

**Sunday
November 6, 2016**

Order of Worship

Please Silence All Mobile Devices

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

Opening Prayer **Dwight Porter**

Song Leader **Cliff Hand**

Song # 141 **Words and Music**

Song # 199 **Blue Skies and Rainbows**

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

Scripture Reader **Les Jackson**

Scriptures **Luke 24:44-47**

Lord's Supper

Bill Dudney **Don Shivers**
Clay Borders **Wade Harris**
Wendell Elrod **Wayne Wilson**
Chris Owen **William Denton**

Ages 3-8 Dismiss To Children's Bible Time

Song # 954 **Jesus Loves Me!**

Sermon **Charles Baugh**

Invitation # 286 **Where He Leads I'll Follow**

Closing # 424 **Lord, Reign In Me**

Closing Prayer **Jim Scott**

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The Road to Emmaus

I. Moses and the Prophets

II. In Whom is no Deceit

III. You are the Son of God

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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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Solitude

“There is a fellowship more quiet even than solitude, and which, rightly understood, is solitude made perfect.” – Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

Our lives – and I don't care if you're retired or still in school – are hectic. Confused. We're desperately short of time. The average American worker puts in 34 hours a week – including part-time workers. (Mexico is number 1 on the list at 42 hours.) The less time we have, and the faster the pace, the more the value of quiet time, of alone time, of a period of tranquility in our lives.

Our Savior had a rather fast-paced ministry, too – read just about any chapter in the Gospel of Mark to get a feel for this. He no doubt tired of endlessly healing the sick, of the harassment and scheming of the Jewish leaders of His day. And so on occasion He sought solitude and silence, perhaps so that He could listen to the “still small voice” (I Kings 19:12) of His Father.

We're told of several times when Jesus sought to escape the company of others, the better to commune with God the Father. We can discern the reasons for these by examining the Scriptures:

- On the death of a friend, John the Baptist, He “*departed... to a deserted place by Himself*” (Matthew 14:13)
- To prepare for a decision - selection of the apostles (Luke 6:12-13), Jesus prayed alone all night
- To prepare for temptation, He fasted (implying that He prayed, too) for 40 days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-2)
- To recover from the demands of life, He climbed a mountain alone to pray (Matthew 14:23), or withdrew into the wilderness to pray (Luke 5:15-16)
- To prepare Himself for sacrifice, in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36)

I found the Stevenson quote at the top of this article a fascinating one; to me it seems to describe the times when Jesus, alone with His thoughts, was yet not alone. Is this so different from the relationship, the fellowship, that we are supposed to have with the Savior? I think not.

We all have endless demands on our time: work for the church, work, school, family time. But let us not forget Jesus' example of the value of tranquility and solitude in cementing and perfecting our relationship with Him!

“*Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.*” – Mark 1:35

Jon Wilson

Welcome New Members

Sunday morning, October 30, **Jim and Shri-Lahn Newman** let it be known that they wish to worship and work under the oversight of the eldership. Please add the following information to your church directory:

Jim and Shri-Lahn Newman
118 Walnut Trace
Hendersonville, TN 37075
Phone: 615-824-7392
Zone: 1



5th Sunday Special Contribution

Your generosity last Sunday resulted in a collection of over **\$21,000**. A donation of **\$11,000** was made to help Haiti missions rebuild after the devastating hurricane Matthew. The remainder will be used for budget shortfalls from the weekly contribution. Thank you, **The Elders**



Sunday Night Song Service TONIGHT

Party Time!



The family of **Bill Hickerson** invites you to share in the celebration of his **80th birthday this afternoon** in the

Multipurpose Room from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
No gifts, please, just a card and your presence.

Address Update

Earl Burlason

Maybelle Carter Senior Living
208 W. Due West Ave., Apt. 535
Madison, TN 37115
615-878-6878



Stuffing the Stage

Please continue to bring your nonperishable food items and place in the food baskets located throughout the building. We will begin stuffing the stage **next Sunday, November 13**. These items will be distributed to those in need.



* * Members and Visitors * *

Please take a moment to complete an attendance card so that we will have a record of your attendance.

BROOKDALE (formerly Clare Bridge)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2:00 P.M.

