Moore returned home to visit his home congregation. His aging father, who had long led the singing, tried to sing but his voice failed. Deeply moved, Moore realized he would soon no longer hear his father's voice. Back at school, he quickly composed the hymn and dedicated it "to My Father and Mother." Since then, it has touched the hearts of many who have sung along.

The lyrics describe "a land on the faraway strand" prepared by Jesus, a beautiful home where the redeemed "never grow old," free from toil, pain, and earthly burdens. Don't you want to go to that land? I do. While my aches and pains here on this earth are frustrating, I can choose for them to be reminders of the home that Jesus has prepared where we will never grow old, and do all within my power to be there with my Savior. I don't think I'll be playing soccer tournaments in heaven (if they play any sport up there, surely it's rugby! Lol), but I look forward to the resurrection of the body that will "bear the image of the man of heaven" (1 Corinthians 15:49). I'll see you there!

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}

{Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery}

***Wayne Jones**— in Three Rivers Hospital in Waverly; serious diabetic complications
***Marsha Patrick**— having some treatments with possible surg in mid May
***Keith Grigsby**—continuing to recover-follow-up Dr appts.

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

***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

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

***Betty Suddeth** ***Hattie Tate** ***W. R. & Louise Long** ***Gary & Pam Davis** ***Al & Vicki Peek** ***Jerry Martin** ***Becky Palk**
***Bonita Madewell** ***Becky Palk** ***Rita Oliphant** ***Chase Lewis** ***Doug Simpson** ***Joe Wright** ***Judy Simpson**
***Sue Edmission** ***Alyssa Gold** ***Carolyn Wilson** ***Scotty Palk** ***Margie Gunn** ***Josh Barnett**
***Shane Cobb** ***Carlene Davis** ***Claude Hurt** ***Marcia Simpson** ***Nancy Daniel** ***Thelma Davidson**
***Savannah Patrick**-(Rhett's 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 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

Encouragement Card Program

Remember, we now have an (alphabetical) mailbox set-up in the back of the auditorium. Please be sure to utilize this new system by continuing to write cards & put in the mailbox & by checking the mailbox for cards you may have received.

Thank



To our upcoming Graduates, recognition here will be on Sunday, May 10th, please be sending your pic & info to our email @ mcewen-cofc@gmail.com. Thank You!!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LADIES EVENT
APRIL 18TH, 2026
4 PM

Growing in God's Grace
WITH GUEST SPEAKER
Dwina Willis

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE TWO LESSONS, DINNER, AND AN ACTIVITY.

Ladies, please check out the food sign-up list in the foyer, still some open slots & the cards on the back table you can use to invite other Ladies. There will be a work day, this Wednesday @ 5:00, an Friday @ 4:00. As always thank you!

I.N.E.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

It is Monday morning April 13th, and I am finally back in the office! It has been a while and I'm thankful to be able to be here as I slowly get back to some normalcy. I want to say a BIG thank you to everyone that has been praying for me, those that reached out to me, and those that came to visit me over the past few weeks. Words can't describe how thankful I am for each and every one of you!

I look forward to getting our youth activities back up and going and we will do that this coming Sunday with our devotional after evening service. I appreciate Lori Ridings and Rebecca Potter for hosting. I look forward to more time with our youth in the coming weeks as I slowly get back into the flow of things.

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, April 19th 2026

WelcomeBruce Mayfield
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Calvin Buckner
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Ethan Tummins
 Gerald Curtis Jimmy Suddeath
 Robert Proctor Glenn Ross
 Jacen Robertson Mike Tyler
Closing Prayer.....Noah Stuart
Collect Cards.....Stirling Hurt
 & Hudson Buttrey
Greeters.....Wade & Terri Tummins
Nursery..... *Not at this time*
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #3

Sunday 6PM April 19th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Billy Buttrey
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Mike Robertson
 & Wade Tummins
Closing Prayer.....Ty Adams

Wednesday 6:30 PM, April 22nd, 2026

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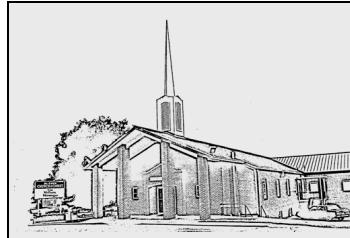
*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our Facebook page or our YouTube page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

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 to view!



OUR RECORDS for 4/12/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School ----- 120
 Sunday Morning Worship ----- 177
 Sunday Evening Worship ----- 106
 Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study ----- 120
 Sunday Contribution ----- \$8,081



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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
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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 - 2 there will be no cards to work on this Wednesday night.