

Dear Church Family,  
While the Jones family is away this week, I thought I'd share a bulletin article from Bro. Jim Suddeth that is just as applicable now as when it was first written.

I'm in the Lord's Army  
By Jim Suddeth

For years, "I'm in the Lord's Army," has been a favorite song of children. "I may never march in the infantry...but I'm in the Lord's army." The title words certainly contain a truth that needs to be impressed on every Christian, young and old alike. For the church is the Lord's army, and every member is a Christian soldier. We have a wonderful heritage to defend. Like Paul, we should be set or "appointed for the defense of the gospel" (Philippians 1:17). Another apostle (1 Peter 5:8-9) warns us of a powerful adversary whom we are to oppose.

An army plagued with too many deserters, traitors, AWOL'ers and cowards must be inefficient and ineffective, to say the least. This is equally true of the Lord's army, the church. The commentator, Albert Barnes, once wrote:

"Many a church is like an army where half the soldiers are out of the line; where there is entire insubordination in the ranks, and where not half of them could be depended on for efficient service in a campaign. Indeed, an army would accomplish little if as large a proportion of it were irregular, idle, remiss, or pursuing their own aims to the neglect of the public interest, as there are members of the church who can never be depended on in accomplishing the great purpose for which it was organized."

That battle-scarred warrior of the first century knew about warfare. He knew the enemy, and he knew what was needed to defeat him. By inspiration, Paul wrote, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11). "Fight the good fight of faith..." (1 Timothy 6:12). "You must therefore endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3).

What kind of army does the Lord have in this church? What kind of soldiers does He have in you and me as Christians? "Be valiant...and fight the Lord's battles" (1 Samuel 18:17).

How true this still is today! I want to encourage all of us to be praying for the contacts on our bookmarks. Soon, we will begin reaching out to these folks with love and compassion and hope that they will be interested in studying God's Word with us. We must remember that we are a part of the Lord's army. It's HIS army, so we need to invite Him into any of the work we do. "Without Him, we would be nothing, Without Him we'd surely fail." Let's work together with our Lord to reach the lost in our community. We need you on the front lines of the spiritual warfare we are engaged in, rescuing lost souls from the enemy!

God Bless, John

**On Our Prayer List...** Kenny & Teresa Fleming—still home sick    Debbie Dotson    W. R. Long    Marvin England  
Kathy Martin    Hattie Tate    Joyce Long    Wade Tummins    Jim Tyler    Michelle Lashlee

**HOSPITAL-In Now:**    **Recent Stay:** Betty Suddeth  
**SURGERIES—Upcoming:** Kelly Berryman—on 1/23 / **Recovering from:** LeAnne Stuart—knee replacement, Daniel Curtis

\*Ellie (Burns) Tearman—will be having a procedure on Feb 5th.  
\*Mike Gunn—having a procedure on Jan 21st—prayers that it works.  
\*Suzanne Boyd—(John & Erin's friends) newborn—improving—now home @ feeding ube  
\*Thelma Davidson—(Gwen Bullington's sister)    Janet Hicks—stroke  
\*Shelia McBride / Prim Sanders—newborn needing serious heart surg  
\*Jeff Hyland (N. Buttrey's uncle) heart blockages, upcoming surg.  
\*\*Doug Simpson—(Ruby England's brother)—heart problems.  
\*Chuck Bumpus—(Emalee Buttrey's brother) now home.  
\*Whitney (Bullion) Sager—now @ St Thomas Rehab.  
\*Mike Mathis—(Keith & Linda Rodgers son) having surg on Jan. 15th  
\*Stephanie Greene—(Mike's sister) needs prayers  
\*Charles Miles—suffered a fall + heart issues  
\*Sherry Angela—continuing to recover from a car wreck,  
\*Scottie Lashlee—needs more tests—continue in prayers.  
\*Marcia Simpson—(Mike Burn's aunt) now in St. Thomas Midtown hospital.  
\*Chase Lewis—(Vicki Peek's family) he has lupus, sick  
\*Alyssa Gold—(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers \*Shane Cobb  
\*Linda Burns (Mike Burns sister-in-law)    \*Bubba Tummins (Bo & Amy's bro  
\*Faye Marshall—Traci Adams mom    \*June Dreaden—S. Rachford's mom

**THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER**

\*KENNY FLEMING—cancer, pneumonia  
\*JIMMY PHY—CA treatments  
\*DAVID NOWLIN—CA treatments—WCOC Elder  
\*RONNIE ENGLAND—CA/AFIB—NOW IN VANDERBILT HOSP  
\*WANDA WRIGHT—NOT DOING WELL—CA HAS SPREAD  
\*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  
\*JOHN PIRTLE—frd of Roy Deloach) Lung CA—age 53  
\*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

**ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME/HOME**

**AHC Decatur County**—726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons, TN 38363—Wyle Marshall (Rm 726)—Traci Adams dad  
**NHC**—812 N. Charlotte, Dickson, TN 37055—Earline Davis—Rm 410/ JoAnn Haley/Doris Stokes—R127  
**Humphreys County NH** 104 Fort Hill Rd. Mary Lana Adams—Rm 706/Herbert Capps—Rm 704  
Waverly, TN 37185  
**AT HOME:** JIMMY MULLINICKS—56 Mike Street / JANE RIDINGS—172 Indian Ck Rd / ELTON SMITH—7731 Hwy 70E

**Address needs to have everything listed below for Eric to receive:** Dickson County Jail/James Eric Warden—ID102618/ P.O. Box 76550/Hghland Heights, KY 41076    **MILITARY:** Dustin, Proctor is now home for a little while.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

<p><b>"Valentine's Dinner"</b> Thursday, Feb 13th @ 6:00 PM, for all members 50 years &amp; up. Sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board.</p> 	<p><b>Attention Ladies</b> *Our Tapestry Group(s) will wrap up after our evening services on February 2nd. Please bring finger foods. &amp; *A New Ladies Class—will start next quarter on Wednesday nights beginning on Feb 5th "Abc's of a Godly heart"</p>	 <p>Baby Shower for Megan &amp; Zach Birt this Sunday, January 26th from 2:00-4:00 downstairs. *Registered @ Amazon, Target &amp; Walmart. Please no newborn sizes.</p>	<p><b>4th Wednesday night meal Jan 22nd @ 5:30</b> Please sign up if you plan to attend. The meal will be pizza and salad</p>
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**IN F.O.C.U.S.** Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our only youth activity for last week was Sunday night after evening service. The youth group combined with the Faith group for a fun game night. We began with a great meal together and time of fellowship. After the meal we all got together for a fun group game together. We played boys vs. girls, and the girls took the victory! It was a fun night together and I'm so thankful for the time we all had to spend together. Our next youth activity will be this Sunday night with a devotional after evening service. Then, in February we will have 2 big events. The Valentine Dinner on February 13 and Challenge Youth Conference February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. I will have more information about both of these events in the future.  
Christian Love, Keith

