

**Sunday  
November 20, 2016**

**Order of Worship**

*Please Silence All Mobile Devices*

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

Opening Prayer ..... **Cliff Hand**

Song Leader ..... **Scott Brickles**

Song # 542 ..... **Faith Is the Victory**

Song # 430 ..... **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

Song # 356 ..... **'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow**

Scripture Reader ..... **Les Jackson**

Scriptures ..... **Matthew 27:50-54**

**Lord's Supper**

<b><u>Bill Dudley</u></b>	<b><u>Don Shivers</u></b>
<b>Clay Borders</b>	<b>Wade Harris</b>
<b>Wendell Elrod</b>	<b>Wayne Wilson</b>
<b>Chris Owen</b>	<b>William Denton</b>

**Ages 3-8 Dismiss To Children's Bible Time**

Song # 494 ..... **Just a Little Talk with Jesus**

Sermon ..... **Lee Hickerson**

Invitation Song # 880 ..... **Softly and Tenderly**

Closing Song # 2 ..... **Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!**

Closing Prayer ..... **Blake Tucker**

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**Thankful or Bitter?  
Each of Us Makes That Choice**

*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**

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

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**Thanksgiving 2016**

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." – Psalm 136:1*

As I observe the modern world we live in, I'm struck by just how ungrateful most of us are. One writer says that it's because we've lost the habit of looking at ourselves and we've neglected practicing gratitude. Another says that we have come to take what we have for granted. And, my favorite, that true gratitude comes through recognizing grace – that we do not deserve our blessings, but they are bestowed on us by the God who gives His children good things.

It's hard not to realize that the more we have, the less thankful we tend to be.

This year as a congregation we are going to honor our nation's Thanksgiving tradition with what has become a tradition of our own – a worthy practice that we believe to be pleasing to God. Sunday night, November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have what I believe is our sixth annual Thanksgiving service.

This service does not include a formal sermon. But I can promise you that the men who will be leading songs of praise and leading our hearts in prayer to the Father will be giving sermons that every one of us can understand.

Many of you are not in the habit of attending on Sunday nights. Let me encourage you, even plead with you, to make an exception this week. Your spirit will be lifted; your concerns, your hopes, and your thanks will be lifted up.

We will follow this up with a special Wednesday night service. We'll all meet in the auditorium and several of the men of the congregation who seldom get an opportunity to speak will talk for a few minutes each about what they are thankful for.

Please join us in expressing our joy and gratitude to the Almighty God who cares for us – that no matter how dark the night, how deep our despair, or how ungrateful we've become, we cannot escape His love!

Let us all strive to live so that we might be able to say what Paul did in I Corinthians 15:10:

*"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain..."*

**Jon Wilson**

### Welcome New Member

Sunday morning, November 13, **Dorothy Eden** let it be known she wishes to worship and work under the oversight of the eldership. Please add the following information to your church directory:



**Dorothy Eden**  
734 N. Dupont Ave.  
Madison, TN 37115  
Zone 2/3  
Phone: 615-351-2050



### Requesting Prayers

Sunday morning, November 13, **Rachel Hatchett**, daughter of Pam Hatchett, with a tender heart and humility responded to the invitation requesting prayers and forgiveness on her behalf. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



**Wednesday Night This Week**  
Special Service With No Classes

### Stuffing the Stage - Part 2

Food can still be donated **today and tonight**. Help is needed tonight after the evening service to sort, label and box the donated food.



**Tuesday, December 20**  
**In the Annex**  
Pre-registration required  
To register for your

appointment and receive a **special \$10 discount**, call **1-888-653-6450** or visit **www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners**

**BROOKDALE (formerly Sterling House)**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2:00 P.M.**  
Speaker ..... Nelson Boyd  
Song Leader and Communion..... Lee Hickerson

### Dates to Remember

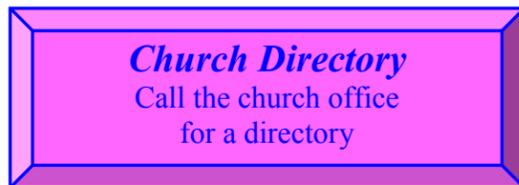
November 20 ..... Sunday Night Prayer Service  
November 23 ..... Special Wed. Night Service - No classes  
November 24 ..... Thanksgiving Day  
December 10 ..... Breakfast With Santa  
December 11 ..... No Children's Bible Time  
December 11 ..... Christmas Dinner  
December 20 ..... Life Line Screening  
December 25 ..... No Children's Bible Time  
December 25 ..... Morning Worship Service only at 10:00 a.m.  
January 1 ..... No Children's Bible Time  
January 1 ..... Sunday Night Song Service

**Contribution November 13**  
Weekly Contribution Goal.....\$13,000  
Contribution.....\$11,323



### Lads to Leaders

Class **tonight** begins at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Multipurpose Room**. Registration forms are due **Wednesday, November 30**. Please give the forms to **Cliff** or **Clay**.



