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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

Worship Service April 15, 2018

Welcome
238 "You Are the Song That I Sing"
57 "Shout to the Lord"
58 "Great Are You Lord"
Shepherd's Prayer
414 "Anywhere with Jesus"
659 "I Love to Tell the Story"
Communion
Contribution
790 "Lord Take Control"
575 "Days of Elijah"
Scripture Reading
Sermon
290 "Shine Jesus Shine"
Family News
660 "People Need the Lord"
Closing Prayer

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, April 15, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Jamie Clark, Gene Clark, Jeff Nicks,
Randy Brann, Jim Robertson, Mike McCage,
Landon McCage
Scripture Reading: Brian Eb McCage
Sermon: Medical Mission Trip Report
Closing Prayer: Greg Ferguson
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark
Children's Church: Traci Orr
Attended Nursery: Jenny Newberry
Nursery Next Week: LeEllen Smith
Greeters (side): Aaron Tittle & Shelia Morris
(back): Jamie & Rachel Clark



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Sue Wilker-
son, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Phil Green
OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright,
Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Phyllis
Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl
Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn
Weeks, Jean McCullough, Barbie Hardy, Brad Car-
man
OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan
Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry
Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam
& Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Ja-
son Elliott, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa
Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett,
Phillis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Bob Yates
THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas,
Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire
Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler
(student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea)
MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:
Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana,
Zambia.



*I don't remember where I first heard/read this illustration. I thought it would be appropriate for to-
day's focus.*

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a little life-saving sta-
tion. The building was primitive, and there was just one boat, but the members of the life-saving sta-
tion were committed and kept a constant watch over the sea. When a ship went down, they un-
selfishly went out day or night to save the lost. Because so many lives were saved by that station, it
became famous.

Consequently, many people wanted to be associated with the station to give their time, talent,
and money to support its important work. New boats were bought, new crews were recruited, a for-
mal training session was offered. As the membership in the life-saving station grew, some of the
members became unhappy that the building was so primitive and that the equipment was so outdat-
ed. They wanted a better place to welcome the survivors pulled from the sea. So they replaced the
emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged and newly decorated building.

Now the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members. They met regular-
ly and when they did, it was apparent how they loved one another. They greeted each other, hugged
each other, and shared with one another the events that had been going on in their lives. But fewer
members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions; so they hired lifeboat crews to
do this for them.

About this time, a large ship was wrecked off of the coast, and the hired crews brought into the
life-saving station boatloads of cold, wet, dirty, sick, and half-drowned people. Some of them had
black skin, and some had yellow skin. Some could speak English well, and some could hardly speak it
at all. Some were first-class cabin passengers of the ship, and some were the deck hands.

The beautiful meeting place became a place of chaos. The plush carpets got dirty. Some of the
exquisite furniture got scratched. So the property committee immediately had a shower built outside
the house where the victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting there was rift in the membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the
club's life-saving activities, for they were unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal fellowship of the
members. Other members insisted that life-saving was their primary purpose and pointed out that
they were still called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they want-
ed to save the lives of all those various kinds of people who would be shipwrecked, they could begin
their own life-saving station down the coast. And do you know what? That is what they did.

As the years passed, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old.
It evolved into a place to meet regularly for fellowship, for committee meetings, and for special train-
ing sessions about their mission, but few went out to the drowning people. The drowning people
were no longer welcomed in that new life-saving station. So another life-saving station was founded
further down the coast. History continued to repeat itself. And if you visit that seacoast today, you
will find a number of adequate meeting places with ample parking and plush carpeting. Shipwrecks
are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

Point taken!

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE April 22, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Brian Clark, James Nicks,
 Paul Hill, Rick Yates, Tyler Kendall, Kevin
 Dobbins, Bobby Johnson
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
 (back): Mark & Amy Hawkins



GRADUATION FIESTA

This year's Graduation Sunday will be on May 6th, with a Cinco de Mayo theme. We need your help to provide Mexican food, such as crock pots of taco meat; black bean salad; nachos; salsa; tortilla chips; enchiladas; guacamole, etc. Please add your contribution of Mexican-style food to the list at the Information Station. We expect a large crowd and will need LOTS of food!



BAKE SALE

The bake sale planned to raise funds for this summer's mission trip to the City of Children has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 19th. We'll need your help with baked goods.

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

April 15	1 Samuel 19-21; Luke 15:11-32
April 16	1 Samuel 22-24; Luke 16:1-18
April 17	1 Samuel 25-26; Luke 16:19-31
April 18	1 Samuel 27-29; Luke 17:1-19
April 19	1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 17:20-37
April 30	2 Samuel 1-3; Luke 18:1-17
May 1	2 Samuel 4-6; Luke 18:18-43

◆ **BRIDAL SHOWER**

Today we will host a bridal shower for Nikki Eason and Nick Gilliam on in the activities building, with a potluck meal after worship service. The couple is registered at Walmart and Calla Lily.



**FISH FRY & OPEN HOUSE
 April 28**

The Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center will celebrate spring's arrival with its annual Fish Fry and open house on Saturday, April 28, from 5:00-7:00 pm (rain or shine). The address is 4304 Kendall Road, Hornbeak, TN and the telephone number is 731-538-2118. No tickets will be sold, but donations will be gladly accepted.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV—Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Just a few things to that we can apply to our lives from the letter Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica. Our lives are gifts, and even the hardest moments of life are still full of blessing because of everything that God has done for us! It's a hard concept to grasp for sure, but remembering this life is temporary and you're on your journey home makes things even easier. Remember these things this week, and share them with someone else! *-Zach*

One afternoon a few years ago Patsy Clairmont (author of *Catching Fireflies: Teaching Your Heart to See God's Light Everywhere, Twirl: A Fresh Spin at Life, and You Are More Than You Know: Face Your Fears, Grow Stronger*) found herself on an airplane, sitting next to a young man. She writes,

"I had already observed something about this young man when I was being seated. He called me 'Ma-am.' At the time I thought, 'Either he thinks I'm ancient, or he's from the South where they still teach manners, or he's in the service.' I decided the latter was the most likely, so I asked, 'You in the service?'"

"Yes, Ma-am, I am."

"What branch?"

"Marines."

"Hey, Marine, where are you coming from?"

"Operation Desert Storm, Ma-am."

"No kidding? Desert Storm! How long were you there?" I asked.

"A year and a half. I'm on my way home. My family will be at the airport."

I then commented that he must have thought about returning to his family and home many times while he was in the Middle East.

"Oh, no, Ma-am," he replied. "We were taught never to think of what might never be, but to be fully available right where we were."

"...fully available right where we were." Our focus today is on the Great Commission. We're going to talk briefly about that command and then have a report about the efforts of our medical mission team that went to Colonet in the Baja last month. Everyone who went will have their own stories of who they met and the impact the encounter with the Mexican culture had on them. The church we support there is made up of people who are just as precious to God as we are to him. Or maybe we should reverse that; since God is the champion of the poor, the oppressed and the weak, we are as precious to God as they are to him.

Showing others the love of God by being Jesus to them is a great place to begin a conversation about Jesus. There are no magic formulas, no grand schemes to convert the masses. Whether it's in the Baja or Obion County, God just expects us to stay in the moment and "be fully available right where we are." How available are you? *- Ron*

