

**Sunday
September 25, 2016**

Order of Worship

Please Silence All Mobile Devices

Welcome **Jerry Ashley**
(Members And Visitors Please Sign Attendance Cards)

Opening Prayer **Nelson Boyd**

Song Leader **Mark Brown**

Song # 712 **Again the Lord of Light and Life**

Song # 368 **The Steadfast Love of the Lord**

Song # 324 **Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

Scripture Reader **Cliff Hand**

Scriptures **Matthew 28:1-6**

Lord's Supper

Bill Eubank **Fred Jones**
Danny Baker **David Sperlich**
Rick Botts **Doug Taylor**
Eric Baker **Billy Johnson**

Ages 3-8 Dismiss To Children's Bible Time

Song # 639 **How Sweet, How Heavenly**

Sermon **Cliff Hand**

Invitation Song # 504 **It Is Well with My Soul**

Closing Song # 366 **Be Thou My Vision**

Closing Prayer **Lee Hickerson**

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**Christian Goals
Philippians 3:7-13**

I. Setting Priorities

II. Do it Alone?

III. Humility

IV. Overcoming the Past

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Class 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Thursday 10:00 A.M.
(September through April)

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The Cost of Discipleship

“The cross is laid on every Christian...When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die.”
Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran minister in Germany in 1933. He'd had an interesting career up to that point, writing influential books and even studying in America. That career got much more interesting.

Two days after Hitler became Chancellor of Germany, Bonhoeffer delivered a radio address in which he condemned Hitler and warned that the cult around him was idolatry. His speech was cut off in mid-sentence. A few months later he spoke out against persecution of Jews. The last straw for him appears to have come when fanatic Nazi supporters demanded the removal of the Old Testament from the Bible because it told of God's love for the Jews. From then on he actively worked against Hitler and was eventually arrested, spent eighteen months in prison, and was tortured to death only two weeks before the U.S. Army arrived.

His most influential book, “The Cost of Discipleship,” contains the quotes above. They ring true in the light of the Word.

When we start on this life as a Christian, we give up our attachments to the world...even, if necessary, to our family and even our lives – “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children...and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26). The world may view the cross as an end, a symbol of death, but for us it is but the beginning.

The cost of being one of Christ's disciples is paid in the coin of this world – the “things” and pleasures I reject as useless or evil, the opportunities and even friends I give up in my service to Him. These will have no value in eternity.

By contrast, the price that was paid for me on that cross was paid in blood that this world counted worthless; the mob even offered to take it upon themselves (Matthew 27:25). But God knows – and I must confess – that the ransom His Son paid for me that day was worth ALL.

“...you were not redeemed with corruptible things... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” – I Peter 1:18-19

Jon Wilson

September Series

Tonight is the conclusion of our September Series. Don't miss this opportunity to hear **Josh Barnett** present a lesson from God's Word on **Love**.

Fifty Plus Group Trip

The Fifty Plus Group will travel to Centerville, TN, to the **National Banana Pudding Festival** this Saturday from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The sponsors for this trip are **Jerry and Trish Ashley**. Please sign the sheet on the Activities Board.



Bon Voyage Luncheon

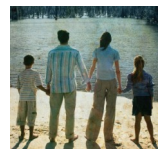
Everyone is invited to a Bon Voyage luncheon in honor of **Linda Liggins** on **Thursday, October 6, at 11:30 a.m.** in the **Annex**. As many of you already know, she will be relocating to Florida with her daughter and son-in-law. We want to honor her with a barbecue luncheon. A money tree will be provided for those who wish to participate. Contact **Nancy Stribling** or **Sandra Shivers** if you have any questions or **if you plan to attend the luncheon**.



Fall Family Retreat

October 21 thru 23

Big Reedy Christian Camp
Bowling Green, KY



Fixer Upper: The Family Home Reclaimed
Sign the sheet at the Welcome Center
Cost: Single \$50 - Couple \$75 - Family \$100
Contact **Caroline Huffines** (615-982-5993)

Zones Need Help

It is time to replenish the Zone Fund used to buy meat when we prepare meals following a funeral service. If you would like to help with this need, please see **Joyce Scott** or **Sandra Shivers**.

