

**Sunday
September 4, 2016**

Order of Worship

Please Silence All Mobile Devices

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

Opening Prayer **Mark Brown**

Song Leader..... **Cliff Hand**

Song # 838.....*Where the Soul Never Dies*

Song # 387.....*Restore My Soul*

Song # 300.....*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Scripture Reader **Cliff Hand**

Scriptures *Matthew 27:22-26*

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 # 424 *Lord, Reign In Me*

Sermon **Charles Baugh**

Invitation Song # 856.....*There's a Fountain Free*

Closing Song # 638*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Closing Prayer *Clay Borders*

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**The Road To Emmaus
Isaiah 53:1-3**

I. The Cause

II. A Distinction

III. The Spirit

The Light Bearer

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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

Thursday10:00 A.M.
(September through April)

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The Fiery Witness

"...the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins..." – Luke 3:2-3

I have always been fascinated by John the Baptist. Perhaps it's because his role was so important in prophecy, yet we know so little about him. Let's open the Scriptures and see what we DO know about this pivotal figure.

John was born into the tribe of Levi, the tribe of the priesthood. His parents, Zacharias and Elizabeth, are said to have been "righteous before God" – high praise indeed! (Luke 1:6.) Like Abraham and Sarah, the Lord favored them with a son late in life. Like Isaac, John was named by God Himself (Luke 1:13.) He arrived at a time when the people were eager for the arrival of the Christ, who they assumed would be a military king like David – and would throw off the yoke of Rome.

John was a fiery preacher with an urgent message (Luke 3). He had no use for the things of the world and lived a simple life. When people wondered whether he might be the Christ, he left them in no doubt that he was not, quoting the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3 that foretold his ministry. Apparently so many people came to hear this man of God that he became known as a prophet to virtually all in Judea, and no doubt many obeyed his order to repent, be baptized and prepare themselves for the coming of the Messiah.

John knew when to step aside. When the time came for Jesus to begin His ministry, John pointed his disciples to the real Messiah and encouraged them to follow Him (John 1:35-37). When later summoned before Herod, he pulled no punches, called evil by its name – and paid with his life.

I have little doubt that John died rejoicing that he had fulfilled his mission - and prepared the way for the Son of God.

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." – John speaking of Jesus, Luke 3:16

Jon Wilson

Contribution for Disaster Relief Effort

Thank you for your generous contribution last Sunday. Our **total contribution** was **\$20,269**. All money above our weekly budget of \$13,000, which was **\$7,269**, was designated for Disaster Relief effort. The elders determined to add additional funds to this amount bringing the total amount to **\$10,000** that we will send to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief. The elders appreciate your desire to help those who are suffering because of the floods along the Gulf Coast. May the Lord continue to bless this church. **Don Shivers**

Sunday Night Sermon in Song
TONIGHT

Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Class

Class resumes **this Thursday at 10 a.m.** in the **Multipurpose Room**. Class is taught by **Ray Eanes**.

Arts, Antiques & Music Festival

Additional volunteers needed for our table at the **Goodlettsville Arts, Antiques & Music Festival Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** If you can help, please sign the sheet on the Activities Board in the north hallway.

September Series

September 11 - **Don Loftis** (Faith)

September 18 - **Michael Crowder** (Hope)

September 25 - **Josh Barnett** (Love)



Camp Pool Closes
Tuesday, September 6



Big Reedy Christian Camp Bowling Green, KY

FALL FAMILY RETREAT

OCTOBER 21-23, 2016

Contact **Caroline Huffines** (615-982-5993)

Dates to Remember

September 6.....Life Line Screening
 September 10..... Arts, Antiques & Music Festival
 September 11, 18, 25.....September Series
 September 18..... Zone Leader Luncheon
 September 24.....Hilltop Fair
 October 1.....Fifty Plus Group Trip
 October 21-23..... Fall Family Retreat
 October 29..... Trunk or Treat
 October 30..... "We Connect"

Contribution August 28	
Weekly Contribution Goal.....	\$13,000
Contribution.....	\$20,211

Lads to Leaders

We will have our first class of 2016/17 **tonight at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Multipurpose Room**. All students in the congregation ages 5 and up are encouraged to join us.

