

...To the school administration,
the prospective teacher said:

Let me see if I've got this right:

You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love of learning.

You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self-esteem and personal pride.

You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play and how to register to vote, balance a checkbook and apply for a job.

You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and be sure that they all pass the final exams.

You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents in English, Spanish, Asian or any other language by letter, telephone, newsletter and report card.

You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps.

You want me to do all this and then you tell me...I CAN'T PRAY?!?!

Mark Henderson, Abilene TX

And He said, "Woe to you also, you lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers."

-Luke 11:46

THOSE TO SERVE FOR JAN. 8, 2012*

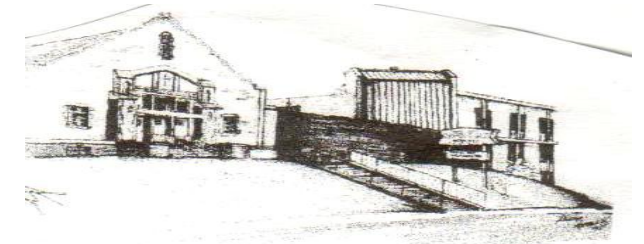
COMM TO HOSP: Farris Tidwell & Oscar Martin
COMM N HOME: Jerry Western
USHERS: Jimmy StClair, Andy Dawson, Dale Sullivan & David Osborne
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dean McKaskle
LEAD SINGING: William Western
LEAD PRAYER: Opening: Dwayne Daniel **Closing:** Dennis Donaldson
PRESIDE COMMUNION: Brent Welch
SERVE: Eddie Clayborne, Rusty Aldridge, Daryl Daugherty, Todd Felts, Larry Lampley, Dan Karnes, Mike Jones & Melton Jack
COMMUNION TO SHUTINS: Jay Wilkins & Lee Duke
GOOD MORNING GREETERS FOR JANUARY: James & Lisa Stanfield — Peggy Hollandsworth—Brent Welch
DOOR GREETERS: #1. Butch & Ellen Lee #2. Doug & Debbie Couch #3. Carl & Connie Wood #4. Larry & Janet Osborne #5. Don & Mona Mosley #6. Carl & Jan Meadows
SUNDAY NIGHT: LEAD SINGING: William Western
OPENING PRAYER: Jerry Butler **CLOSING:** Doug Couch
SERVE TABLE: Oscar Martin & Gale Larkins
COMMUNION JANUARY: Caroline Tidwell & Charlene Griffin
JANUARY FOOD CALL: Caroline Tidwell & Ann Heath
WASH LINENS: Kelly Welch
NURSERY – Lori Goodman & Adrienne Goodman
Sunday January 1, 2012 Attendance 347 Contribution 7931

PUT ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT YOU HAVE FOR SUNDAY MORNING ON THE CLIPBOARD HANGING NEAR THE SIGNUP SHEETS IN THE LOBBY.



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White Bluff Church of Christ January 8, 2012



Keeping our Direction

As we enter the New Year:

- Let us keep our proper direction as Christians as we enter the New Year:
1. Let us each become more **Upward** in our daily lives. Of course, the daily study of the Bible and daily prayer are our lifelines to God and His strength. Christians continue to say that these are two areas of great weakness in their lives. Let us once and for all realize the need for these things and do something about making them daily priorities. Without the regular exercise of oneself in these sources of strength, one will always be a weak Christian, and weak Christians make for a weak congregation (1 Thess. 5: 17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 2. We should turn more in an **Inward** direction. I'm not referring to the negative sense of the word "inward," denoting self-centeredness (see next point). Rather, we should be more inward in the exercise of the mind in spiritual matters. There is a great emphasis in Scripture upon the mind of man in connection with pleasing God (cf. 2 Cor. 10:5). What are your thoughts each day? Psalm 1 describes the truly blessed man as one who delights in God's law, and "meditates" in it "day and night" (v. 2)." Paul encourages the thinking of pure and positive thoughts (Phil. 4:8). Think of what we could accomplish in the congregation if each Christian used his or her mind as urged in Scripture!
 3. There is the need also to turn in an **Outward** direction. This is not in contrast to our last point - instead, it refers to the need to be outward-minded toward others, rather than interested only in our selfish pursuits (Phil. 2:4). One reason we do not evangelize is that we turn inward (in the negative sense of the word). This might also be the reason that the list of willing volunteers for certain works in the church has dwindled. Remember that we are a family, and God wants the family to grow and be healthy in every way. For this to happen, Christians must be more outward in their disposition.

I have heard it said that Christianity is not a matter of *perfection*, but of *direction* (cf. 1 John 1:7ff). It is hoped that the things mentioned here will help us keep our direction with regard to being faithful to God in Jesus Christ.

