

February 5, 2012

Speakers for Sunday
A.M. - David Shannon
P.M. - David Shannon

Sunday A.M.

Early / Late Services

Announcements

Alan Smith

Elders Prayer

Albert England / Dennis Nosal

Song Leader

Philip Jenkins

Opening Prayer

Daniel Kirby / Ricky Banks

Scripture Reading

Tony Flueallen / Mitch Poskevich

Closing Prayer

Jeff Whittle / Galen Romine

Lord's Supper

Early P. Kevin Hines **P.** Rob Lyles

Chris Haynes Clint McCulloch

Matthew Cauthen Tim Burgess

Late P. Ben Dennis **P.** Marc Rinks

Tucker Worley Justin Buchanan

Don Collins Raburn Barron

Steve Boshers Troy Hudson

Ushers

Early L Glen Black **R** Gene Smith

LC Kirk Nelson **RC** Tim Smith

Late L Joseph Mills **R** Joe Powers
LC Chad McBroom **RC** John Durham

Count Attendance

Early Tim Burgess

Late Karson Alford

Nursery

Early: Shayne Miller/Jamie Stallworth

Late: Annie Earhart / Abbie Earhart

Sunday P.M.

Opening Prayer

Walt Williams

Closing Prayer

Mark Crisp

Nursery

Lindsay Macpherson / Sheri Kibbe

Wednesday P.M.

Song Leader

TBA

Closing Prayer

TBA

Elder on Call for February

Albert England

Baptismal Garments

Jill Moles

*If you are unable to serve,
please contact:*

Brandon Whitlock @ 615-943-0741

GOD'S FAMILY...

2012

His Mission

His Service... Thanks to all Who have given to honor the Sanctity of Life!

The generous load of items given to Agape will fill many gift baskets for mothers and babies! Let's always seek to advise and encourage to choose life. Also about \$1,700 was given to the Estabrooks family who is adopting from Bulgaria. This family will provide another soul a Christian home! Think of the eternal impact this decision may have! Let's continue to pray for the Estabrooks and the child God has waiting for them. Also let's remember AGAPE in our prayers and as a resource for good.



Thomas and Kelly
Estabrooks and sons

Ladies Breakfast was a great event Saturday. The ladies benefited from the fellowship, enjoyed the delicious breakfast, and were encouraged by a lesson from Rachel Pate. Her words were very encouraging as she spoke about Jewels of Wisdom. During this time the 2012 ladies committee was introduced and activities for the whole year were discussed. The room was full, the breakfast was fulfilling, and the hearts were full and running over. It was a great morning. Also, if you would like to help with a Ladies Committee event, there are sign up sheets at Information Central.

Nick and Amy's Furlough was a blessing! I'm sure that Nick and Amy feel it was a blessing for them to come home for a few weeks, but did we know it was going to be such a rich blessing to us? We definitely looked forward to it—that isn't the observation. It is just interesting how many folks have talked about the joy it has been to hear Amy teach ladies class, or Nick preach. Another just said to me how much they appreciated Nick's report and how much money was raised for the building/school. Others have mentioned how much it meant for them to visit or have lunch or just to see them. The devotional two weeks past made a great impact upon all who attended. We appreciate Doug and Sharon Perry for their continual work. I love Nick, Amy, and Jonah and know that hundreds of you reading this feel the same. They are good people. Their humility and work make it even easier for children of God to admire them. Let's pray for this family as they go and our family as we remain. May we all always be about the same work!

Just Think About It: How many of us know the position of the buttons on the remote control better than we know the location of the books of the Bible? What does that say about us? I also read a marquee the other night driving back to MJ. All driving by could read it; "Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet Him!" Let's be careful out there. But most importantly, let's be careful with our souls. If we know the remote better than the Living Word of God, we probably need to be more careful. Psalms 119 is written to praise God's Word and remind the reader of the importance of it.

"I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts" (Ps 119:93-94). I will never forget. **Don't Forget Family!**

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CALLING ALL CHURCH MEMBERS!
You are needed at the

MOUNT JULIET
MINISTRY FAIR
SUNDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 12

*We ask that all families make plans to attend, as we have all been called to serve.

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

God and Marriage

With **Elias Roque**

God Solves Bad Decisions in Your Marriage

It seems impossible to believe it, but God created man in His image and likeness as it says in Genesis 1:27. Man is capable of solving his problems any time and any day. A man without God solves his problems looking out for his own good instead of the good of his household.