The Hilltop Fair

The Fifty Plus Group invites all adults of the congregation, along with their adult guest, to a Fun Fair event on **Saturday, September 24, from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.** at our **Hilltop Christian Camp**.



****Games**Cake walk**Fair entries**
 Skeet Shooting**Archery**
 Casting Contest**Food**Singing**
 Contests**and More****

Cost is **\$5 per person**. More information and sign-up sheet on Activities Board in north hallway.

Youth Happenings

Fall Retreat is September 30th through October 2nd. The sign-up sheet is on the Youth Activities Board.

SNAC for September has been rescheduled for **Sunday the 25th**.

For more detailed information concerning our youth, please pick up the "Upper Room" youth bulletin.

PRAYER LEADERS	
Sunday Night Opening.....	Dwight Porter
Sunday Night Closing.....	Wendell Elrod
Wednesday Night Opening.....	Jon Wilson
OPENING AND CLOSING BUILDING	
Jeremy Taylor	
Sunday, September 4	Wednesday, September 7
ELDER ON CALL	
September	Carl Minchey

BROOKDALE (formerly Clare Bridge) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2:00 P.M.	
Speaker.....	Bill Eubank
Song Leader.....	Bill Bennett
Communion.....	Eric Dill

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.



Notes of Thanks

Thanks to my church family, all whom I love dearly, for the love and words of comfort following the death of my brother, James. The flowers were beautiful and meant so much, and the dozens of cards were so uplifting. May you all be richly blessed.

Jerry and Trisha and the James Ashley Family

Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards and visits during my recent absence. Once you have a back injury, it can happen again anytime. I simply forgot that I'm not as young as I think and spent hours in pain and in the bed again. Goodlettsville has the best of the Lord's people and you have proved that once again.

Nelda Porter

WEEK OF AUGUST 28	
Bible Class.....	184
Morning Worship.....	292
Evening Worship.....	96
Wednesday Bible Study.....	115

Loving Through the Pain

This past week one of the most beloved actors in the world passed away. Gene Wilder, a comic genius who was perhaps best known for the films "Young Frankenstein" and "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," died at the age of eighty-three. He was a brilliant comic, but more importantly he was a kind, gentle man who was tremendously admired by his fans and peers alike. He was described over and over again as "a good man, a patient man, a man who seemingly never had a bad word to say about anyone."

While I greatly admire his talent and work, it is the relationship and commitment that he had for his wife, Gilda Radnor, that I admire about him the most. If you are not familiar with their story, indulge me for a few moments while I fill you in. Radnor, who was one of the original cast members of "Saturday Night Live" and a comedienne in her own right, first met Wilder in 1982 and a relationship developed that ultimately culminated in their marriage in September of 1984. In his memoirs Wilder recalls his time with Radnor as "the best years of my life, truly."

Yet it wasn't long before tragedy struck, as Radnor was diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer in 1986. Though the treatment she received caused the cancer to go into remission for a time, it returned in 1988, and eventually she succumbed to the disease on May 20, 1989, only 42 years of age. From the time that Gilda Radnor first began feeling ill until the day she died, Gene Wilder was by her side, encouraging her, supporting her, laughing with her, crying with her, loving her. After her death, he spent months researching ovarian cancer, even testifying before congress on how to better diagnose, prevent, and treat this disease. He established support programs throughout the country for sufferers of ovarian cancer and their families.

Why have I spent this entire column writing about the life, the struggles, the pain, the heartbreak that enveloped the lives of Gene Wilder and Gilda Radnor? The reasons are as follows: One, to recognize that our lives come with no guarantees; death is no respecter of persons. Two, when troubles come, what a difference it makes to have someone by your side that will support and encourage you, no matter what you are dealing with. Three, death is not the end. There is a joy unimaginable awaiting God's children. The sting of death is taken away by the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. We have no need to mourn as those with no hope, because we have assured hope, an everlasting hope. Love through the pain, for what is before us is far greater than what we face today.

Lee Hickerson