

Why Should God's People Give?

1. GIVING IS AN OBLIGATION... In the Old Testament (Deut. 14:22-29; Haggai 1:1-11; Malachi 3:7-12) and in the New (Romans 12:13; Galatians 2:10; Hebrews 13:16; 1 John 3:17), the people of God are commanded to give for certain needs. Failing to give for such causes when one is able is therefore an act of disobedience. Not all giving is required, however (see Leviticus 7:16; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15).
2. GIVING IS A PRIVILEGE... The churches of Macedonia were models of generosity in giving, even though they were poor. They gladly gave out of gratitude toward God and love for their brethren (2 Corinthians 8 and 9; see especially 8:4, 9). Paul reminds us of Jesus' teaching that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).
3. GIVING IS ONE DIMENSION OF OUR STEWARDSHIP... Very often Jesus spoke of the stewardship of His people in terms of money (see Luke 16:1-13). Our faithfulness as stewards in this "little thing" of money has a bearing on what other (and greater) responsibilities we will be given (see Luke 16:9-12).
4. GIVING IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP... The Old Testament saints could only approach God in worship with a sacrifice, and this sacrifice was a contribution, whether whole or in part. In the New Testament, contributions were also described as sacrifices offered up in worship (see Hebrews 9:1-10; 10:1-25; 13:10-16).
5. GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT... Jesus encouraged believers to give in order to "lay up treasure in heaven" (Matthew 6:19-21). Investing earthly money in the advancement of the kingdom of God is one way in which we can lay up spiritual treasure in heaven (see Luke 16:1-13).
6. GIVING IS AN ACT OF SELF-SACRIFICE... All Christian service should be a sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2). In giving, we should not seek man's praise, but God's (Matthew 6:2-4). We should not give with the hope of getting ahead in this life, but with the faith that God will reward us in heaven (Luke 14:12-14). We should not give under pressure, but willingly and cheerfully, with gratitude for God's grace to us, according to our ability (2 Corinthians 8 and 9).
7. GIVING IS AN EXPRESSION OF BROTHERLY LOVE... Giving is an expression of brotherly love and of Christian unity. The principle is set down in texts such as Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 3:11; Romans 12:13; James 2:15-17 and 1 John 3:15-18. The practice of this principle is seen in Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35; 11:27-30; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Philippians 4:14-19.

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\*Next two weeks bulletins will be focused on Mission Sunday. Will then continue with the book "The Kind of Preaching Needed Today" by Hugh Fulford.

On Our Prayer List...

Martha Durham-CA-colon  
Rita Stephens-CA

Elton Smith- Horizon  
Richard Lory-CA

Dorothy Killebrew  
Keith Rodgers-cataract surg on 10/27

Michelle Lashlee

Corky Grigsby-(Keith's dad) currently having some medical issues  
Virgil Wright-(Amy Tester's dad) now home from being in the hospital  
Tessa Estes(Jacob& Lindsey(Baker) Estes baby girl-heart procedure this wk  
Waylon Lammel-(friend of N. Buttrey's) baby @Children's hosp in Knoxville on ventilator  
Beth Schreiber Fritts (Wesley Parrish's cousin) breast CA  
Larry Hayes-Elder @ WCOC-Ca has returned  
Mary Gugelchuk-(Michelle Lashlee's grandmother)surg on Nov 7th  
April Howton-(Sammy Long's dght-)-Breast CA  
Savannah Patrick-(Marsha Patrick's granddaughter)able to be back at schoo  
Annette Smith (Carl's wife) stroke  
Wiley Marshall-(CHF) & Faye Marshall-(Traci Adams) parents  
Kim Marlow-CA (F.Featherstone-dght/Regina's sis)  
Jerry & Judy Smith /Becky Keele-CA treatments

Natasha Chandler-Carter&Journey's mom-recent surg  
Presley Carter(Alex's dad) blood clots- hm fr hosp.  
Julie Shannon-Bob Thomason's dght-CA  
Jimmy Arnold (Bruce&Roxanne's son's father-in-law)CA  
Beth Campbell-(Thomas Cook's sis) CA .  
Mary Ann Gray -CA (friend of N. Buttrey's)  
Carter Robb 1 yr old- CA treatments  
June Dreaden-(S. Rachford's mom)  
Carolyn Eddings-taking cancer treatments  
Maggie Wright (friend of N. Buttrey)CA-chemo  
Virginia Tate-(D. Gentry's mom)  
Joe Vargas-Kathy Martin's frd

ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOME

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-Wyle Marshall (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad  
Dickson Health & Rehab-901 North Charlotte,Dickson,TN 37055 -Clayton England -Marvin's brother  
Humphreys County-104 Forte Hill Rd/Waverly,TN.37185 -Billy Adams-Rm 712 / Ann Spicer  
Lifecare Center of Centerville-112 Dickson Rd,Centerville, TN 37033-Jim(Rm309) & Earline(Rm315) Davis  
NHC-812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN 7055 -Mary Adair- (Rm 117) Thelma Carpenter-Amy & Bo's mom  
Ronnie England-(Rm 113) & Doris Stokes-(Rm 127)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD  
ACROSS THE STREET AND ACROSS THE NATIONS  
MISSION SUNDAY  
COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 5TH!!!  
Meal to follow.

Two Exciting Opportunities:  
1.New Adult Bible Class -starting on Sunday mornings (now-Nov 19th), downstairs in the fellowship room  
Study will be on how we can learn & relate to Biblical characters lives in our lives today.  
2.In need of "Greeters"! Is a great way to let members & visitors know how important they are to us & the Lord!!!

TRUNK OR TREAT  
OCT 31ST, FROM 6:00-7:30 PM. IN NEED OF TRUNKS & TREATS!



Our sympathy & prayers to the family of "Larry Blaylock" who was the brother of Patsy Vaughn & uncle of Kim Forster. Services were held on Wednesday, 10/25 @ Spann Funeral Home in Dickson

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IN F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Unity, Character, Salvation

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Last week was all about preparing for our Fall Family Retreat that took place last weekend. We had a group of right at 40 youth and adults attend this great event. Most of us headed out on Friday evening around 4:00. We arrived around 5:00, unloaded everything, unpacked everything, and got settled in. Around 6:30 we enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship followed by a devotional period outside. We sang together and had a devotional thought from yours truly! After devo, we came together to play games and enjoy a fun night of fellowship. We woke Saturday morning to a beautiful day! We began with a GREAT breakfast made by all the ladies, after breakfast I took the teenagers for a devotional period together. After that we had our split devotional period with the adults. I took the men and Laurie took the ladies for a time of devotion and discussion. The rest of the day consisted of a two-hand touch football game, free time, a devotional by Mark, more great food, a lesson from Joe Rhodes, trivia night, and so much great fellowship! It was a great day! Sunday morning, we woke to a small breakfast, a great time of worship together with Wayne Coates presenting the lesson. We packed up, cleaned up, and headed home. It was such a blessing to be together and I cannot wait until next year. Keith

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

Welcome .....Ronnie Tyler  
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster  
1<sup>st</sup> Prayer.....Dwight Stuart  
Sermon.....Justin Darnell  
Lord's Table.....Mike Burns

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| Jim Suddeath  | Barry Phy     |
| Billy Buttrey | Chad Vaughn   |
| Brent Davis   | Ethan Tummins |

Closing Prayer.....Gerald Curtis  
Collect Cards.....Parker Rachford  
& Collin Swearns  
Greeters..... Not at this time  
Nursery..... Not at this time  
Collect Cups.....  
Security.....Team #4

### Sunday 6PM, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster  
Prayer.....Jimmy Suddeath  
Sermon.....5th Sunday-Young Men  
Lord's Table.....Terry Parchman  
Drew Swearns  
Closing Prayer.....W. R. Long

### Wednesday 6:30 PM, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long  
Prayer.....Calvin Buckner  
Adult Class.....

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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to view!



### OUR RECORDS for 10/22/2023

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Sunday Morning Bible School       | 82      |
| Sunday Morning Worship            | 144     |
| Sunday Evening Worship            | 102     |
| Wed. Mid-week Bible Study (10/18) | 124     |
| Sunday Contribution               | \$6,858 |
| Number of Seeds Planted           | 16      |



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**Sunday, November 5th, 2023**

**Christ's Commission – {Our Mission}**

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am  
Worship..... 10:00am  
Evening.....6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:30pm

#### Elders:

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|---------------|----------------|
| James Buckner | 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 |
| Elton Smith    | Joe Smith     |
| Dwight Stuart  | Drew Swearns  |
| Dennis Tester  | Ethan Tummins |
| Wade Tummins   | Ronnie Tyler  |

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