But in a Christian marriage, the couple always receives support or help from their fellow brethren. –Speaking of the church – this is good, for this reason God created church and fellowship. But a man of God, in thinking only of his own life, may bring his wife into the “strange world of darkness.” This is unfathomable and is not the best solution for the marriage. Note in Genesis 12:10-20.

Reason #1 Remember when Abraham was thinking about his own life, instead of the life of his wife. Remember, what he said to his wife Sarai when they entered Egypt in Genesis 12:12. (I understand that the wife will do anything for the love of her husband). It seems that here Abraham had less of a sacrifice being the head of the home, because he was thinking of his own good and his own life, rather than giving his own life for his wife. Paul says that Christ did that in Ephesians 5:25. A man of God prefers to give his own life for his wife, rather than bring her to a “strange world” like Abraham did to Sarai.

Reason #2 Think about the circumstances of them both in this moment. They were afraid in Egypt. They were thinking about the promise of God that had still not been completed to make many nations and what if he died before he was able to complete it. Sarai made a deal with him to agree that she was in fact his sister. Note in Genesis 12:14-16. There is not a doubt that Abraham would have been living well after he made the decision to not lead his wife into sin. But, I don’t think that Abraham would have been able to live or sleep well knowing his wife was a slave to Pharaoh.

Biblical Solutions or Applications

Note that in neither of these situations did Abraham remember the power, glory, majesty, supremacy, hope, and trust that he had in God or more so the promise that was made to him in Genesis 12:2-3. It seems that there was doubt in this moment that God would save them from Egypt. Thinking about their marriage, they tried to take matters into their own hands instead of asking for advice and help from God.

- A. God did not welcome the poor choice of Abraham and Sarai so He sent Sarai back to Abraham (Genesis 12:17).
- B. The Pharaoh reasons and rejects the thinking and solutions that were made to save Abraham’s life and not the life of his wife (Genesis 12:19-20).
- C. With a famine problem they went to Egypt, giving his wife to the ‘darkness’ (Genesis 12:10).

In reality, marriages exist that have problems: matrimonial, economical, personality differences, behavior, disrespect, love, spiritual, and selfishness. Many forget to trust in God and confide in Him. They bring their wives into the world, separating them from God by divorcing for wrong reasons, losing the salvation of their children, wives and husbands, destroying the pact they made in front of God. Remember to meditate, listen to God and remember that you and a lawyer alone cannot break a marriage, only God can separate a marriage for His reasons (Matthew 19:6).

To M.J. from J.M.

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God...”

1 Corinthians 6:11

If Bible verses were cars, 1 Cor. 6:11 would be pushing 300,000 miles, gurgling high mileage oil, making funny noises every time you turned left, missing a shifter knob, and sporting old cheerios and receipts between the seats. People have ridden this verse hundreds of thousands of miles (in life’s rain, sleet, snow, and slush). Why do people love it so much? It is because this verse embodies the gospel of Jesus Christ; because no matter how worn the gospel becomes, it is still the only way taking us from sin to grace, from A to B. I want to focus on one word in this verse today.

Of the three great verbs present in 1 Cor. 6:11 (*washed, sanctified, justified*), one catches my attention. While reading an entry on the verb *justified*, I found an interesting definition: “to cause someone to be released from **personal** or **institutional** claims that are no longer to be considered pertinent or valid, ‘*make free/pure.*” Three lines of thought occur in my head when I think of God’s justification:

First, I think of what had to be done for justification. Jesus, Son

of God, had to be slaughtered by stubborn, selfish, self-righteous people (people much like myself). He had to endure the pain and shame of crucifixion, even though He was innocent.

Second, I think of the implications that follow God’s work through Jesus. Because Jesus died that death, I do not have to die eternally. Because Jesus Christ took on my sinful status, I was given instead His perfect status.

Third (This is where that interesting definition fits), I think of the new life I’m allowed to live because of what God’s work through Jesus means. I was set free from the invalid claims that sprung from the world AND myself! What a wonderful freedom Christians experience! Sometimes a Christian’s worst enemy is himself. Many Christians are plagued not by the world’s judgment, but by their own judgment! If you are a Christian and you judge yourself with remarks such as, “I’m not worthy, I’m of no value, I’m unloved,” here me out in a quick, closing paraphrase of 1 Cor. 6:11 – YOU USED TO BE THOSE THINGS, YOU ARE NOT ANY MORE BECAUSE OF CHRIST. YOU ARE LOVED, VALUABLE AND FREE. FREE FROM THE WORLD, AND YOURSELF. GO LIVE YOUR FREEDOM. Go ahead... climb back in that vehicle, it’ll get you there every time.

