

Summer Land of Bliss”

Summer is almost here! For schoolteachers and students, this is *actually* “the most wonderful time of the year.” It’s an exciting time for seniors, who have been able to showcase their hard work and have just graduated. Younger students look forward to a well-deserved break after their final exams. Families are excited to consider their summer plans for vacations, road trips, or just time relaxing at home together. The warmer weather, fresh fruits and vegetables, and longer daylight hours have certainly got me excited for this time of year.

When we consider heaven, we often use the best possible things on earth as a comparison. Certainly heaven will be better than any of our wildest expectations, but what other comparisons could we make other than what we know from this life? We sing of streets of gold and we read in Revelation 21 of heaven’s beauty described in terms of beautiful gems that we have on this earth.

One way that some have considered heaven is like an endless summer...  
One song we sing says: “Summer Land, God is its Light, O Happy Summer Land of Bliss!”

It sounds like a great comparison to me! What do we see in the Bible about summer?  
The first thing I see when I search the Scriptures for ‘summer’ is the fact that God created summer as a part of the regular seasons we live in. Genesis 8:22 says “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” Though we may not think about it, we are blessed to have consistent regularity in our seasons and in our expectations for our growing cycles for food. Psalm 74:17 says it like this: “[God has] fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter.” The Lord knows what we need and provides consistent expectations for the times and seasons of the year! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Another thought associated with summer that appears throughout the scripture follows from the recognition of a regular schedule of seasons. If we hope to harvest in the Fall, we better be working in the summer! If we aren’t involved in farming, we may consider summer as a time for relaxation, but spring and summer in the Bible were considered a time for work! Proverbs 10:5 says: “He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.” Other passages emphasize the diligence required to work in the summer, but the blessing it provides once winter comes (Proverbs 6:8; 30:25). If this is true, and we’re thinking about heaven being a “summer land,” it stands to reason that while on this earth, we need to be planting seed (teaching the gospel) so that when Jesus and his angels come to harvest (Matthew 13:24-30), there will be many saved!

There is one verse about summer that we certainly don’t want to be applied to ourselves or any of our loved ones. Jeremiah 8:20 says, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” We are urged to remember that while it is time to work, we will work, lest we stand before the judgment seat of God one day, unprepared to meet our Maker. Let us work “while it is day” (John 9:4) and “let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

While we enjoy the blessings of summertime, let’s make the most of this summer for the Lord!

On Our Prayer List...

Marvin England-ER visit on 5/18  
Jim Tyler-in Waverly Hosp rehab room 101  
AI & Vicki Peek  
Bonita Madewell-recovering fr a fall  
Bertha Bradford-hm from hospital  
W. R. Long  
Hattie Tate  
Kathy Martin  
Betty Suddeath  
Dwight Stuart-cataract surg on 5/22  
Joyce Long-next eye surg in June  
Danny Dotson-home recovering fr surg.

**SURGERIES:** **Shane Cobb**-going back in the hospital due to complications  
**Claude Hurt**-in hosp-not doing well requesting prayers  
**Nell Cunningham**-(Pam Davis sister) in hospital from a stroke  
**Tennie Mae Williams**-(Daniel Stanfill’s grandmother)now in NHC  
**Jo Hall**- Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler’s sister-heart problems  
**Devin Keith**-(Morgan Peyton’s brother) currently home with follow-up Dr. appts  
**Terry England**-(Marvin’s nephew) stroke-on life support.  
**Mike Gunn**-continued medical problems  
**Steve Peyton**-been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver-running tests to see if a good candidate for a liver transplant.In Washington State  
**Carolyn Wilson**-(Madison’s grandmother) requesting prayers.  
**Josh Barnett**-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments  
**Dick Acuff**-(Joan Long Acuff’s husb/Dwight&Connie’s cousin) crushed vertebrae  
**Thelma Davidson**-(Gwen Bullington’s sister) having problems from lupus  
**Chase Lewis**-(Vicki Peek’s family) having problems from lupus  
**Ralph Simpson**- back in the hosp\***Doug Simpson**-heart -(Ruby England’s brothers)  
**Whitney(Bullion)Sager** -home recovering  
**Charles Miles** -recovering fr a fall + heart issues  
**Marcia Simpson**-(Mike Burn’s aunt) now home./  
**Alyssa Gold**-(Robert Proctor’s niece) in need of prayers

**THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER**  
**KENNY FLEMING**—cancer meds  
**JIMMY PHY-CA treatments**  
**ROY DELOACH, JR**-(Roy’s son) pancreatic cancer  
**MACK WINSTEAD**-requesting prayers  
**HUDSON JONES**-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC– has Leukemia)  
**DAVID NOWLIN**-CA treatments-WCOC Elder  
**DONNA BURNS**-WAYNE&ANN BERRYMAN’S NIECE)-CA  
**WANDA DOBBINS**-(kin to Tyler’s)terminal CA  
**JACKIE BORDERS**- Lauren Stuart’s mom  
**ROBERT GARDNER**(Friend of Bill Williams) CA  
**RANAE DUNCAN**-(Bo&Amy’s neighbor)CA treatments  
**CASEY VAILES**-(Ranae Duncan’s son)also has cancer  
**LARRY HAYES**-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo  
**MAGGIE WRIGHT**-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo  
**BARBARA BUCCIARELLI**-CA-from Tennessee Ridge  
**ALAN JONES**-Stage 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments

\*Carlene Davis  
\*Margie Gunn

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**AHC Decatur County**-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-**Wyle Marshall** (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad  
**NHC**—812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- **JoAnn Haley** **Doris Stokes**-R127  
**AT HOME:** **JIMMY MULLINICKS**-56 Mike Street/**JANE RIDINGS**-172 Indian Ck Rd/ **ELTON SMITH**-7731 Hwy 70E

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>

Now, less than a month away!  
Please be bringing little Debbie cakes, chips & drinks. Also in need of 6’ Christmas trees!  
\*Next workday, Sunday, June 1st after lunch.

NASHVILLE ZOO TRIP

on Friday, May 30th. A sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. Will be meeting here at the building at 8:00 am to leave.

Our sympathy & prayers to the family of **Stephanie Greene**, this was Mike’s sister, who passed away on Friday, May 16th. No arrangements as of Monday morning.

\*Check out our foyer bulletin board for the Nashville School of Preaching & Bblcal Studies “Summer courses”!!!

**IN F.O.C.U.S.**

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

The countdown continues with just 4 days left in the 2024-2025 school year. This past Friday evening Laurie and I were able to attend the MHS graduation ceremony. We are so proud of all the graduates and wish them the best as they begin a new part of their lives.

We had a great turnout for our VBS workday this past Sunday afternoon. A lot of work has gotten done, but there is still a lot of work left to do. Our next VBS workday will be Sunday June 1st after lunch.

Please don’t forget to sign up for our zoo trip on Friday May 30th. There is information regarding this trip on our youth group Facebook page .  
In Christian Love, Keith

Welcome.....



“Ellis Taylor Erskin” born on May 14th,!!

Congrats to mom & dad:  
“Taylor & Allison Erskin”, along with big sisters Claire & Anna & grandparents: Ron & Candace Hobson.

\*Remember the box set-up in the back of the auditorium

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2025

Welcome .....Mike Tyler  
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster  
1<sup>st</sup> Prayer.....Drew Buttrey  
Sermon.....John Jones  
Lord's Table.....W. R. Long

Gerald Curtis	John Hurt
Wayne Vaughn	Robert Proctor
Barry Phy	Glenn Ross

Closing Prayer.....Jim Ridings  
Collect Cards.....Stirling Hurt  
& Jaxon Holt  
Greeters..... Not at this time  
Nursery..... Not at this time  
Collect Cups.....Youth  
Security.....Team #1

### Sunday 6PM, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2025

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster  
Prayer.....Ethan Tummins  
Sermon.....John Jones  
Lord's Table.....Ty Adams  
Matthew Dotson  
Closing Prayer.....Bruce Mayfield

### Wednesday 6:30 PM, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

Lead Singing.....Jacen Robertson  
Prayer.....Wayne Coates  
Adult Class.....John Jones

*\*If you are unable to serve...please contact Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)*

*\*If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.*

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Return Service Requested



\*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our Facebook page or our YouTube page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

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**to view!**



### OUR RECORDS for 5/18/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	— — — — —	142
Sunday Morning Worship	— — — — —	219
Sunday Evening Worship	— — — — —	106
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	— — — — —	111
Sunday Contribution	— — — — —	\$8,257



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It was you who set all the boundaries of the  
earth; you made both summer and winter.

PSALM 74:17

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am  
Worship..... 10:00am  
Evening.....6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:30pm

#### Elders:

Calvin Buckner

Billy Buttrey	Bruce Mayfield
W.R. Long	Mike Robertson

#### Deacons:

Derek Berryman	Mike Burns
Wayne Coates	Mark Forster
John Hurt	Barry Phy
Robert Proctor	James Ridings
Joe Smith	Dwight Stuart
Ethan Tummins	Wade Tummins
Ronnie Tyler	

#### Staff:

Ministers	-----	Every Member
Pulpit	-----	John Jones
Youth	-----	Keith Grigsby
Secretaries	-----	Terri Tummins Teresa Fleming

### EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Bible studies are ongoing!

**Contin-**

**ue to be:**

1. Praying for those we are studying with
2. filling out Contact cards for us to reach out to

**{Team 3, please meet downstairs this  
Wednesday night to work on cards.}**

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