Tim Forlines, Minister
Claxton Church of Christ, Knoxville, TN

Elders:

Buddy Driver 797-9508
Terry Gross 797-3878
Doug Couch 973-9652
Jay Wilkins 829-1175
Larry Osborne 797-3939

Deacons:

Larry Cocke Gale Larkins
Tim Godwin Butch Lee
Shamron Jackson Brent Welch
David Karnes

Evangelist: Doug Couch 973-9652

Youth: Tom Todd 446-1043

Minister: Every Member

Custodian: (Cleaning)

Dennis Donaldson 797-9350

Maintenance: (Small Repairs)

Melton Jack 797-5097

Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00am
A.M. Worship 10:00am
P.M. Worship 5:00pm
Children's Bible Hour 5:00 pm
Class for grades 4th, 5th & 6th
(Located in Room # 4)
Wednesday **7 PM** Classes **for everyone**
Thursday Ladies Bible Class 10:00 am
"In Search of the Lord's Way"
Sun. morning 7:00 – 7:30
WUXP 30
"Good News Today" GBN
Sun. morning at 8:00 a.m.
WUXP 30
Screen announcements:

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Web Address
www.whitebluffchurch.org

PHONE: 797-9016
Fax # 797-3783

PRAYER LIST

Those being treated for cancer are: **Mary Lou Brown**, her address is 1003 Old Charlotte Rd, White Bluff. **Anthony Bennett** (Jerry & Adelaide Butler's son-in-law). **Harry Butler, Ronnie Dunn**, Fontella's brother in law, has pancreatic cancer and has spread to his liver. P.O. Box 263 Kingston Springs, 37082. **Pam Greenhagen, Holly Hawkins** will start cancer treatments in January. **L.D. Larkins, Dale Sullivan, Kenneth Tucker, Kerry Hall, Kathy Overbay** (La Hooper's mother), **Patricia Martin** (Teresa Wills' mother), **Brother Amanzo Jones, Ginger Craine, Mary Mantooth and Lori Diviney**, friends of Lisa Stanfield, **Bill Ramsey** 113 Reep Road, Dickson. **Ava Hinton** the 5 yr old great granddaughter of Freida Jones, **Arlene Wood, Billy Cathey, Curtis Lewis, David Peeler** (his cancer is in remission), **Edwina Slone** (Ed & Carolyn Kepharts' daughter) is cancer free now, address 121 Virginia Rd. Oakridge, TN. 37830. **Timmy Johnson, (Ronald's brother). Lovetta Pollock** (Vivian Witherow's sister) diagnosed with cancer, **Marchetti Pendergrass**, 104 College Ct, Dickson. **Brenda Trosky**, Tom Todd's sister, has stage 4 cancer, her address is 4 Dickerson Mine Rd. Mine Hill, New Jersey 07801. **Joanne Reed** has lung cancer and is at home. **Joyce Spicer** has leukemia.

Sick and in the Hospital

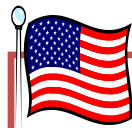
Dartha Bull is home. **Chantel Chumley** is now home and will have surgery soon. **Jerry Butler** is home recuperating from hip surgery. **Mary Lou Brown** is now at home. **Melvin Lovell** is now home recuperating from pneumonia. **Wallace Miller** has been moved to Rose Care Home. He can have visitors and please mail cards to this address 2014 Brookview Dr. Nashville, TN 37214-1905. **Anita St Clair** is home recuperating from foot surgery. **Barbara Travis** had surgery recently and is now home. **Addison Taylor** (granddaughter of Wanda Taylor), who is 4 years old, is being treated for seizures. **Keith Thomas** (Keri Donaldson's cousin) is in need of a liver transplant. **Elizabeth Willis** is now at home. **Buford England** is now at home and doing better. **Goldie Brown**, Fontella Dunn's mother, is in Baptist awaiting results from biopsies. **Ann Miller** is being treated for possible pneumonia.

And Continue to Remember

Myrtle Aldridge, 120 Old Hwy 70-1 White Bluff, Kenny Bass, is at *Ridgewood Nursing Home, 201 Oak Hill Rd, Jasper, Ala. 35501, Phone 205-221-4862*, Samuel Elliot Beck, Mildred Bradford, Henrietta's mom, 509 Elaine Dr, Nashville 37211. Birdie Brumfield, Glenda Bull's mother, 81 Township Rd 1354, Crown City, OH 45623-8702. Dartha Bull, Lisa Butler, Randall Buttrey, Rosemary Camp, Sandra Carver 638 Whitfield Lane, White Bluff, Paul Carver (Charles Carver's brother) Artis Cathey, Roberta Chandler (Joann Rist's mother), Theresa Dabb, Violet Dawson, Dennis Donaldson, Buddy Driver, James Dunn, Betty Forkum, Justin Fisher, Mike Gill, Evelyn Godwin, Danny Gossett, Duke Gregory, Manchester Health Center, 395 Interstate Dr, Manchester, TN 37355 room 408. Bessie Griffin, 1405 Old Charlotte Rd. White Bluff, Lena Forest, Carl Hay, Sharon Hailey, Lorell Heath, Margie Hatched, 94 Twin Hill Dr. Rm 231, Madison TN 37155, Pat Howse, 1369 Old Charlotte Rd, White Bluff, Joan Jones, Mildred Karnes, L.D. & Jean Larkins, Julia Michael, Wesley Manor, rm FG35, 155 N Main St, Frankfort IN 46041-1199, Rosemary Martin, Karene & Russ Moore, John Moore, Patrick McCormick, Henry Morris, Judy Mosley, Novella Nash, Andrew Pack, 4106 Hwy 70, White Bluff. Jeannie Odom (Joan Jones sister) 1030 Pine Valley Rd, Kingston Springs 37082. Vijay Ramgopal, Andrew Rist, Kaitlayn Silinski, 203 Abvbott Glenn Ct, Nashville 37215, Tom Simms, John A. Spicer (Mary Spicer's son), Margaret Stitt, 679 Williamson Co. Rd, Fairview 37062, Louise Stuart, James Todd, Gayle Westcott, Vivian Witherow, Arlene Whitlock, Lucille Wolfe.

