

The Importance of Tackling Tough Biblical Subjects

This past Sunday’s sermons were tough for me as a preacher to prepare and deliver. We studied biblical modesty on Sunday morning and fasting on Sunday evening. Neither of these topics are frequently taught, mainly because they’re difficult. It is always easier to leave tough topics untaught, but would God be pleased if we avoid what His Word teaches when it might offend someone?

As New Testament Christians, God expects us to understand and follow “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27), including challenging and uncomfortable topics. Addressing tough biblical subjects—like sin, judgment, repentance, or God’s strict expectations regarding marriage and sexuali-ty—strengthens our faith helps us understand God’s will. Avoiding these truths risks spiritual stag-nation and a weakened witness in a world who needs to know the truth.

In 2 Timothy 3:16–17, Paul writes, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” This includes passages that convict or challenge us. By wrestling with these Scriptures, we grow in maturity and are prepared for God’s work.

Jesus Himself did not shy away from hard truths. In Matthew 7:13–14, He warns, “Enter by the nar-row gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” Is it our job as Christians to comfort the people walking down the road to hell or to rescue them from that path? If we love them, we must teach them the truth.

Failing to address tough subjects also weakens our ability to guide others. Hebrews 5:12–14 laments believers who remain immature, unable to handle “solid food” because they avoid deeper truths. By neglecting topics like sin’s consequences, our faith will be shallow and fail under pressure.

Avoiding difficult topics can also distort the gospel. Paul warns in Galatians 1:8, “But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.” Diluting God’s Word to avoid offense presents a false gospel, depriving people of the transformative power of truth.

Let us boldly embrace all of Scripture, trusting that God’s Word, though sometimes hard to hear, is “living and active” (Hebrews 4:12). By teaching and discussing tough biblical subjects, we honor God, grow in faith, and shine as lights in a world that needs the unfiltered truth of the gospel.

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-is continuing to have more medical struggles, in room 6120 @ Centennial. *Andy Marlor—fractured hip
*Becky Palk--has finished her treatments *Levi & Quis Crowell(6wks premature baby in NICU in Chatt) Levi is Sharon Forster’s nephew

Upcoming {SURGERIES} Recovering from
*Rachel Corlew-(Abby Hurt’s mother)surg on 9/29 *Barbara Breedan-requesting prayers for her surg on Oct 6th *Billy Buttrey
*Norman Gentry-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} *Jackie Borders-Lauren Stuart’s mom
*Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA *Maggie Wright -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA
*Casey Vailes -(Ranae Duncan’s son) Cancer *Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments
*David Stokes-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone’s dad) & Drew Swearns step-dad

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
*Shane Cobb *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-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick’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

Our sympathy to the family of Renee Duncan , who has been on our prayer list , her service was held on Mon, Sept 29th		RED CROSS WILL BE HERE ON MONDAY, OCT 6TH FROM 1:30-5:30	<u>YOUTH</u> <u>*FLAME</u> this Wed, Oct 1st @ 5:15.	<u>Men's Bible Study</u> this coming Saturday, Oct 4th @ 6:30 am here at the building.
	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. Hope to see you there!		<u>*5th Quarter</u> this Friday, Oct 3rd after the ballgame.	Sister Betty Suddeath's "Ladies Class" will continue this coming Wed night.
				If anyone is in need of a hospital bed call the office or Mike Burns.

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

RUSH weekend is always one of the best weekends that our youth can be a part of. Freed Hardeman puts on a great event each and every year. We were blessed with great speakers and bible class teachers. We arrived on Friday night and enjoyed a meal together before heading to our cabin to get unpacked. Afterwards, we headed back to campus for a devotional together. After devo, we headed back to the cabin for the night. We woke up Saturday, ate breakfast and headed to campus. The day was filled with 3 keynote speakers, 2 bible class sessions, 2 meals, free time, a concert, and food trucks. It was a very busy day, but a great day! Sunday, we woke up to another beau-tiful day. We started with breakfast together followed by our worship service together. After worship we packed everything up and headed home. I’m so thankful for all those that came! It was a wonderful weekend!

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, October 5th 2025

<i>Welcome</i>	Mike Burns
<i>Lead Singing</i>	Mark Forster
<i>1st Prayer</i>	Keith Grigsby
<i>Sermon</i>	John Jones
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Andrew Peyton
Gerald Curtis	Wendell Monroe
Brent Davis	Mike Robertson
Ethan Tummins	John Potter
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Wayne Berryman
<i>Collect Cards</i>	Slate Berryman & Stirling Hurt
<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 #5

Sunday 6PM October 5th 2025

<i>Lead Singing</i>	Mark Forster
<i>Prayer</i>	Jacen Robertson
<i>Sermon</i>	John Jones
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Bruce Mayfield & Wade Tummins
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Carter Howard

Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 8th 2025

<i>Lead Singing</i>	Jimmy Long
<i>Prayer</i>	Bill Williams
<i>Adult Class</i>	John Jones

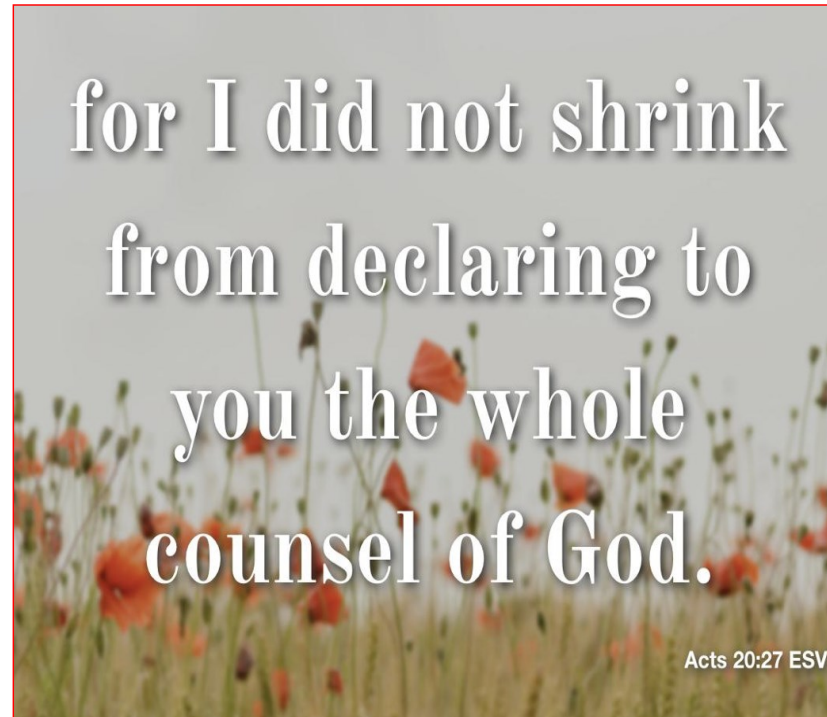
**If you are unable to serve.....please contact
Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)*

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

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Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — —	114
Sunday Morning Worship — — — — —	192
Sunday Evening Worship — — — — —	93
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study — — — — —	131
Sunday Contribution — — — — —	\$8,124



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

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