Family News

MEMBERS / MEMBERS FAMILY / FRIENDS PRAYER LIST

SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to these families: Angela Hamock on the death of her father, **Charles Freeman**. His funeral was Tuesday in Mt. Juliet. Don Collins on the passing of his sister, **Patricia Collins**. Her funeral was Wednesday in Jackson, TN.

Stephen & Judy Alexander, Macy & Louise Beard, Christian Taylor Buchanan, Shirley Clegg, Ethan Crisp, Shelley Garlow, Cecil Davis, Paul & Christine Garton, Frank Hazelwood, Jr., Carol Keopf, Bill Kibbe, Judy McDaniel, Elaine Mingle, Donna Romine, Jimmy Tate, Donovan Walden, James Whiteaker, Elizabeth Willis, Tom Womack, Hui Cai Zheng.

SHUT-INS: Wayne Cantrell, Jean Clark, Margrette George, Rable Vaden, Elsie Tharp.

HEALTH/ASSISTED CARE: Opal Ebest-Providence Pl.-207; **Grace Hackney**-Lebanon HC, 103-B; **Bess McDaniel**-MJ Health Care-301; **Shamiran Prater**-McKendree Manor-279-E2; **Thomas Rice**-Providence Pl.-407; **Aline Spurlock**-Providence Pl.-111; **Carol Thomas**-Quality HC; **Deane Williamson**-Providence Pl.-309.

Members Family: Nina Bain, Doyle & Mary Boucher, Cora Cobb, Mabel Conner, Geraldine Dorris, Jean Gulley, Janice Reagan, Frances Young.

SICK: Zac Anderson, HS freshman & friend of the Waltons, has an inoperable cancerous tumor on his spine.

Sara Baker suffered a stroke and was in the hospital for a few days. She is now at McFarland Rehab, in room 251.

Matt Fisher is scheduled for outpatient surgery Thursday. He will be home for a couple of weeks to recover.

Danielle Hays, daughter-in-law of Michael & Janet Hays, had brain surgery and is doing well. She is expected to return home this week or next.

Stephanie Mooningham, 24 y/o friend of Joan McKenzie, was rescheduled for surgery this week at Vanderbilt.

Donna Moore, mother of Renee Burton, had major complications following open-heart surgery. Doctors had to amputate her foot and later another portion of her leg up to her knee. She is very weak. She is in ICU at Cookeville Regional Med. Ctr.

Lana Randall, sis of Myrna McKinley, is in the hospital (ICU) in Birmingham. Prayers appreciated.

Fred Townsend, uncle of Sherry Harris, is in need of a liver transplant. He lives in OH and has gone to Memphis for tests.

Alli Tipton, student at Wilson Central and niece of Rhonda Robinson, has been diagnosed with brain cancer and is in Vanderbilt.

Wava Williams is scheduled for back surgery Feb. 3 at St. Thomas. She has two slipped disc pinching a nerve.

Viva Witcher, sis of Marion Conner, had surgery Tues. to remove a skin cancer from her face which required plastic surgery.

AT HOME: Debbie Batts had outpatient surgery and a biopsy Mon. and will have follow up treatments for the next 2 mo.

James Cauthen had surgery for colon cancer. He is now at home and feeling much better.

Bobbie Chandler is scheduled to begin radiation Feb. 7 and will have 25-28 treatments.

Randell Farrell has been diagnosed with lymphadema. He will be wearing compressions on his legs to help reduce the swelling and pain.

Elsie Montgomery, infant daughter of Kevin & Jenni, has RSV and had to spend a few days in Vanderbilt.

Estelle Pirtle received a very good report; she will be able to take treatments.

Norma Rose was in the hospital earlier this week for diverticulitis.

OUTREACH: Teams #1, #2, & #3 TBA.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Skip & Abbey McCord on the birth of their daughter, **Tayte Valentine**. She was born Jan 25, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. She joins big sister, Ella Reese at home.

YOUTH: 6th-8th Grade Devo-Feb. 12. **HS Devo**-Feb. 19. **CYC**-Feb. 24-26. **4th-5th Grade Devo**-Feb. 26.