IN NURSING HOMES

NHC, Box 585 Dickson 37056: Pam Jones, Lorell Heath, Melba Williams, Edith Hamilton (Niki Hamilton's Mother-in-law) Rm 218, Lovell Story, Martha Coleman, Irene Tidwell, Milbrey Harvey, Sadie Baker, Paul Reynolds' sister.
Olive Branch, 110 Luther Rd. Dickson TN 37055: Mary Sue Larkins.
Silverplume, 1104 Old Charlotte Rd. White Bluff, TN 37187: Gladys Rinaldo
Hillcrest Health Care Center, 111 Pemberton Dr. Ashland City, TN 37015: Shirley Hamilton & Bill Boone.
NHC Place in Franklin, 211 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, 37067, room 2211: Betty Cathey.
Magnolia Place, 811 West Main St. Waverly, 37185: Carlton Meadows.



Our troops need our prayers for strength, endurance & safety

Ryan Brymer
now back at Fort Cambell

Sgt. Rist, Jonathan A.

David A Street
HMM-265 1st MAW
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Kyle Coffey
(Son of Jamey and Sue)
Naval Academy
Annapolis, MD 21402

Matthew Coffey
(son of Jamey & Sue)
TN. National Guard.

Marine Corps. Detachment
PFC. Pickard Jason P. Matco
(new address to come)

***Save your aluminum cans
For our camp scholarship.
Place them in the red cans
Either upstairs or downstairs.***

Food Callers

We are in need of four more ladies to help with food calling. Please sign the list in the foyer if you can help.

January Calendar

Jan 8- Elders and Deacons Meeting 3:30 -4:30
Jan. 15 – Fellowship Groups
Jan 13 – Friday Night Singing at New Spring Church of Christ 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 16 – Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 29 – 5th Sunday – Young men to preach P.M. Services

Happy Birthday

Jan. 9 – Karl Craun
**Jan. 10 – Linda Hawkins
Daniel Russell**
**Jan. 13 - Zachary Hamilton
Laurie Parker**
Jan. 14 – Jeanette Bradshaw



Preschool Cell Phone Lost
Please call Joanna Jackson if
found.



Potter Children's Home
Items needed:
Graham Crackers
Toilet Paper
Magic Eraser Sponges

Bring items in by January 8th.

Pantry Items Needed

Paper Towels
Macaroni & Cheese **Kool Aid**
Spaghetti O's **Cereal**
Ravioli **Diapers (4)**
Toilet Paper **Shampoo**

We are in need of empty (small to medium) detergent bottles. Please leave them in the box where the pantry items are placed.

Three Lessons From Ephesians

Ephesians 1: 6-7 "...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."

Three very important gifts are contained in these verses: redemption, forgiveness, and grace. He redeemed us by subjecting Himself to death to rescue us from sin. His blood or His life allowed us to be forgiven for our sins. He gave His life for our life. David Lipscomb - "The grace of God is His free gift which bestows favor on those who have no claim or merit in themselves."

Ephesians 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance."

Paul made mention of the Ephesians in his prayers. Here he prays that the eyes of the heart will be enlightened. David Lipscomb - "This is the very seat of understanding. It is the source of thoughts, desires, emotions, words and actions." This enables us to shape our course in our lives. It also allows us to see the wealth of our blessings in Christ.

Ephesians 3: 17, 18, 19 "So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length, and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."

Love is the condition that makes our hearts, through faith, a dwelling place of Christ.

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Clarendon, TX

What Am I

The normal lifespan we far exceeded
Because we were so badly needed.
Though made by mortal man
We were used in God's plan.
Some of us, by man, were stepped upon
But we never complained, or groaned.
We were all essential every day
We served right well the whole way.
We literally covered God's nation
As they went from station to station.
(Answer) Deuteronomy 29:5