Change of Address

Marvin Ogle (zone 2) is now at Grace Manor, Apartment 113, in Nashville. **Send cards to 419 Moss Trail, Goodlettsville, TN 37072.**

BROOKDALE (formerly Sterling House)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2:00 P.M.
Speaker Youth Group:
Song Leader and Communion Youth Group:

Dates to Remember

September 29..... Red Cross Blood Drive
October 1..... Fifty Plus Group Trip
October 9..... Men's Business Meeting
October 21-23..... Fall Family Retreat
October 29..... Trunk or Treat
October 30..... "We Connect"
November 24..... Thanksgiving Day
December 10..... Breakfast With Santa

Contribution September 18

Weekly Contribution Goal.....\$13,000
Contribution.....\$13,052



We're
SO GLAD
you came!

Goodlettsville Farmer's Market

Thursday, September 29
Last day of the market for this year

Lads to Leaders

Sunday night class will resume in two weeks on **October 9 at 6 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room.



Sunday, October 2,
During evening service
For ages 3 - 8

Youth Happenings

SNAC is **tonight** hosted by the **Bradshaws**. Guys bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

DEFROST on **Wednesday** will start at **4 p.m.** in the **Upper Room**. Please bring clothes to paint in.

Fall Retreat is **this weekend** at **Hilltop Christian Camp!** Everything starts at **6 p.m. Friday**.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday Night Opening.....**Danny Bowman**
Sunday Night Closing.....**Darren Stinson**
Wednesday Night Opening.....**Steve Jergens**

OPENING AND CLOSING BUILDING

Ricky Wright
Sunday, September 25..... Wednesday, September 28

ELDER ON CALL

September and October..... **Carl Minchey**

Sick List

Please pray for these individuals and their families.

To view the **Sick List** on the website, go to the **MEMBERS** tab and log in. If you are not a registered member, there are instructions for first time users.

Not My Call (Part 1)

"Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it." – God, in Job 40:2

We've all heard this phrase, meaning "it's not my business to decide that." We might say "that's above my pay grade." If you think about it, you'll realize that God gives us many of these – where if we want to please Him, He has made our choice for us. I'd like to look at a few of these today.

It's not my call which of the laws of the land I'm going to obey (Romans 13:1-2). Unless the government tries to compel me to violate God's law, I am to obey, whether it's traffic laws or an honest tax return.

It's not my call as to whether another person has repented. When someone offends me and then apologizes, I don't get to decide whether she's sincere. If she isn't, guess what – if she apologizes again, I still must take her at her word. God doesn't allow us to judge the hearts of others (Matthew 18:21-22).

When someone appears to be in need, I help them, and it turns out that they aren't – we see this at the Clothing House often, when people take clothes and then sell them at garage sales. It's not my business to judge them: "Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back." (Luke 6:30)

It's not my call which of our country's leaders I pray for – I must pray for all of them (I Timothy 2:1-4).

It's not my call to decide which of our assemblies to go to (Hebrews 10:25) excepting, of course, when it's beyond our control: illness, work, school, inability to drive at night – these are some of the reasons why we might legitimately be unable to attend.

It's not my call to choose not to spread the Gospel. This job was given to ALL of us (Matthew 28:18-20).

It's not my call to skip giving of my means to God (I Corinthians 16:2). Not a day goes by – no matter how bad you think it – that He does not bless you. He doesn't need our money, but He knows that we need to learn to put "things" in their proper place (Matthew 6:21).

I hope that you have enjoyed this foray into decisions that God has made for us. I encourage you, as always, to verify these by reading the Scriptures. There are many more – I'm limited here by space – that we will explore in a future article.

Jon Wilson



BLOOD DRIVE **YOU CAN SAVE LIVES**
Thursday, September 29
2 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the Annex
Sign-up sheet on Activities Board



Love and Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **Gene Hoffman**, husband of **Polly**. He passed away Tuesday, September 20. Visitation with the family is today from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Forest Lawn. His funeral service is tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Forest Lawn.

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