"He's My Friend"

John Jones

What a blessing it is to have good friends. When you consider a good friend, you often think of someone who would 'give you the shirt off their back' if you needed it. They are always there for us in the hard times, which makes their presence during the good times all that much sweeter. Our family was reminded this past week of the blessings of friendship in the Lord. After fifteen years since the last time we had seen them, it was a real blessing to catch up with Mauricio and Kayla Yegros, the teammates of Riley and Brittany Hendrix in Miami. Despite the long time apart, our friendship picked right back up where we left off. Our similar experiences in mission work and raising kids gave us much to talk about. Our kids became fast friends with theirs! The only sad thing about having good friends is that we can't be with all of them all of the time. Often we are separated by hundreds of miles or hours and hours of driving time. Maybe they have already passed from this life to the next. How beautiful heaven must be, having all of our loved ones who are faithful to the Lord together in one place!

What does Jesus say about being a friend? In John 15:13-15 after washing the disciples feet, predicting Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial, Jesus said these words: "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

Even though Jesus's friends were failing him (and would continue to do so), Jesus showed us the picture of a perfect friend; his sacrificial love. But then he told us clearly what friendship with him would look like: Obeying his commands. We might say, "I don't think I would be friends with someone who commanded me to do things!" That's well and good, but have you ever had your King love you enough to lay down his life for you, then lovingly invite you to follow his teachings which he knows are for your benefit? I think I'd be willing to obey that kind of friend. I'm honored that he even considers me worthy of his friendship!

Sometimes we sing the song, "I'll be a friend to Jesus" and I love the second verse: "The world may turn against Him, I'll love Him to the end, And while on earth I'm living, My Lord shall have a friend."

What other friend can offer us salvation? What other friend can forgive you of everything wrong you've ever done and bring you into His Father's house, heaven? We are so blessed to have our Lord and Savior as our friend. What a shame it would be if we allowed lesser friends on this earth to lead us away from our best friend. What a blessing it would be if we showed our friends in this life the best friend they could ever possibly have!

"I'll be a friend to Jesus, My life for Him I'll spend; I'll be a friend to Jesus, Until my years shall end."

On Our Prayer List... Wesley Parrish-having some serious Health issues-no visitors @ this time. W.R. & Louise Long Barah Parnell-due to fall-wearing a boot @ this time Marvin England Hattie Tate

Al & Vicki Peek

Jim Tyler-now home Bertha Bradford Jerry & Kathy Martin **Bettty Suddeath** SURGERIES: Caleb Coates-Out-pt surg on 7/8 Michelle Lashlee-biopsy, possible surgery Traci Adams-home recovering fr surg

*Lemuel Palk-(Ruth Banes & Hattie Tate's brother)stoke-in VA/Nashville –Rm 12

*Barry Coleman-(friend of Marsha Patrick) bypass surg last Thursday

*Teresa Knight-(Bruce's sister)-complications fr gallbladder

*Tim Smith (Toad's son) home recovering fr back surg.

*Debbie Warren-@ Vanderbilt hosp not doing well

*Claude Hurt-in hosp-not doing well requesting prayers

*Virginia Cherry-(John Jones grandmother)now in rehab/*Brian Gill -tumo

*Jo Hall(Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler's sister) heart issues

*Devin Keith-(Morgan Peyton's brother) currently home with follow-up Dr. appts

*Mike Gunn- now home recovering

*Betty James-having tests

*Steve Peyton-been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver-running tests to see if a good candidate for a liver transplant. In Washington State

*Carolyn Wilson-(Madison's grandmother) requesting prayers.

*Josh Barnett-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments

*Helen Damesworth- suffered bad fall now @ Horizon room 130

*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen Bullington's sister) having problems from lupus

*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek's family) having problems from lupus

*Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England's brothers)/Marcia Simpson(Mike Burns aunt) *Whitney(Bullion)Sager.-home recovering *Alyssa Gold(R.Proctors Niece)

*Shane Cobb-continuing to have medical issues./Carlene Davis/Margie Gunn

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER *KENNY FLEMING-CA meds/*JIMMY PHY-CA treatments *LILLIAN CHILDRESS-(Sherry Harvey's aunt) Lung CA *DALE STREET-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA *HOUSTON HOWELL-CA +tic bite infection x 6wks

*ROY DELOACH, JR-(Roy's son) pancreatic cancer *MACK WINSTEAD-CA-requesting prayers *HUDSON JONES-{2yr old son of Dan & Catherine,