### Youth Happenings

If anyone is interested in hosting a **SNAC in 2017**, there is a sign-up sheet on the **Youth Bulletin Board**.

Singing class is **next Wednesday night, November 30**, in the **Teen Classroom**.

The **GYG** will go caroling and have their Christmas party on **Sunday, December 11**, following the afternoon devotional.

**NOVEMBER PARKING LOT SECURITY**  
Wayne Wilson    Joe Roberts    Charles Taylor

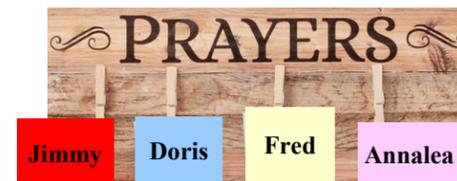
**OPENING AND CLOSING BUILDING**  
Stacey Thurman  
Sunday, November 20 ..... Wednesday, November 23

**ELDER ON CALL**  
November and December..... 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 million thanks to all the kind and thoughtful people at Goodlettsville Church of Christ for their cards and well wishes and prayers for John during this long treatment, surgery and rehabilitation period. They have been the bright spot in his (and my) day for many days. Though he still needs rehab and care, he will continue this at home after Thursday, November 17, as arrangements are now in progress for this. A note of thanks, also, for the ladies of the church who created and sent the gift basket for him. It put a smile on his face. He has enjoyed the treats and the books and supplies. Thanks to friends who keep his mind working in the right direction. Also, a big thank you to the Sewing Ladies of the church for the bibs and walker accessories. These are very useful and thoughtful items. With love to all these people, **JoAnn and John Johnson**

Thanks for all the visits, calls and cards during the time of Billy's and my illnesses. Thanks to Zone 5 for the food and thanks to the ladies who made the gift basket. So many great Christians at our church home!! Love,  
**Joan Kirkham and Billy Wise**

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13**  
Bible Class ..... 197  
Morning Worship..... 301  
Evening Worship..... 106  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 112  
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class ..... 16

### If You Can't Think of Something Nice to Say...

I recently saw a quote from Kid President that I thought was inspirational. Its message is not all that unique and has probably been said by many before, but I believe we can never hear it enough. "If you can't think of something nice to say, then you're not thinking hard enough."

We live in a time where nearly everyone in the country, who has access to electronic devices and the internet, has the ability to share their opinion with the world. This is both a good and a not so good thing. Everyone has their own personal and sometimes unique beliefs, thoughts, opinions, and ideas on nearly every subject known to man. With ease of access to be able to put our thoughts out there, we can get caught up in an information overload. And with all the differences floating around cyberspace, it is inevitable that people with different views are going to feel a need to discuss such differences.

When these conversations occur they can go one of two ways. People can have a respectful dialogue and eventually sway the other, or they can agree to disagree. Then there is what seems to be the more commonly used way of disagreeing online. I yell at you. You yell at me. We both get angry. We both stop listening to each other, and we both condemn the other for having a different view. We blast each other and have no love for one another. Sometimes there is a combination of the two ways. One person tries to have a respectful dialogue while the other will not relent in telling the other how awful a person they are for believing a different way.

These ways of talking with one another are not only seen on the internet. These same exact ways can also take place in person, in letters, and on the phone. I want to draw our attention to how Christ and His apostles have asked us to have conversations with people regardless of mode of communication.

Luke 6:27-28 "... love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

We are to love everyone! We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves and treat others as we want to be treated We are even told to love and pray for those who are our enemies.

Eph 4:15 "...speaking the truth in love..."

We are to speak the truth in love. Fists clinched and teeth bared are not the ways of love. Yelling, screaming, name calling, and alienating are not the ways of love. Remember "If you can't think of something nice to say, then you're not thinking hard enough." Be a loving Christian putting away hateful and unloving acts.

**Cliff Hand**