

Trusting and Serving in Times of Weakness

In 1 Samuel 30, when David and his men return home after a raid, they are devastated to find their wives and children have been taken captive. In their overwhelming grief they look for someone to blame. Even though David’s family has also been kidnapped, the men blame David and plan to stone him. In his anguish, David leaves us a godly example by choosing to “strengthen himself in the Lord his God” instead of blaming someone else or playing the victim. When David hits rock bottom, he goes to God with his problems. He has been on the run from Saul and unwelcome in his own home for years. Now the Philistines have rejected him, his family is missing, and his friends have turned against him. Despite all this, David makes a bold and profound choice—he seeks God’s guidance and strength. In a moment of turmoil, he relies on God’s direction instead of trying to figure things out on his own.

Once God directs David to pursue the kidnappers, a simple kindness shown to an Egyptian leads to the information needed to find the missing families. When some of the men were too exhausted to follow David, they stayed with the supplies, yet David made sure they were rewarded the same as those who fought and rescued the missing families.

What can we learn from this chapter? When problems overwhelm us and sadness smothers us, where do we find the will and the courage to continue? Do we seek to blame or hold someone else responsible for life’s challenges, or do we go immediately to the Lord? Do we allow our own sadness to blind us to the needs of others? David found his courage in the Lord by going to Him immediately. Despite his own tragedy, he helped someone in need and through this kind action, the Lord helped David.

Like David, do we sure to honor everyone who serves the Lord in whatever way they can? Some folks reserve most honor for preachers or those in the public spotlight. Do we appreciate those who “stay with the baggage”? Ecclesiastes 3:1 says “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” This verse reminds us to serve God in every season of life, when we have the strength to pursue and also when life’s exhaustion limits our service.

I encourage you today to ask God to remind you to go to Him when trouble arises and not to blame others. Try to text or call someone who, even in their old age or physical weakness, serves the Lord as best as they can.

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 in need of our prayers}
***Linda Rodgers**-has been back in Centennial for the last week-please keep in prayer. ***Andy Marlor**—fractured hip
***Becky Palk**—upcoming treatments ***Shane Cobb**-new medical concerns.

{SURGERIES}
Upcoming **Recovering from**
***Rachel Corlew**-(Abby Hurt’s mother) upcoming surg ***Billy Buttrey**
***Norman Gentry**-recent Dr’s appt-will have a procedure in October ***Todd Mullinicks**

{THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER}
***Kenny Fleming**—continued endurance with cancer issues ***Jimmy Phy**-continued endurance with CA care
***Lillian Childress**-(Sherry Harvey’s aunt) finished radiation, upcoming check up. ***Houston Howell**
***Dale Street**-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA ***David Nowlin**-CA treatments-WcoC elder
***Mack Winstead**-CA-continued prayers ***Wanda Dobbins**-(kin to Tylers) terminal CA
***Hudson Jones**-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC—Leukemia}
***Ranae Duncan**-(Bo & Amy’s neighbor) CA ***Jackie Borders**-Lauren Stuart’s mom
***Casey Vailles**-(Ranae Duncan’s son) Cancer also. ***Robert Gardner**(friend of Bill Williams) CA
***David Stokes**-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone’s dad) & Drew Swearns step-dad ***Maggie Wright**-(friend of N. Buttrey)CA

Listed below are those that are continuing to have on-going medical issues that are in need of our prayers.
***Anita Buckner** ***Hattie Tate** ***Betty Suddeath** ***Al & Vicki Peek** ***Marvin England** ***Alton Gordon**
***Betty James** ***Brian Gill** ***Greg Mullinicks** ***Carolyn Wilson** ***Claude Hurt**
***Carlene Davis** ***Margie Gunn** ***Chase Lewis** ***Doug Simpson** ***Marcia Simpson**
***Sue Edmission** ***Carol Wall** ***Alyssa Gold** ***Josh Barnett** ***Mike Gunn**
***Warren (Johnny) Proctor** ***Whitney(Bullion)Sager** ***Jo Hall**
***Savannah Patrick**-(Rhett’s granddaughter-she loves cards) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab/Home}
Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly, TN 37185-**June Dreaden**- Rm 204/ **Helen Damesworth**
Waverly Hills Post Acute-895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185-**Gary Pace**
NHC—812 N.Charlotte, Dickson, TN 37055- **JoAnn Haley / Doris Stokes**-R127
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons, TN 38363-**Wyle Marshall**-(Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad
Signature Hltcare, 98 Old Farmers Rd, Clarksville, TN 37043-**Thelma Davidson**-Rm 205 (Gwen’s sister) in for rehab & dialysis
{AT HOME:} **Jimmy & Retha Raye Mullinicks**-56 Mike Street **Jim & Jane Ridings**-172 Indian Ck Rd
Robert &(Bertha) Bradford—347 Brown Mill Rd

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

This is the 4thWednesday of the month, our “singing night an meal” @ 5:15 prior to our service.		RED CROSS WILL BE HERE ON MONDAY, OCT 6TH FROM 1:30-5:30	Remember to keep all of ours traveling to RUSH this weekend in prayer.	Updated address for: James Eric Warden #676192 Whiteville Correctional Facility 1440 Union Springs Road Whiteville, TN 38075
	Our “Fall Family Retreat” will be on Oct 17th-19th @Nathan Bedford Forrest. Lots of fun & fellowship involved for all ages!! Cost is \$15.00. Sign-up sheet in the foyer, last day to sign up will be Wed, October 8th. <i>Hope to see you there!</i>			

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

Our youth had a busy week of activities that got started last Wednesday with FLAME. We began with our Faith over Fear bible study followed by a time of food and fellowship. On Friday we had our first 5th Quarter after the football game. I appreciate the ones that came for a time of food and fellowship. On Saturday evening we had our annual church softball game and cookout. We had around 60 youth and adults in attendance. We began with a great meal and fellowship together followed by the softball game. We had around 40 who played in the game and around 10-15 that stayed to cheer us all on. It was such a fun night, and I appreciate everyone that had a part in it. Our final activity for the weekend was our devotional Sunday night hosted by Todd and Amy Mullinicks. We had 10 youth and 8 adults in attendance. We had a devotional period together followed by a great meal. I appreciate Todd and Amy opening their home to us and providing the meal. It was a great night of fellowship!

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, September 28th 2025

<i>Welcome</i>	Barry Phy
<i>Lead Singing</i>	Mark Forster
<i>1st Prayer</i>	Andrew Peyton
<i>Sermon</i>	John Jones
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Mike Robertson
	Drew Buttrey John Hurt
	Billy Buttrey Mike Burns
	Bruce Mayfield Wayne Coates
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	John Potter
<i>Collect Cards</i>	Luke Jones & Luke Wright
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Not at this time</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Not at this time</i>
<i>Collect Cups</i>	Youth
<i>Security</i>	Team #4

Sunday 6PM September 28th 2025

<i>Lead Singing</i>	Mark Forster
<i>Prayer</i>	Jacen Robertson
<i>Sermon</i>	John Jones
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Jimmy Suddeath & Ronnie Tyler
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Jesse Kilpatrick

Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 1st 2025

<i>Lead Singing</i>	Bill Williams
<i>Prayer</i>	Wayne Coates
<i>Adult Class</i>	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.*

 

*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.



Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — —	131
Sunday Morning Worship — — — — —	201
Sunday Evening Worship — — — — —	85
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study — — — — —	139
Sunday Contribution — — — — —	\$9,695



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

{Team - may have cards to work on this Wednesday night.}

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