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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Pulpit Notes:

Join us in worship
THIS Sunday

Sunday
9 am

“Families Growing for Him
in 2018”

Mark 5:18-20

5 pm—Evening Services
“Families Growing for Him”
part 2

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Join Us for Worship!

Sunday
9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Classes
5:00 pm Evening Service

Wednesdays
7:00 pm Bible Classes
for all ages

In Sight - The Elders

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus”

Growing for Him
Four Goals Four Years For Him



It’s hard to believe but the first year of our four year ‘Growing For Him’ focus is behind us now. A year ago we presented some goals that would try to quantify the success of a 12 month emphasis on personal spiritual growth. Two of these goals were: 80% or more of all members would be involved in a Sunday school class, and 60% or more would be actively involved in at least one ministry area. Are you helping achieve these goals? A few of the specific disciplines we were challenged with to enhance our personal spiritual growth were: make Bible study a priority, pray often, cultivate the fruit of the Spirit, forgive others, give generously, serve others, let Christ shine through you, tame the tongue, stop negative speech/attitudes, surrender your will to God’s, and encourage/love one another. It’s very difficult to quantify our spiritual growth from one year to another, but asking ourselves ‘How am I doing in the above areas?’ may provide a good indicator. Do you find yourself spending more time in Bible study and prayer than a year ago? If your answer is ‘yes’, then those two alone should lead to improvements in all other areas.

The word of God is a catalyst for spiritual growth. Peter writes, “Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation” (1 Peter 2:2). The more we feed on it, the more we will grow. Personal Bible study is only one way to achieve this. We have other opportunities to learn, such as through the lessons presented to us on Sunday mornings and nights and Bible classes on Sundays and Wednesdays. We should be taking advantage of all these. Don’t let anything hinder your learning and growing from each lesson you have an opportunity to hear. We should all listen and focus on learning from God’s word. D.L. Moody, a 19th century evangelist once stated, “The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.”

In order to achieve spiritual growth, we must first become a disciple of Jesus. We cannot be a Christian without being a disciple of Christ. Those who claim to be a Christian but do not abide by the teachings of Christ are simply trying to dictate his/her own terms and wants everything arranged to suit themselves. Being a disciple of Jesus means we are to submit ourselves to the lordship of Jesus. (Matt 16:24) In one exchange with the Pharisees, Jesus was asked, “What is the most important commandment?” In His reply, Jesus gave them two commandments, love God and love your neighbor as yourself (Matt 22:34-40). These two commandments are inseparable. You cannot obey one without the other. We love God by growing our relationship with Him through the Word, prayer, and obedience. We love our neighbor as ourselves when we share the gospel with the lost and fellowship and grow with other Christians. John 13:34-35: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Some indicators of our maturity of loving one another are: I place the interest of others above my self-interest; I am gentle and kind in my interactions with others; I encourage others by pointing out their strengths rather than criticize their weaknesses; I act as if other’s needs are as important as my own; I seek to live in harmony with other members of my family; and I allow other Christians to hold me accountable for spiritual growth.

As we enter the 2nd year of our ‘Growing For Him’ focus, take time to honestly gauge your progress so far, and surrender those things that are hindering your spiritual growth. Self-examination may be uncomfortable at times, but it is extremely important for Christian growth. (2 Cor 13:5)

The Elders

HAPPENINGS...

Welcome Visitors!

Koren Andrews

**First Sunday Singing
January 7th at 2:00pm
Washington Street
Church of Christ**

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES
CORRECTION**

John and Kelly Loyd 28

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF:

Ruth McCauley

Given by:

*Con and Arden Humphrey
to*

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018

SERVING COMMUNION

*Ray Hillis
**Ricky Pierce
Charles Higgins

Chris Barnes
Bobby West
Trent Smith

Dale Pierce
Mark Mitchell
Joe Cummins III

***To offer thanks for bread and cup.
To offer thanks for the opportunity to give.

COUNTING CONTRIBUTION

Joe Cummins IV, Knox Smith

ELDER "ON CALL"

Rick Patterson
931-703-3704

DOOR GREETERS

Bob DeJarnatt, Carla Kelley

USHERS

Phillip Lane, David Richardson, Heath Mullins, Rick Patterson

WORSHIP COORDINATORS

Adam Smith, Tim Childers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

John and Anne Underwood

**FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018
SERVING COMMUNION TO THE SHUT-INS**

| | Homebound | Donalson | Fay Care & Rehab/ Southern Manor |
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| 01/07 | Knox Smith | Ewin Cowley, Joe Cummins IV | Dan DeJarnatt |
| 01/14 | Adam Smith | Jared Gentry, Tommy Hampton | Ron Kerbo |
| 01/21 | Don Vess | Eric Lane, Devon Lowrance | John Osteen |
| 01/28 | Curtis Brown | Thomas Osteen, Rick Patterson | David Richardson |



New Arrival!

