



Taking Christ to Our Community

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
5:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

WORSHIP SERVICE February 25, 2018

Welcome

679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
381 "Years I Spent in Vanity"
797 "Lord, We Come before Thee Now
Shepherd's Prayer

"Pierce My Ear"

324 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"

Communion

Contribution

155 "Highest Place"
"No Other Gods"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

918 "Out of My Bondage"

Family News

531 "Lord, Reign in Me"

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, February 25, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks, Mike McCage, Landon McCage, Aaron Tittle, Jamie Clark, Brian Clark, Clifton Garrigus
Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
Children's Church: Maggie & Landon McCage
Attended Nursery: Lori Griffin
Nursery Next Week: Christy & Kellie
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
(back): Wade & Christy Henson



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green, Chris Gooch

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 Carman

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, Jason Elliott, Ruby Rogers, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom)

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), Theresa Bumpus

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



Our Sunday night small group sessions continue to meet a real need for an informal Bible study where everyone has an opportunity to ask questions, express their views, share insights, and grow closer together. The elders endorsed this approach a few years ago and continue to support this effort. In fact, we encourage everyone to become part of a small group and enjoy the benefits I noted above.

Beginning tonight we are beginning a new series of studies. If you are not in a small group, this would be the ideal time to plug in.

On the recent survey forms, one of the requests for areas of study in our small groups was the book of James. The practical side of Christianity exemplified in James will be our focus for the next few weeks. I call it the "practical side of Christianity" because it's realistic and useful. It's a kind of hands-on side of Christianity. It's like the difference between reading a book on gardening in the comfort of your air conditioned home and getting dirt under your fingernails from digging in the soil and smudges on your face from wiping away sweat. Talking about doing something and actually doing it are two different things, aren't they?

You may have heard the name Francis of Assisi. In fact, you have probably seen statues of this Catholic figure with birds and animals around him. He's their 12th century patron saint of animals and founder of the Franciscans.

On one occasion he asked an apprentice if he would like to go to a nearby village where he intended to preach. The young monk was delighted to be asked and was eager to hear his teacher. When they arrived, St. Francis began to visit all the people.

He stopped by the butcher shop. He visited with the cobbler. He took a short walk with a woman who had recently buried her husband. Then they stopped for a visit with a school teacher. After some other visits St. Francis told his young apprentice that it was time to go home.

Confused, the student said, "But we came to preach and we haven't preached a sermon yet." Francis of Assisi responded, "Haven't we? People watched us, listened to us, responded to us. Every word we have spoken, every deed we have done has been a sermon. We have preached all morning."

I think the New Testament writer James would have liked that story. James is at least as concerned – if not more so – with what happens on Monday through Saturday than formal worship on Sunday. In 2:14, saying I have faith and doing nothing with it makes my faith worthless. Talk is cheap; service is priceless.

The point of James is not that works save us; it's that works mark us as saved. In short, it's what saved people do. He would agree with St. Francis of Assisi's often quoted statement, "Preach without ceasing. If you must, use words."

In this new series of small group studies, we're going to be studying together the book of James and we're going to be looking for some important life lessons. We're going to emphasize what he says in James 1:22, to be doers of the word and not hearers only. We offer an invitation to anyone who wants to join us. And, by the way, it's alright to invite a friend too.

—Ron

THOSE TO SERVE March 4, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper:
 Scripture Reading:
 Closing Prayer:
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side):
 (back):

Info not available at time of publication.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Please keep in prayer our medical mission team that will be traveling to the Baja on the 28th.

Nancy Spain's uncle, David Sisson, passed away on Wednesday. Nancy will be traveling to Oklahoma for the funeral this weekend. She also lost her uncle Beaver (nickname for Marion) last week.

Tim Spain's mother has pneumonia.

Jean McMillan's dear friend Tom Petruzzi has lung cancer and has been walloped by his first chemo cycle, 30 radiation cycles, and tough side effects. He still faces 2 more chemo cycles. There is good news too—his pain is much improved.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

The Mexico Medical Mission team is gathering reading glasses to take to Colonet for the benefit of our brothers and sisters there. Please place your donated eye glasses in the collection box (in the form of a suitcase) on the stage.

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

February 25	Numbers 16-17; Mark 6:33-56
February 26	Numbers 18-20; Mark 7:1-13
February 27	Numbers 21-25; Mark 7:14-37; Mark 8:1-21
February 28	Numbers 26-27; Mark 8:22-38
March 1	Numbers 28-29; Mark 9:1-29
March 2	Numbers 30-31; Mark 9:30-50
March 3	Numbers 32-33; Mark 10:1-31

◆ **GOT PRAYER REQUESTS?**

The bulletin board in the in the hallway nearest to the auditorium door is now a **Prayers Asked & Answered** board. Blank request forms, pens and push-pins are provided on the board, but you're welcome to use other materials. Jean will check the board on a weekly basis, and looks forward to having your help in posting and updating prayer requests and answers. Got questions? Ask Jean. Here's how: ↓



GOT NEWS?

We now have a **news bulletin board**, and if you have news, prayer requests, events or other information for the Sunday **bulletin**, please send it to Jean McMillan at jmcmillan159@gmail.com. My telephone number is 536-0114, but please keep in mind that I'm hard of hearing and have trouble understanding speech when I can't see the speaker's face. You can also write me a note and leave it on Paula's desk in the office. And sorry, but no, I don't text.

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Greg Ferguson writes, "I want to give a big thank you to Zach Crews and Traci Orr for your love and time you gave the kids this weekend at Winterfest. The young people were a great bunch to be with. They were well behaved and a lot of fun to be with. Great weekend to learn more about each other and more about Jesus. Thanks for allowing the old guy to tag along."

Traci responds, "It was great - Taking fewer kids has its benefits as well as taking a large group. I got to really talk and spend quality with some great people young and old"



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WOMEN OF HOPE CONFERENCE 2018

Titled *Hope Bridges All*, the 10th annual Women of Hope Conference will be held on March 2-3, 2018 at the Wilson County Expo Center in Lebanon, TN.

