

### HOW BLESSED ARE YOU?

A U.P.S delivery man came by the church building to deliver a package. I asked him how he was doing and he answered with two words, "I'm blessed." I sensed in that person's voice and eyes that this was not a trite statement but genuine. "How" he was doing was wrapped up in what he was loaned in life. It wasn't about his feelings. Yet, I knew without a doubt that this person, being human, faced challenges in life like all of us. I had witnessed a demonstration of **what it means to "count your blessings."** We have all been told all of our lives to count our blessings, and I have found over the years that this is a healthy exercise for good spiritual and mental health.

Sometimes we do not realize how blessed we are because we do not clearly see what we have in **comparison to the rest of the world.** The following facts should cause all of us to think about how blessed we are and as a result give thanks to God for what we have.

- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over head and a place to sleep, you are **richer than 75% of the world.**

- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere, you are among the **top 8% of the world's wealthy.**

- If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are **more blessed than the million** who will not survive this week.

- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are **ahead of 500 million** people in the world.

- If you can attend church meetings without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are **more blessed than three billion** in the world.

Now think about what you experienced last year at Thanksgiving. You thought about how blessed you and your family truly were. **How blessed are you when you look at the statistics above?** I would say that most all of us are very rich. Actually most of us come together every day for a feast made for kings. Our houses are filled with laughter and the sharing of memories. Sometimes our days are filled with pain and sorrow; however, we know as Christians this too shall pass and we are looking forward to the blessings of heaven. This is a reminder to count our blessings and

take nothing for granted. Then there are those blessings about which we are not aware, blessings we take for granted. We need to thank God for those as well.

It is true that **some have less and some have more,** but we can always find someone who has less than we. However, if you know people you can trust, you are taken care of, you have access to healthy prepared food, and you have a safe shelter over your head, you are more blessed than most in this world.

All of us truly need to count our blessings, look around and see how we can help others in need, complain less about our circumstances and **give God thanks** for what we do have in this wonderful country. Above all, Christians should be thankful for the hope and salvation they have in Christ.

Charles R. Williams

### IT'S ABOUT TIME

There is something all of us have in common, and we all have the same amount even though it doesn't seem so at times. It doesn't matter whether we are wealthy or otherwise. It doesn't matter if we sit in positions of great authority or serve in some other capacity. There are some things we have in common no matter our differences, but **there is one gift that all of us have.** A small amount has been loaned to each of us. We use it up whether we want to or not. **When gone, it cannot be renewed or recalled.** I am talking about time.

- "To choose time wisely is to save time." - Bacon
- "Time well employed is Satan's deadliest foe." - Wilcox
- "You cannot kill time without injuring eternity." - Thoreau
- "All of my possessions for a moment of time." - The last words of Queen Elizabeth I.
- "Well arranged time is the surest mark of a well arranged mind." - Pitman

Paul said, "See then that you walk cautiously, not as fools, but as wise, **redeeming the time,** because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is," **Ephesians 5:15-17.** C.R.W.

### WELCOME NEW BABY

We have a basket in the Fellowship Room for diapers and wipes for **Al & Courtney Smith** to welcome their new baby boy, **Brayden.** Please bring diapers and wipes and place them in the basket by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sun.: IDOLS IN ATHENS, Acts 17-18 Wed.: PAUL'S GOOD RECORD, 1 Th. 1-2

### OUTREACH TEAM

Outreach Team # 3 led by **Ken & Brenda Veale** will meet Sunday immediately following the evening worship services in front of the auditorium.

### CALENDAR NOTES

The Calendar of Events has Lads to Leaders Convention listed on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please disregard that as it is a misprint. The convention will be held April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at the Opryland Hotel. Additionally, the Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> will be moved to Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. due to conflicting youth events. Please make a note of these calendar changes.

### DORCAS CLASS

Dorcas Class, taught by **Pam Newby**, will continue on **Saturdays, March 16 & 23**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All young ladies are invited to participate in the Dorcas Class. Each class will include a Bible lesson and a service project.

### SENIOR GROUP

The Senior Group will be going to Cherokee Steak House in Gallatin on **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** for a meal together. After our meal, we will meet in the Fellowship Room for games. If you are planning to go to dinner, please sign the sheet in the foyer. Please see **Bernice Hall** for additional information.