Congratulations to Randy and Kayla Kilpatrick on the birth of their son Koal Roy Kilpatrick born Thursday, December 28th, weighing 5lbs, 15oz and 19 1/4" long. Also congratulations to big brothers Hunter and Logan, big sister Kadi Faith, grandfather Keith Kilpatrick and great grandmother Janie Kilpatrick.

Food Pantry Needs: Tuna/Hamburger Helper, Ravioli



**Sunday's Message
January 7, 2018
Speaker: Jim Black**

**9:00 am "Families Growing for Him in 2018"
Reading: Mark 5:18-20
5:00 pm Evening Worship, "Families Growing for Him" part 2**

ASSIGNMENTS

WORSHIP COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY
Adam Smith, Tim Childers

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
January 7, 2018 - 9:00 AM
Opening Prayer: Ray Hillis
Scripture Reading: Tyler Dodson
Mark 5:18-20
Closing Prayer: Jared Mills

NURSERY ATTENDANTS:
Anna Catherine Osteen,
Anna Kaye Lowrance

SERVING COMMUNION TO CARE CENTERS:
FAYETTEVILLE CARE & REHAB/SOUTHERN MANOR/BAILEY MANOR
Dan DeJarnatt
DONALSON CARE CENTER
Ewin Cowley, Joe Cummins IV

SHUT-INS/ HOMEBOUND
Knox Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL
HEALTH CARE CENTERS
January 3, 2018
Bill Davis
is in Charge

EDUCATIONAL WORKERS FOR JANUARY 2018
SUNDAY AM
Jared and Kaila Gentry

WEDNESDAY PM
Cara Sain, Nancy Cox

ELDER "ON CALL" FOR JANUARY
Rick Patterson
931-703-3704

If you are unable to fulfill your duties, please find a replacement.

PRAYER NEEDS

No one is in the hospital at this time.



We express our sympathy to the family of Charles Ingle. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 27th at Higgins Funeral Home.



We express our sympathy to the family of Iris Wayne Brown. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 29th at Higgins Funeral Home.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone for their outpour of love during the loss of Iris Wayne Brown. Each and every act of kindness is truly appreciated. We are so comforted by the fact that Brother Jim was with Iris Wayne as she went home to be with the Lord. Brother Jim's eulogy was beautiful. Thank you to the church ladies for preparing a wonderful meal.

In Christian Love,
Tim & Dalton Brown
Jean Crowder

CARD SHOWER
Howard Currin
554 Amana Avenue
Fayetteville, TN 37334

For the Record Sunday, December 31, 2017

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| 9:00 A.M. | 262 |
| Bible Study | 214 |
| P.M. Worship | 87 |

To keep our prayer list current. Prayer requests will be published for four consecutive weeks in both bulletins. If you desire for our prayer requests to be extended for a longer period of time, please let us know. Prayer requests can always be added back to the prayer list. Our main purpose for this is to keep our list updated so that we are not including those who are departed. We would welcome your input in helping keep our list updated.

CONTINUE IN PRAYER

- Joan Adams
- Margaret Adams
- Mable Bates, mother Troy Bates
- Jean Crowder
- Howard Currin
- Bertha Curtis, mother of Connie Nedead
- Carol Davidson
- Thomas Honey
- Jerry Johnson
- Dora Jordan
- Janice Moffett, sister of Gary Moffett
- Kathie Moffett
- Ruth Tucker, mother of Susan Bassham
- Ruth White, mother of Rick White
- Suzanne Young

To add someone to the prayer list call the office 433-2391.

In order to bring our prayer list up to date, we have deleted some names that have been on the prayer list for a while. If we have deleted a name that needs to remain on the list or you have a name to add, please contact the church office and we will gladly add it.

Thank You!

Youth News

Hey everybody! I hope that you have all had a great break! We are excited to see you guys on Wednesday and get things going again.

There will be no Coffee House this week, and there will be no Boy's Devo. Girl's devo might be happening, but Anna Catherine will send out a text message about it. This is a great time to develop relationships and ask questions about God or the Church.

We will have a SAC on this coming Sunday Night.

The Winter Calendar is online and if you would like to join the Youth Text Message System, text @WSY to 81010. This will help you know everything that is going on with the Youth Group.

Be in prayer this week for the coming year! Specifically be in prayer for our church family and that our hearts will be open to the change that needs to happen so that we might grow closer together.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">SERVICE TIMES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY</p> <p>Worship..... 9:00 A.M.</p> <p>Bible Study.....10:15A.M.</p> <p>Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Bible Study 7:00 P.M.</p> | <p><i>VOICE</i> of Washington Street (USPS 764-740) Published Every Thursday by WASHINGTON STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST PO BOX 324 Fayetteville, TN 37334 931-433-2391 www.wscoc.net</p> <p style="text-align: center;">«AddressBlock»</p> <p style="text-align: center;">«RT»</p> |
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| Grant Bartelt | Joe Cummins IV | Knox Smith |
| Jason Brown | Perry Gates | Adam Smith |
| Tim Childers | Andy Lyon | |
| Mark Clark | Heath Mullins | |