

Be Faithful Unto Death

When one is baptized into Christ and becomes a Christian, he begins a new life (*Rom.6:4*), in which he is to set aside those things of his old way of life (*2Cor.5:17; Eph.4:22*) and excitedly pursue his new life in Christ and his new relationship with his Savior and Lord. Jesus summarized His expectations and made this promise, “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (*Rev.2:10*). What is involved in being faithful? Consider these ten things.

Grow. The Lord wants us to increase our knowledge, our faith and our trust in Him (*2Pet.1:5-11; 3:18*), which we are able to do by regularly studying His Word (*2Tim.2:15*) and praying (*Col.4:2*).

Worship. The Lord wants us to long to worship Him (*John 4:24; Matt. 4:10*) and praise Him from our hearts (*Heb.13:15; Eph.5:19*), especially on the first day of each week (*Acts 20:7; Heb.10:25*).

Serve. The Lord wants us to look beyond ourselves (*Phil. 2:3-4*) and to find opportunities to lovingly serve others (*Gal.5:13*) and do good to them (*Gal.6:10*), knowing that such is also serving the Lord Himself (*Col.3:24; Rom.12:10-11*).

Teach. The Lord wants us to show others the way to heaven by teaching the gospel (*Mark 16:15*), living a Christian life (*Matt. 5:16*) and answering their questions (*1 Pet. 3:15*).

Obeys. The Lord wants us to conform our lives to His will by submitting to Him (*Jas. 4:7*), walking by His side (*1John 1:7*) and obeying His commands (*Heb.5:9; Matt.7:21*).

Prioritize. The Lord wants us to put Christ (*Col.1:18*) and His church (*Matt.6:33*) first in our lives, which will be evident in how we spend our time (*Eph.5:16*).

Work. The Lord wants us to be busy in His kingdom (*1Cor.3:9*), remaining “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (*1Cor.15:58*).

Separate. The Lord wants us to set ourselves apart from the ways of the world (*Rom.12:2; 1Pet.2:11*), to keep ourselves pure (*1Pet.1:15-16; 1John 2:15-17*) and to live godly lives (*Tit.2:11-12*).

Endure. The Lord wants us to persevere through difficult times as a Christian (*2Tim.2:3*), looking to Jesus as our example for strength (*Heb.12:1-3*) and ever pressing on to the eternal goal of heaven (*Phil.3:14*). **Aim.** The Lord wants us to set our sights on the glorious reward of heaven (*Matt. 6:20; Col. 3:1-4*) and live every day in eager anticipation of the return of Jesus to take the children of God home with Him (*Phil. 3:20-21; Tit. 2:13*). God calls upon us to **“be faithful,”** which entails staying true to Him, to His word, to His church, and diligently seeking to please Him above all else! What a wonderful blessing!

Article by David Sproule/ Taken from our 8/28/22 bulletin.

On Our Prayer List... **Danny Dotson**-doing some better **Casey Smith**-having medical issues/tests
Jimmy Long-continuing to recover fr hip surg **Rita Stevens**-CA **W. R. Long**
Al & Vicki Peek **Bonita Madewell**- now home **Jimmy Phy** **Toad Smith**

***Sharon Palk**-@Horizon broken hip/surg. ***Jerry Belles**-hospice@ home
 ***Mike Mathis**-(Keith&Linda Rodger's son) in hosp in Huntsville, Al with colitis.
 ***Aspen Anderson**-(Nicole Buttrey's niece)bom premature, family requesting prayers
 ***Ronnie Pleasant**-Hustburg COC-had surg on Friday-requesting prayers
 ***Betty Rumsey**- ER on 4/28-now hm. **Mike Parrish**-(Wesley's son) HM
 ***Ethan McClure**-(friend of Buttrey family) mass in stomach
 ***Shirley Proctor**-(Robert's mom) now hm
 ***Stephanie Dotson**- (Paula Pittman's dght) complications fr heart surg.
 ***Shane Cobb**-complications fr diabetes-toe/foot amputated
 ***Wayne Hatcher**-mass on liver -surg in May/**Nancy Turner**-in Vanderbilt
 ***Faye Marshall**-Traci Adam's mom ***June Dreaden** -S.Rachford's mom
 ***Frank Hall**-(Roy Deloach's brother-in-law)-Dialysis ***Ed Gunn**
 ***Norma Ross**-Glenn's mom ***John Henry & Carlene Davis**
 ***Kyle Miles**-having tubes put in ears on May 20th @ St. Thomas