### EGG HUNT

Our Annual Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to donate candy to be used in the eggs, please bring individually wrapped candy and put in the box in the Fellowship Room by April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the Valentine bags you sent to us at Blessed Home Care. It was nice of you to think of us. May God bless all of you. **Ted Lawrence, Karen Roff, Dudley Bourne, Carolyn Brasher, and Louise Gregory**

Thank you for the bags. I was able to deliver to Blessed Home Care. They were much appreciated and was enjoyed by all. Love you all, **Wanda Proctor**

## ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY March 17, 2019 BIBLE STUDY 9:00 A.M. CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Prayer.....Tony Butler  
Nursery.....Peggy Buck

### WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman  
Song Leader.....Tim Strickland  
Scripture Reading.....Colby Rowlett  
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson  
Table.....Lee Boone  
Serve.....D, Thompson, B. Hutson, B. Smith  
A. Pernell, T. Cummins, LJ Kreynus

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Winford Sheppard  
Ushers.....R. Buck, C. Suddarth, L. Clark  
Nursery.....Brenda Veale  
Greeters.....(W. D)J/P Watson (E. D)D/B Johnson  
(Those serving should be downstairs 5 minutes early)

### WORSHIP 5:00 P.M.

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman  
Song Leader.....Tim Strickland  
Scripture Reading.....Colby Rowlett  
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Table.....C. Newby/ B. Sever  
Closing Prayer.....Kenneth Yarbrough  
Nursery.....Brenda Veale

## WEDNESDAY March 20, 7:00 P.M.

### CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman  
Song Leader.....Tim Strickland  
Opening Prayer.....Tim Edmison  
Closing Prayer.....Myrlen Britt  
Closing Building March.....Jonathan Senn  
Treasurer/Assist March.....O. Cothron/B. Smith  
Visitor Desk Volunteer.....Betty Johnson

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL**  
Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935  
Church Office.....615-452-3431

### ZONE #1

Your zone is responsible for picking up the communion cups and straightening the songbooks during the month of March.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. • Sun. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. • Sun. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. •  
 Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00 • Tues. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. September-May

### SICK LIST

**Mary Spivey** is now home. **Yvonne Woodward** continues rehab at Sumner Regional, Room 316. **Wanda Gregory** has been diagnosed with leukemia. **Wanda Mathewson** has Bell's palsy. **Jim Huffman** had his 2<sup>nd</sup> eye surgery on March 5<sup>th</sup>. **Marilee Frederick** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Jane Hughes** is staying with her daughter Cindy in South Carolina. **Melvin Stephenson**, father of Eric Stephenson, is in the hospital with a bowel obstruction. **Samantha Hargrove** is in Sumner Regional with pneumonia. **Kenneth Turner**, brother of Ralph Turner will have his stent placed soon. **Joe Kane**, father of Kenny Yarbrough, has leukemia. **Harvey Victory**, great uncle of Olivia Ellis, has been placed on hospice care. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, is at the Georgetown Hospital & Cancer Research Center. **Lester Sparks**, father of Rachael Mayes, is waiting on additional treatment options. **Elizabeth Jones**, mother to Wanda Mathewson is on hospice. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues. **Kylie Pruitt**, cousin to Bob Sever, had surgery to remove a tumor.

**CARE LINE: 615-452-2464**



### PRAYER LIST

**Melba Hill**; **Chris Tyler**; **Joe Adams**; **William Dunn**; **Jean Deaton**; **Jon Crump**; **Ron & Anna Radish**; **Donna Holmes**, daughter of Eva Petty; **Kylie Pruitt**, cousin to Bob Sever; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Zachery Simmons**, grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Elias Benjamin Simmons**, great grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Jane Huffard**, friend to Carl & Pam Newby; **Lester Sparks**, father of Rachel Mayes; **Debbie Sparks**, sister of Rachel Mayes; **Randell Wallace**, friend of Jim Huffman; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Pam Flory**, friend of Sherry Sever; **Delaney Bruce**, friend of Betty Johnson; **Harold Cole**, friend

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of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Ted Lawrence**, brother of Wanda Proctor; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill. **We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.**

### SHUT-INS

**Bill & Jane Dunn**, **Cathy Henderson**, **Penny Campbell**, Brookdale Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221, **Lillie Sisco**, **Dorothy Sullivan**, **Dock Campbell**, Gallatin Rehab Center, Room 420; **Emogine Williams**, Richland Place Health Center, 500 Elmington Ave, Room 327, Nashville TN 37205; **Thelma Ambrose**, mother of Helen Milliken, Room 123 at Elmeroft at Rivergate; **Jean Thurman**, mother-in-law of Myra Rasnick, Brookdale, Hendersonville.

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	106
Morning Worship.....	154
Sunday Evening.....	104
Wednesday.....	97
Contribution.....	\$7,795.25
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,364.01

### Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
James Spivey.....	615-451-0776
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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Carl Newby Winford Sheppard Brent Smith  
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