

The Parables of Jesus

Our Vacation Bible School is off to a great start! Our teachers have worked hard preparing their classrooms and materials. Our Youth Minister and his merry band of helpers have decorated the auditorium and fellowship hall. The skit actors have prepared for their production (for about thirty minutes). The Little Debbie cakes and RC colas are ready to go and our first night was a great success!

More important than the fun and games that VBS brings are the Bible lessons that our kids and adults alike can benefit from. This year our lesson theme is “The Parables of Jesus.” Here are some brief summaries of what we will be learning about!

Sunday - The Sower and the Soil: A farmer sows seeds on different soils, representing how people receive God’s word. Only the good soil yields a fruitful harvest, symbolizing those who hear, understand, and live out the message. We need to be good soil, but we also need to become sowers!

Monday - The Mustard Seed and the Leaven: The kingdom of God starts small, like a mustard seed that grows into a large tree or leaven that spreads through dough, illustrating its gradual but powerful expansion. Has God’s kingdom expanded throughout your life and is it starting to spread among your family and friends?

Tuesday - The Wedding Feast: A king invites guests to a wedding feast, but many refuse. He then invites others, showing God’s invitation to all, though only those who accept and prepare enter the kingdom. Have we accepted King Jesus’ invitation on his terms? If so, are we inviting everyone we can to the wedding celebration of the Groom (Jesus) and the Bride (His church)? If those we invite turn us down, who else might be willing to say yes?

Wednesday - The Talents: A master entrusts servants with talents (money). Two invest and double their share, while one hides his. The master rewards the faithful, teaching the importance of using God-given gifts wisely. How are we using the skills, opportunities, and blessings God has given us in His service? Have we hidden any of what God has given us in the ground?



Thursday - The Lost Sheep and Coin: A shepherd searches for one lost sheep among a hundred, and a woman seeks a lost coin. Both rejoice when found, symbolizing God’s relentless love and joy in redeeming the lost. Do you remember the feeling of having been lost? How did you feel when you were ‘found’ by Jesus? What a great blessing! How can we turn our gratitude for our own salvation into a love and care for those who are still lost?

We hope you will come join us! Bring a friend or some neighborhood kids. Grab a Little Debbie Cake or some popcorn and stay afterwards to fellowship with your church family. Thank you to all who have contributed to make our VBS a success! May God help us all to be like little children, humbly submitting and trusting in Him!

On Our Prayer List...

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*Teresa Knight -(Bruce's sister)-complications fr gallbladder *Tim Smith (Toad's son) will be having upcoming back surgery *Faye Marshall -(Traci Adams mom)got a good report *Claude Hurt -in hosp-not doing well requesting prayers *Nell Cunningham -(Pam Davis sister)recovering fr a stroke *Jo Hall&Eddie Tyler (Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler's sister& brother)both heart issues *Devin Keith -(Morgan Peyton's brother) currently home with follow-up Dr. appts *Terry England -(Marvin's nephew) stroke-on life support. *Mike Gunn -in rehab @ Waverly Hospital-Rm 204 *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 *Doug Simpson -heart -(Ruby England's brothers)/ Marcia Simpson (Mike Burns aunt) *Whitney(Bullion)Sager .-home recovering *Alyssa Gold (R.Proctors Niece) *Charles Miles -recovering fr a fall + heart issues * Shane Cobb -continuing to havemedical issues./ Carlene Davis/Margie Gunn	*Dale Street -biopsy <u>THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER</u> *KENNY FLEMING —CA 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 —currently had to be hospitalized while on vacation-asking for prayers *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 - 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments			

<u>ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME:</u> Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185 June Dreaden - Rm 204
<u>AHC Decatur County</u> -726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363- Wyle Marshall -hasn’t been feeling well (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad
<u>NHC</u> —812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- JoAnn Haley / Doris Stokes -R127
<u>AT HOME:</u> JIMMY MULLINICKS -56 Mike Street/ JANE RIDINGS -172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH -7731 Hwy 70E

