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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 26, 2017

WELCOME

587 "Sing and Be Happy"
586 "Light the Fire"
537 Hosanna, You're My King"
129 "Amazing Grace"

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior!"

COMMUNION

CONTRIBUTION

"Just as I Am (I Come Broken)"
"Blue Skies and Rainbows"

SERMON

903 "There Is Power in the Blood"

FAMILY NEWS

902 "Nothing but the Blood"

CLOSING PRAYER



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, February 26, 2017

Worship Leader: Evan Rippee
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks
Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark
Children's Church: Annette Dobbins
Attended Nursery: Lori Griffin
Nursery Next Week: Traci Orr
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
(back): Mike & Paula McCage

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Christine Fussell, Mary & Leaton Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle

OUR COMMUNITY: Tom Hopkin, Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Heple, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Leroy Albritton, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley (expectant parents), Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Glen Rippee (Evan's grandfather), Velynda Cameron (Evan's aunt), Wilma Smith; Lohnya Rippee, Buck Lainhart (Jean's friend), Ruby Rogers

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Mark Reed, Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, China.



TROY *Church of* CHRIST
FAMILY NEWS



February 26, 2017



Some men have unusual abilities. Some have uncommon commitment. Few have both. Clarence Jordan was just such a man of unusual abilities and uncommon commitment. He earned two Ph.D.s, one in agriculture and one in Greek and Hebrew. He was so gifted that he could have chosen any profession he wanted. He chose to serve the poor.

In the 1940s, he founded a farm in Americus, Georgia, and called it Koinonia Farm. It was a community developed for the benefit of poor whites and poor blacks. As you might guess, such an idea did not go over well in the deep South in the '40s. Ironically, much of the resistance came from good church folks who favored the laws of segregation as much as the other town folk in Americus. They tried everything they could conceive of to stop Clarence. They tried boycotting him, and slashing workers' tires when they came to town. That went on for fourteen years but Jordan persisted.

Finally, in 1954, the Ku Klux Klan had enough of Clarence Jordan, so they decided to get rid of him once and for all. They arrived one night with guns and torches. They set fire to every building on Koinonia Farm except Jordan's house. No, they didn't spare it; they riddled it with bullets. They chased off all the families except one black family which refused to leave.

The next day, a reporter (a member of the KKK from the previous night) came out to see what remained of the farm. The rubble still smoldered and the land was scorched, but he found Clarence in the field, hoeing and planting.

"I heard the awful news," he called to Clarence, "and I came out to do a story on the tragedy of your farm closing." Clarence just kept on hoeing and planting. The reporter kept prodding, kept poking, kept goading trying to get a rise from this quietly determined man who was planting instead of packing his bags. So, finally, the reporter said in a haughty voice, "Well, Dr. Jordan, you got two of them Ph.D.s and you've but four-teen years into this farm, and there's nothing left of it at all. Just how successful do you think you've been?"

Clarence stopped hoeing, turned toward the reporter and said quietly but firmly, "About as successful as the cross. Sir, I don't think you understand us. What we are about is not success but faithfulness. We're staying. Good day." Clarence and his companions rebuilt Koinonia and the farm is going strong to this day.

But that's not the end of the story. As public attention to the Civil Rights move-ment in the South began to decline in the late 1960s, Koinonia Farms sought to revitalize interest in reducing poverty. This effort was inspired by an Alabama business man who took such an interest. His name was Millard Fuller. Fuller and his wife moved to Koinonia in the late 1960s and began an intensive program to provide improved housing to poor residents of Sumter County. You may have heard of their efforts: their program eventually become known as *Habitat for Humanity International*.

The power of one man's faithfulness has inspired generations. It branched way beyond Koinonia Farms and the state of Georgia. An affiliate of *Habitat for Humanity* was established here in Obion County in 1995. In the short period of time since its establishment, 47 houses have been built right here in our area.

