

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Consider this bulletin article that our dear brother Jim Sudeath wrote several years ago. You'll find that its contents are still as true and relevant as ever. This is a topic that is constantly stressed over in elders and preachers meetings and is the frustration of many a Bible class teacher. Will you prayerfully consider it today?

Who Should Attend Bible Class?
 Bro. Jim Sudeath

Should the Elders?
 Would we want men to serve as spiritual overseers who do not believe in attending the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible classes? Could such study times really be successful without the support, encouragement and attendance of the elders?

Should the Deacons?
 These are men selected by the congregation to serve the church in special areas. But can they perform their service faithfully and in an exemplary manner if they do not support and encourage the Bible study program - on all occasions - with their attendance?

Should the Preacher and Youth Minister?
 Would you want a preacher or a youth minister for the congregation who did not attend Bible study and all other services? But really, is he under any more obligation or responsibility to attend than any other member? And what about his wife and children? Are they any more obligated to come on, say, a midweek night, than any other family or member in the church?

Should Every Member in the Church?
 Is not the command to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" equally applicable to every Christian? Are we obeying this imperative when business, civic or personal matters keep us from worship assemblies and Bible studies?

The issue is not so much "Does one **have to** attend every assembly?" As it is "Why should one not **want to** be present when able?" Jesus said, "if you love Me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner" (Hebrews 6:9).

How true this article still is these many years later! I can't tell you how discouraging it is as the Sunday morning Bible class teacher standing at the front of the auditorium and seeing the mass of people waiting in the foyer for Bible class to be over so they can find their seats for worship. I just don't get it! I understand that our beloved elderly members may have trouble getting going in the morning (and we are SO grateful that they can attend worship), but that's generally not the age group I see waiting back there. Let's do better church family! Let's show our love for the Lord, our desire to grow, and our love for one another by our attendance in Sunday morning Bible class, Sunday evening worship, and Wednesday night Bible class.

- 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.

<u>{Recent Medical concerns/updates}</u>		<u>{Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery}</u>
*Glenda Mattern (Ronnie&Jimmy Tyler's sister)-heart attack-stent put in *Tabitha Wright -(Dennis & Tina's dght)-Hosp visit-heart problems *Cheyenne Stewart-(Ruby Dell's dght-in-law) in Horizon-heart attack	Addison Hedge MHS student in hosp serious health issues	*Marsha Patrick-continue in prayer surg-May18th *Thomas Cook-tonsillectomy on May 12th *Diane Curtis- recovering from 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 *Jerry Honea -cancer, prayers *Dwight Proffitt-cancer, prayers
Listed below are those that are continuing to have on-going medical issues that are in need of our prayers.		
*Marvin England *Bonita Madewell *Sue Edmission *Shane Cobb *Savannah Patrick-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick's granddaughter) c/o Jaimie Patrick-111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN	*Hattie Tate *Becky Palk *Alyssa Gold *Carlene Davis	*W. R. & Louise Long *Betty Sudeath *Carolyn Wilson *Claude Hurt
*Gary & Pam Davis *Chase Lewis *Scotty Palk *Marcia Simpson	*Al & Vicki Peek *Doug Simpson *Margie Gunn *Nancy Daniel	*Jerry Martin *Joe Wright *Josh Barnett *Lance Davis *Luis Tipia *Thelma Davidson *Rita Oliphant
{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}		At Home in McEwen
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363 NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055 Magnolia Place- 811 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185 Waverly Hills Post Acute-895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185		Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726) (Traci Adams dad) Jim & Jane Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd Robert Bradford-347 Brown Mill Rd. Jimmy Mullinicks-56 Mike Street
Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly,TN 37185- June Dreaden- (Sonva Rachford's mom)now on hospice, please keep her & Acension Saint Thomas-451 TN-13, Waverly, TN 37185- Wayne Jones-(having serious diabetic complications) the family in your prayers..Rm 104)		

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Be sure to Welcome Jared & Laura Wright, along with Cade, Augusta & Luke who placed membership here in Christ's church (body) at McEwen on Sunday.</p> <p>{We are so thankful & grateful to have each of them here with us working for the Lord.}</p>	 <p>Recogniton of our upcoming Graduates will be this coming Sunday, @ 10:00 am. Students if you haven't gotten your info into mcewen-cofc@gmail.com, please do so by Wednesday.</p>	<p>Please help us in celebrating our Seniors....Karolann, Ty & Jesse. Join us at the McEwen Church of Christ Fellowship Hall downstairs on Sat, May 16th from 4pm-6pm, for a Come & Go Event honoring them. {It takes a village & you are a part of our village}</p> <p>Please RSVP to one of the below:</p> <p>*Cindy 615-418-1459 *Lori 931-209-0839 *Traci 931-622-2520</p>	<p>Bridal Shower </p> <p>for Gracie Doyle, Bride-Elect of Skyler Buckner will be on May 17th, from 2:00-3:30 here in the Fellowship Room.</p> <p>Registry Link: HTTPS://WWW.MYREGISTRY.COM/WEDDING-REGISTRY/SKYLER-BUCKNER-AND-GRACIE-DOYLE-YORK-SC/5318310</p>
<p>I.N.E.O.C.U.S. Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation</p>			

On Sunday night we were blessed to be able to celebrate our high school graduates at our annual Graduation Banquet. We began our evening with a few short words of encouragement from yours truly before enjoying a meal and time of fellowship together. Afterwards we enjoyed a slideshow of pictures of each of our graduates over the years. There were lots of laughs shared and a few tears as we celebrated Karolann, Ty, and Jesse. Each one of these kiddos means so much to Laurie and I and we will miss them tremendously whenever they head off to college in the fall.

This coming Sunday morning we will have another opportunity to celebrate our graduates as we recognize them before worship and present them with a bible. Please be sure to keep our graduates in your prayers as they wrap up high school and get ready for college.

In Christ, Keith