Walnut St COC- has Leukemia

*DAVID NOWLIN-CA treatments-WCOC Elder

*Donna Burns-Wayne&Ann Berryman's niece)-CA

*WANDA DOBBINS-(kin to Tyler's)terminal CA

*JACKIE BORDERS- Lauren Stuart's mom

*ROBERT GARDNER(Friend of Bill Williams) CA

*RANAE DUNCAN-(Bo&Amy's neighbor)CA -currently had to be hospitalized while on vacation-asking for prayers

*CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer *LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo

*MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrev) chemo *ALAN JONES - 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments

*DAVID STOKES-(Drew Swearns stepdad) CA

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME: Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185June Dreaden- Rm 204

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons, TN 38363-Wyle Marshall-hasn't been feeling well (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad

NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson, TN 37055- JoAnn Haley / Doris Stokes-R127

AT HOME: JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street/JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70E

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPPLY GIVEAWAY FRIDAY, JULY 25TH 5:30PM TO 7:00 PM MONEY DONATIONS MAY BE GIVEN TO KEITH, TERRI

Give from the

heart. Donate blood and help

Blood Drive-will be here

Monday, July 28th, 2025 from: 1:30pm to 5:30pm

*To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code:

LEADLIKETHELORD Wednesday Night Spring Series continues with 2 more lessons/speakers

July 9th-Walter Reid Long- Jesus had character: He Lived a Life of Integrity July 16th -Mark Forster-How Do You Define

Success? **YOUTH**

Rafting trip July 18-20th, sign up sheet is on the Youth bulletin board. Deadline to sign-up is Wed, July 9th

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Compared to two weeks ago, this past week was much less busy. The only activity for last week was our Breakfast and Bible study on Wednesday. Laurie and I hosted a group of 8 youth for a waffle, bacon, sausage, egg, and fruit breakfast at 9:00. After breakfast we had a good bible study. We wrapped up with a short time of fellowship together before everyone had to leave. We were missing a few of our youth who were attending FFA camp. We hope to have our entire crew back this coming Thursday for our next B&B.

We have several activities for this coming week. Our breakfast and bible study will be Thursday at 9:00 and that evening we will be heading to a Summer Youth Series at Crieve Hall church of Christ where Brayden is interning this summer. It will be good to spend some time with that congregation and some of their youth. We will wrap up the weekend with a youth devotional Sunday night after evening ser-In Christian Love. vice. Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, July 13th 2025

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Welcome	W. R. Long
Lead Singing	Mark Forster
1st Prayer	Calvin Buckner
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Mike Burns
Jimmy Suddeath	Jacen Robertson
Terry Parchman	John Potter
Mike Robertson	Drew Buttrey
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Suddeath

Collect Cards......Stirling Hurt

Nursery...... Not at this time

Collect Cups......Youth

Security.....Team #3

& Jaxon Holt

Sunday 6PM, July 13th 2025

Lead Singing	Mark Forster
Prayer	Ethan Tummins
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Matthew Dotson Jack Grigsby

Closing Prayer......Bruce Mayfield

Wednesday 6:30 PM, July 16th 2025

Lead Singing	Andrew Peyton
Prayer	Joe Smith
Adult Class	Mark Forster

^{*}If you are unable to serve......please contact Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)

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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.

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



OUR RECORDS for 7/6/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — 10	16
Sunday Morning Worship 18	6
Sunday Evening Worship 11	7
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study 10	9
Sunday Contribution — — — — — \$9,06	2

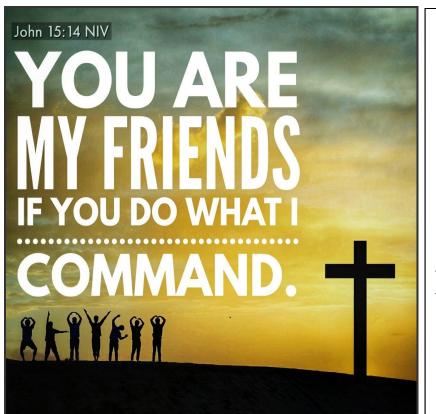


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Sunday

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
Wayne Coates
John Hurt
Robert Proctor
Joe Smith
Ethan Tummins

Mike Burns Mark Forster Barry Phy James Ridings Dwight Stuart Wade Tummins

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Ronnie Tyler

Staff:

Ministers ---- Every Member
Pulpit ----- John Jones
Youth ----- Keith Grigsby
Secretaries ----- Terri Tummins

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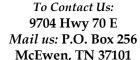
EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Bible studies are ongoing! **ue to be:**

Praying for those we are studying with Continuing to provide new (Contact's)

cards for us to reach out to

Team 2 - no cards to work on this Wednesday night.



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^{*}If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.