God hasn't called us to be successful; he's called us to be faithful. That's a really good maxim for life. In what specific ministry has God called you to be faithful?
- Ron

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THOSE TO SERVE March 5, 2017

Worship Leader: *
 Lord's Supper: *
 Scripture Reading: *
 Closing Prayer: *
 Power Point: Phil Green
 Greeters (side): *
 (back): *
 * information not available at time of publication.

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

February 26 Numbers 35-36
 February 27 Deuteronomy 1-2
 February 28 Deuteronomy 3-4
 March 1 Deuteronomy 5-7
 March 2 Deuteronomy 8-10
 March 3 Deuteronomy 11-13
 March 4 Deuteronomy 14-16



We seek to serve and lift up our God to the best of our abilities, and to unite as one to lead others.

Greetings!

What a week! After returning from Winterfest, our family suffered from several illnesses resulting in the cancelation of OnTrack for the week. I would like to thank you for your prayers and the quick action of those who helped to get the word out that the afterschool program would not be meeting. We will resume regular meetings next Wednesday, until spring break at the end of March.

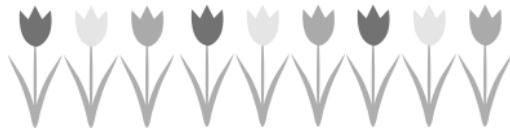
Reelfoot Youth Camp will be July 2-7. We are still needing items donated to ease the cost of food for the week. There is a list by the information station. Thank you.

Have a splendid week!

- Evan



Don't forget to fill the box of food and supplies for Reelfoot Youth Camp, as well as the box of food for the **Obion County Backpack Program**, located at the Information Station. The kids need food that's healthy, easy to open and prepare, and shelf stable.



WOMEN OF HOPE CONFERENCE 2017

Healing Hands International invites you to attend their annual Women of Hope Conference on **March 3-4, 2017** at the Wilson County Expo Center in Lebanon, TN. This year's theme is **Seeds of Hope**.

For more information, visit their website at www.hhi.org/womenofhope, or call the office at 615-832-2000.



GIVE IT OVER TO GOD

My brain is perpetually teeming with thoughts. Questions, answers, ideas, opinions, more opinions...all of it more than I could possibly untangle and use to good effect. Some of it's wonderful, but culling it out and making sense of it all is an uphill battle. My theory is that at age 63, my brain is now so full of stuff (much of it useless if entertaining) that it's discarding random items before I get around to organizing and using them.

Fortunately, 63 years of a busy brain are teaching me how to live with all those teeming thoughts. I've finally realized that the harder I work at locating the data I need at a particular time, the less accessible it becomes. Now, understand this: I'm not a quitter. But if I quit for a moment, just lay my quest down and move on to a different, less demanding, more routine task, God almost always delivers the answer to my impossible question. I may not like the answer, but it's there, plain to see. It's as if God is telling me, "Jean, if you will just shut down your brain for a minute and let me do my job, we'll get along so much better."

That hasn't been an easy lesson for a control freak to learn. I once had a coworker who every time we hit a bump in the corporate road would say, "Give it over to God!" At the time, I thought she was being funny and went right on with the battle, but now I suspect I was shrugging off some excellent advice. Sometimes I wish I'd figured that out earlier in life, but often I learn better by doing than by listening. It's not always comfortable, but it's always a blessing when God finally drops the answer into my busy little brain. I imagine that when I exclaim, "So that's it! Why didn't I see that before?", He's shrugging and smirking. *Silly girl, Jean. Be quiet for just one moment and you'll be amazed at what we can accomplish together.*

- Jean McMillan

SECRET SISTERS: Spring into Hobby Time

Bring something for your secret sister that involves her hobby or favorite activity on March 12.



Have info, updates, announcements or prayer requests to share? Send them to jmcmillan159@gmail.com. Sorry, I don't text, but I can stumble around on Facebook. My hearing impairment makes the telephone difficult for me, but if you're a patient soul, call me at 731-536-0114. Thanks!
 - Jean

The Spring 2017 list for **ON TRACK MEALS** is posted at the Information Station. Ladies, please sign up to prepare one meal. If you have questions, see Jenny.



ON TRACK MEAL 3-1-17
Nachos