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER
 ***Mary Davis**-(Mike Burns cousin) Melanoma
 ***Jackie Borders**- Lauren Stuart's mom
 ***Kim Marlow**-F. Featherstone dght/R. Proctor sister
 ***Tresa Garber Staggs** -Frankie's daughter
 ***Wanda Wright**-chemo treatments
 ***Jimmy Arnold**-Bruce&Roxanne's son's father-in-law
 ***Barry Dean**-grandfather of a friend of Rachel Bell's
 ***Larry Hayes**-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo
 ***Maggie Wright**-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo
 ***David Stokes**-(Drew Swearns) step-dad
 ***Stephanie Smith**-currently in Horizon
 ***Sharon Curtis** ***Kenna Rickenbrode**

ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOME

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-**Wyle Marshall** (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad
Dickson Health & Rehab-901 North Charlotte,Dickson,TN 37055 -**Clayton England** -Marvin's brother
Humphreys County-Billy Adams-Rm 712/**Jane Ridings**-Rehab-Rm 704
 104 Forte Hill Rd, Waverly, TN 37185
NHC-Jim & Anita-(Rehab) **Buckner**-(Rm 102) / **Jim & Earline Davis**-(Rm 103) / **Earl Forster**-(Rm- 100B)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We're excited to update you on the arrival of the Jones family (John, Erin, Lydia, Anna & Luke) plan on starting to move in on May 11th & John's first sermon as our new pulpit minister will be on May 19th

Let's continue to keep them in our thoughts & prayers & in letting our community know!

Zoo Trip—Friday, May 31st. Sign-up sheet on the youth board. Is for all ages!

Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting-Sunday, May 5th@5:00

Congratulations to our recent and upcoming College Graduates!! We're thankful for you & proud of all your hard work!!

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Proverbs 3:1-2

ETHAN FORSTER	HANNAH DAVIS	LAUREN HICKERSON	JACEN ROBERTSON
DEGREE Teaching—AG	DEGREE Bachelor of Science in Hlt & Human Perf	DEGREE Marketing	DEGREE Business Analytics
FROM UT Martin	FROM UT Martin	FROM Tennessee Tech	FROM Freed Hardeman
DATE Dec 9th, 2023	DATE May 4th, 2024	DATE May 3rd, 2024	DATE May 11th, 2024

IN F.O.C.U.S.
 Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our youth activities for last week began on Wednesday night. FLAME met at 5:00 and we began our time together with an activity and devotional period together. After the devo the kids spent some time enjoying the beautiful weather before going in and having a meal together. I appreciate the youth that came and I'm thankful for the time we had to spend together. Our only other youth activity was our devotional Sunday night after evening service. We were blessed to have Todd and Amy Mullinicks host us at their beautiful home. We began with a devotional period of singing and a devotional thought followed by a great meal of taco salad, fruit, and dessert. We had a wonderful time of fellowship together and I can't thank Todd and Amy enough for hosting s.

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday May 5th 2024

WelcomeJim Sudeath
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Ronnie Tyler
Sermon.....John Potter
Lord's Table.....Ethan Tummins
 Drew Swearns Derek Berryman
 Wade Tummins Andy Marlor
 Calvin Buckner W. R. Long
Closing Prayer.....Mike Tyler
Collect Cards.....Hudson Buttrey
 & Drew Buttrey
Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #5

Sunday 6PM, May 5th 2024

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
Prayer.....Danny Dotson
Sermon.....John Potter
Lord's Table.....Dennis Tester
 Marvin England
Closing Prayer.....Keith Grigsby

Wednesday 6:30 PM, May 8th 2024

Lead Singing.....John Hurt
Prayer.....Gerald Curtis
Adult Class.....Bruce Mayfield

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.

The MESSENGER is online!
Visit the church website
to view!



OUR RECORDS for 4/28/2024

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	98
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	160
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	93
Wed. -Mid-Week Bible Study (4-24)-	-----	98
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$8,753
Number of Seeds Planted	-----	5



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:30pm

Elders:

James Buckner	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
Elton Smith	Joe Smith
Dwight Stuart	Drew Swearns
Dennis Tester	Ethan Tummins
Wade Tummins	Ronnie Tyler

Staff:

Ministers	-----	Every Member
Pulpit	-----	John Jones
Youth	-----	Keith Grigsby

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