Speaker **Bill Eubank**
Song Leader and Communion **David Brown**

Dates to Remember

November 6..... Sunday Night Song Service
November 12..... Lawn Rangers Yard Raking
November 12..... Reception/Ray Frizzell/Shackle Island
November 13..... Stuff the Stage
November 20..... Sunday Night Prayer Service
November 23..... Special Wed. Night Service - No classes
November 24..... Thanksgiving Day
December 10..... Breakfast With Santa
December 25..... Morning Worship Service only at 10:00 a.m.

Contribution October 30

Weekly Contribution Goal \$13,000
Contribution \$21,765



Lads to Leaders

Class resumes **TONIGHT**
6:00 p.m. in the **Multipurpose Room**



Wednesday Night Ladies' Bible Class

The Wednesday Night Ladies' Class, led by **Lori Eubank**, began a new series of lessons based upon the book entitled Those Who Wait - Learning How to Wait on the Lord in an Impatient World by Rosemary McKnight. All ladies of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to join the class.



Youth Happenings

There is a **Parent Meeting** today at **4:30 p.m.** in the **Teen Classroom**. All Parents, Guardians and Youth Worker Volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend.

Today is the **deadline** to sign up for EYC. The sign-up sheet is on the **Youth Bulletin Board**.

Lawn Rangers meet **this Saturday**. **All members of the congregation are invited to join us**. We will meet at **11 a.m.** at the church building for lunch (**\$3 for pizza**). Please bring gloves, rakes, and blowers and dress appropriately for the temperature outside. We will stop around **4:00 p.m.** Let **Cliff Hand** know if you plan to attend.

SNAC is next Sunday night, November 13.

NOVEMBER PARKING LOT SECURITY		
Wayne Wilson	Joe Roberts	Charles Taylor
PRAYER LEADERS		
Sunday Night Opening.....	Bill Dudley	
Sunday Night Closing.....	Mark Williams	
Wednesday Night Opening.....	Nelson Boyd	
OPENING AND CLOSING BUILDING		
Bill Eubank		
Sunday, November 6	Wednesday, November 9	
ELDER ON CALL		
November.....	Don Shivers	

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.



Note of Thanks

A special thank you to everyone who donated coats, warm clothing, and bedding to the Clothing House on such short notice for the Indian reservation. We appreciate it so much.
Joyce Scott and Ann Ford

Challenges Facing Christians in the U.S. Today

I started researching a variety of articles, blogs, etc. to see if I could come up with the most significant challenges facing Christians in our country. What I found is going to take a couple of weeks to share, so this is part one. Part two will be next week. These are in no particular order, but each one is having a significant influence in our culture.

A diluted faith. William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, had this to say: *"In answer to your inquiry, I consider that the chief dangers which confront the coming century will be: Religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, politics without God, and Heaven without Hell."* **Mr. Booth died in 1912.** Things have only gotten worse, much worse, in fact. The apostle Paul gave Timothy these instructions in II Timothy 4:2ff: *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."*

Biblical Illiteracy. Today we have, at our fingertips, more Bible translations, commentaries, study guides, etc. than ever before. Yet, many, many Christians are practically illiterate when it comes to knowing what is in the Bible and what it teaches. This makes Christians, and seekers who are attempting to find the truth, easy prey for false teachers and charlatans. Remember what was said about the people in Berea? They were considered to be nobler, or more open-minded, than the people of Thessalonica. Why? Because they eagerly listened to the word being taught and searched (studied) the scriptures daily to determine if what was being taught was true. Today, far too many people want someone else to do their thinking for them and are thus much more susceptible to believing a lie, or a half-truth.

A lack of honesty. In western society there is a crisis due to a breakdown in trust. Who do people trust? Banks? Churches? Adults? Scientists? Police officers? Politicians? Why should non-Christians trust Christ if Christians are not living loving, humble, obedient, self-sacrificing lives? There is an old adage that simply says, "What you see is what you get." When our non-Christian friends and neighbors observe us, what do they see? If they don't see you and me attempting to mirror Christ, then we need to do some self-analysis and make the necessary changes to be a light in a world of darkness.

Lee Hickerson

November 2016 marks 70 years of

Ray Frizzell, Jr.

Preaching the gospel of Christ

Join us at the

Shackle Island church building

for a come-and-go reception

from 1 to 4 o'clock on

November 12, 2016

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If you wish to share anecdotes, period pictures or a short video message concerning Ray, send to: **Rays70@comcast.net**.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30	
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