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS		
 <p>It’s already been such a fun time sharing God’s word with little ones of all ages! Don’t miss another night!</p> <p>Again special thanks to all who have been working so hard to make it such a success & Fish-fry on Friday night’s Kick-off was delicious!!!</p> <p>Remember to sign-up for homemade ice cream & cookies for Thursday night!</p> 	<p>Our sympathy & prayers to the families of: Michelle Lashlee on the loss of her cousin</p> <p>“Edgar Thacker, & her uncle Gene Williamson.</p> <p>Also to Wayne Coates on the loss of his uncle James Coates, his service will be 6/11 @ 1:00 @ Centerville</p>	<p>LEAD LIKE THE LORD Wednesday Night Spring Series continues with 5 more lessons/speakers</p> <p>June 18th—Keith Grigsby- Jesus was a Coach: He Trained the Next Generation (Part1)</p> <p>July 2nd- John Hurt -Jesus was a Coach: He Trained the Next Generation (Part 2)</p> <p>July 9th-Walter Reid Long- Jesus had character: He Lived a Life of Integrity</p> <p>July 16th –Mark Forster—Hbw Do You Define Success?</p>

*Check out our foyer bulletin board for the Nashville School of Preaching & Biblical Studies “Summer courses”!!!	
<i>IN F.O.C.U.S.</i>	Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

VBS is underway and I thought our first night was a huge success! We had 219 in attendance with so many young people here. We began VBS with some popular VBS songs followed by our very popular skits. After skits we dismissed our classes downstairs. The teacher spent half of their time teaching the bible class lesson and the second half our craft ladies came in and did a craft with each class. After class time all the kids meet in the fellowship room for puppets, another song, and our nightly giveaways. It is always a blessing to see the smiles on all the kids’ faces. I look forward to the rest of the week!

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, June 15th 2025

WelcomeDwight Stuart
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Keith Grigsby
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Bruce Mayfield
John Hurt Gerald Curtis
Chad Vaughn Drew Buttrey
Matthew Dotson Billy Buttrey
Closing Prayer.....Mike Tyler
Collect Cards.....Stirling Hurt
& Hudson Buttrey
Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #4

Sunday 6PM, June 15th 2025

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
Prayer.....Derek Berryman
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....John Potter
Jack Grigsby
Closing Prayer.....Ty Adams

Wednesday 6:30 PM, June 18th 2025

Lead Singing.....Andrew Peyton
Prayer.....Wade Tummins
Adult Class.....Keith Grigsby

**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 6/8/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	— — — — —	126
Sunday Morning Worship	— — — — —	203
Sunday Evening Worship	-- start of VBS --	219
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	- - - - -	128
Sunday Contribution	— — — — —	\$8,220

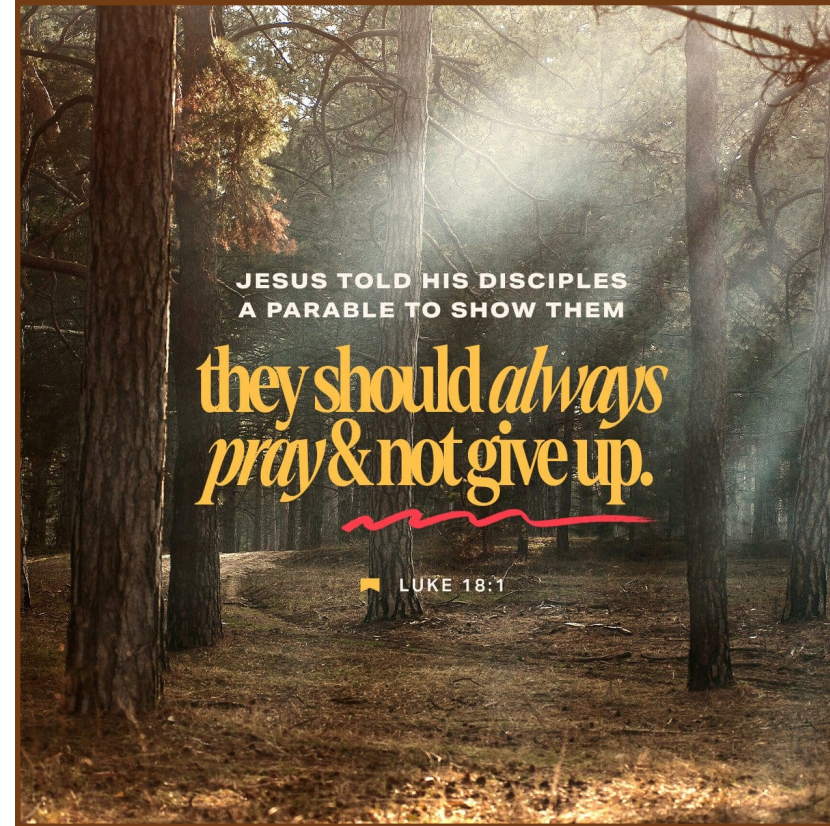


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Schedule of Services

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
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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 2, no cards to work on this
Wednesday night.)**