

Bulletin 4-20

Lessons from the Outdoors

John Jones

Unlike many of my friends, I did not grow up hunting or fishing but I've always admired those who do. I also appreciate when someone invites me out for either activity, though the amount of patience required to wait until the fish bite is a virtue that I lack! I'm also not sure I'm diligent enough to wake up at the early hour required to be out there before the turkeys. From my few experiences and from conversations with those much better versed in the world of hunting and fishing, I admire how hunters and fishermen provide food for their families, connect with God in His creation, and enjoy those moments of solitude in our otherwise busy world. I am noticing an unfortunate trend whenever I'm invited to go fishing or hunting... I seem to be a bad luck charm for the skilled hunters and fisherman who usually bring home something for their time!

Isn't it interesting that the qualities required for hunting or fishing are also required by God in the Christian life. We live in a world that celebrates quick results, instant gratification, and constant busyness, yet the hunter stands as a reminder of steadfast endurance. How long might it take for the deer he's been following all season to step into that clearing? He's not sure, but what is certain is that his stillness and patience isn't laziness. It's an active trust that the reward will come if he remains still and alert. Scripture paints a similar picture for the believer. James 5:7-8 says, "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." Are we patient and standing firm in the promises of the Lord, even before we see them with our eyes? That's something a hunter has trained himself to do.

Outdoorsmen don't succeed by showing up once and hoping for the best. They study the land, learn the habits of their prey, check their equipment, and rise early even when it's cold. It's a daily discipline that builds over seasons. The Christian life calls for the same steady effort. Hebrews 6:11-12 states it beautifully, "And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

The next time I get invited hunting, I'll remember to appreciate what those patient hours in the cold hunting blind can teach me about following Christ (I'll also hope to bring some better luck than I have before—Sorry Glenn!). Remember, God is shaping us through patience and diligence into people who wait well, work hard, and trust Him for the outcome. May we all learn to embrace the diligence, hard-work, and uncertainty while we wait on the Lord.

"Come Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20)

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
***Luis Tipia**—prayers —had to have a hosp stay—now home recovering
***Lance Davis**—fr New Johnsonville—heart failure in St. Thomas waiting on a transplant —family requesting prayers.
***Marsha Patrick**—continue in prayer- possible surg in May
***Diane Curtis**—upcoming knee surgery

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 Suddeath** ***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**—(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 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

We are so thankful & blessed for the example of Rebecca Potter, who rededicated her life to Christ this Sunday morning, asking for prayers for strength in her walk with the Lord. Let us all show Rebecca the love of brothers & sisters in Christ, being there for one another with encouragement, care, concern & uplifting her in prayer.



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!!

Join us for our Singing Night & Meal this Wednesday, 22nd



Special thanks to Dwina Willis for speaking @ our Ladies Day event, on Sat. evening. Also to all the hard working Ladies here who helped make it a success. We had 65 in attendance who were blessed to spend time in God's word & with one another.

Bridal Shower for **Gracie Doyle**, Bride-Elect of **Skyler Buckner** will be on **May 17th**, from **2:00-3:30** here in the **Fellowship Room**. Registry Link: [HTTPS://WWW.MYREGISTRY.COM/WEDDING-REGISTRY/SKYLER-BUCKNER-AND-GRACIE-DOYLE-YORK-SC/5318310](https://www.myregistry.com/wedding-registry/skyler-buckner-and-gracie-doyle-york-sc/5318310)

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

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

It's a beautiful Monday morning and I'm so thankful to be feeling better and slowly getting back to some youth activities and back to the office. We were blessed to be able to have our first devotional in a while this past Sunday night, Lori Ridings and Rebecca Potter hosted. We enjoyed a time of singing and a devotional period spending our time discussing baptism. After devo we enjoyed some great food and wonderful time of fellowship.

I look forward to getting back to more youth activities and events in the upcoming months. Please check out our youth group Facebook page for updates. In Christ, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, April 26th 2026

WelcomeJon Holland
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Wayne Coates
Sermon.....Steve Baggett
Lord's Table.....Jimmy Suddeath
 Wade Tummins Ethan Tummins
 Daniel Curtis Mike Robertson
 Brent Davis Barry Phy
Closing Prayer.....Drew Buttrey
Collect Cards.....Slate Berryman
 & Luke Jones
Greeters.....John & Abby Hurt
Nursery..... *Not at this time*
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #4

Sunday 6PM April 26th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Thomas Cook
Sermon.....Steve Baggett
Lord's Table.....Andrew Peyton
 & Calvin Buckner
Closing Prayer.....Gerald Curtis

Wednesday 6:30 PM, April 29nd, 2026

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long
Prayer.....Keith Grigsby
Adult Class.....Bruce Mayfield

** 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 4/19/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School ----- 123
 Sunday Morning Worship ----- 202
 Sunday Evening Worship ----- 115
 Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study ----- 116
 Sunday Contribution ----- \$9,873

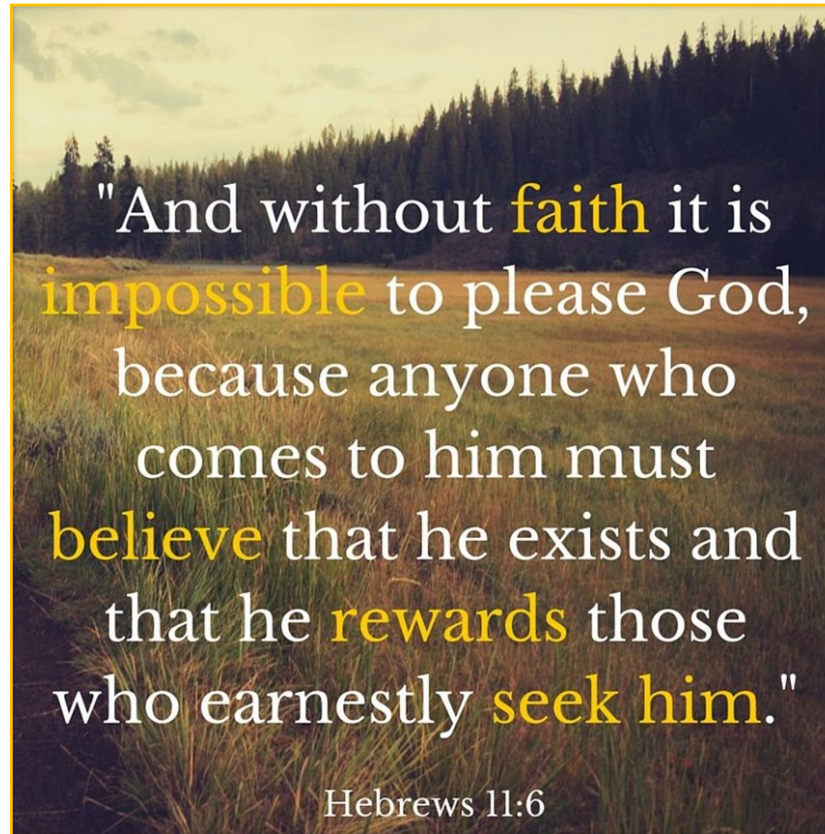


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Schedule of Services

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

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