YOUNG SOLDIERS/LADIES: 6th-8th grade will meet each Wednesday night during the Winter Quarter. **Soldiers**-Rm L4; **Ladies**-Rm L12. Also, **2nd-5th grade Young Soldiers & Ladies** will be meeting Sundays at 4:30. **Soldiers**-Rm 208; **Ladies**-Rm L12. **2nd-5th grade Young Ladies Banquet**-Feb. 23. **2nd-5th grade Young Soldiers Banquet**-Feb. 27. **6th-8th grade Young Ladies Banquet**-Feb. 28.

REACHING THE TOP: Fun Night-Feb. 3; Outing-Feb. 16.

MJ HEALTH CARE: Each first Sun. of the month at 3:00. Everyone is welcome.

INVOLVEMENT SUNDAY/MINISTRY FAIR: Feb. 12. The Ministry Fair will be an opportunity to talk to the elders/deacons/staff on various ministries of the church. Ministry Fair times: 7:30 a.m. (before early service). 5:30 p.m. (before evening service). 7:00-7:30 p.m. (30 min. after evening service).

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY: Feb. 19.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS: Luncheon, Feb. 12. Young Ladies Serving Christ will host.

NEWCOMERS MIXER: Feb. 12. **20’S RETREAT:** Feb. 24-26.

JAIL MINISTRY SERVICE: Feb. 19. A mandatory certification class for those interested in participating in the jail ministry will be Tues., Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 1027 Carthage Hwy. in Lebanon. If you are interested or have questions, contact Tim Martin at the church office or e-mail. (tim.martin@mtjuliet.org).

MEN’S BREAKFAST: Feb. 18, 8 a.m.; Speaker: Andy Connelly. Sign up at Welcome Central.

CAREGIVERS: Feb. 27. **WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP:** Feb. 28.

CLOTHING DONATIONS: For the Rivergate church of Christ benevolence center may be dropped off in the connecting hallway between the education wing and where the Hispanic Ministry meets on the lower level. Receipts for tax purposes are available at the drop off location. If you have any questions, please see Jerry Sircy.

FOOD COMMITTEE: Jan. 29-Feb. 5: Jill Moles.

HOSPITAL SNACKS: Feb. 5: Karen Fulford; Feb. 12: Jimmy Harris; Feb. 26: Sherry Harris. If you’re unable to supply snacks for your week, please call Linda Fly 406-3734.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Feb. 9: Joan Huddleston; Feb. 16: Doyleene Lasater; Feb. 23: George & Vonnie Purnell.

FOOD PANTRY: Cooking Oil, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Soup, Sugar, Flour, Corn Meal, Crackers, Tuna, Salmon, Spam, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Jelly / Jam, Oats, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Dry Pinto Beans, Dry White Beans, Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap.

THANK YOU: Notes received from: **Mike Donoho; Myrna McKinley.**

Workers

ELDERS

James Beckham, David Burka, Randy Duke, Albert England, David Fleming, DeWayne Griffin, Pat Hackney, Tony Huddleston, Dennis Nosal, Hoyt Smith, James Whiteaker

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Brandon Adcock, Ricky Banks, Kevin Bass, Kevin Batts, Glen Black, Joe Brown, Dennis Buchanan, Shannon Buckner, Terry Burton, Cary Chapman, Don Collins, Mark Crisp, Jack Cronk, Mike Eakes, Tony Eakes, Tony Flueallen, Jason Haley, Bret Hampton, Kevin Hines, Derek Hyde, Jay Keopf, Mike Kibbe, Daniel Kirby, Derek McBroom, Clint McCulloch, Eric McGreevy, Stephen Moles, Scot Owens, Joe Partin, Doug Perry, Buddy Pickler, Seth Rozell, Jerry Sircy, Alan Smith, Kerry Smith, John Stallworth, John Thomas, Tony Torres, Jason Tucker, Michael Welch, Brandon Whitlock, Doug Williams, Wayne Williamson

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Athens, Greece

Sasha & Julia Rodnaev

Krasnoarmeysk, Ukraine

SECRETARIES

Tammie England,
Pat Huddleston, Tracie Shannon

Statistics

Week of January 29, 2012

Bible Study..... 771
Morning Worship.....1017
Evening Worship..... 532
Wednesday..... 523
Contribution\$27,174.00
Budget.....\$30,000.00
Under Budget\$1,826.00

Week of January 30, 2011

Bible School..... 754
Morning Worship.....1026
Evening Worship..... 627
Wednesday..... 613
Contribution\$26,951.50