

“How Do I Know that ‘Jesus Loves Me?’”

The children’s song “Jesus Loves Me” is a simple song that stands out in many of our memories of childhood. It is simple, yes, but incredibly profound, much like our appeal to the world to simply follow the Bible. Written by Anna Bartlett Warner in the mid-19th century, the song continues to impress upon us the power of a childlike faith.

Anna Bartlett Warner, along with her sister Susan, wrote the lyrics to “Jesus Loves Me” as part of a novel titled “Say and Seal.” Originally published in 1860, the novel featured the words as a comforting poem written to a dying child. The compassion and directness of the lyrics struck a chord with readers, and it was adapted into a hymn soon after. The melody most commonly associated with “Jesus Loves Me” was composed by William Batchelder Bradbury. Bradbury’s tune paired perfectly with Warner’s lyrics, creating a melody that is both gentle and reassuring, reflecting the unconditional love of Jesus as described in the Bible.

The hymn quickly gained popularity, particularly among children and in Sunday schools. Its straightforward message of God’s love became a cornerstone of Christian education and worship, emphasizing the fundamental teachings of Christianity in a way that every age can appreciate. Its message has crossed geographical boundaries, spreading its comforting assurance to countless individuals around the world. Through various translations and adaptations, the hymn continues to be sung in churches, homes, and schools, maintaining its relevance and impact through generations.

How do we know that Jesus loves us? Anna Warner’s words are simple but so clear: because “the Bible tells me so.” Another song we sing, “He lives,” is beautiful as well, but its reasons for believing in the resurrection of Christ are less certain. “You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.” While this is certainly true, is it verifiable by those who don’t believe? Couldn’t a Buddhist claim that the Buddha lives within their heart on the same grounds that a Christian would claim that Jesus does? Anna Warner, though a child at the time of writing her poem, realized that the verifiable proof that Jesus truly does love us is that the Bible says so! When we put our faith and hope in God’s Word, we won’t be let down. Though many have attempted over the years to disprove scripture, it has stood the test of time. As new archaeological discoveries are found, as ancient documents are uncovered, and Greek and Hebrew language are better understood, the Bible continues to disprove its critics.

The Bible as God’s revealed message for mankind is worth putting our trust in. It is reliable. So too is the Bible’s message that God’s Son, Jesus Christ loves us. What will you do with His love? Will you spurn His affections for you and continue to live a life following your own desires and expectations? Or will you accept His love and live according to His ways? I pray that as a church family we will show the love of Jesus in all our interactions with each other and with our community. “He loves me! He loves me! He loves me, this I know! He gave Himself to die for me, because He loves me so!” What a blessing it is to be loved by Jesus.

- John

## On Our Prayer List...

**Martha Durham**—recovering from a fall  
**Kathy Martin** **Hattie Tate** **Joyce Long** **Kenny & Teresa Fleming**—been home sick  
**BettySuddeath** **Debbie Dotson** **W. R. Long** **Wade Tummins** **Jim Tyler**  
**Marvin England**

**SURGERIES—Recovering from:** **Kelly Berryman**— foot surgery **LeAnne Stuart**—knee replacement, **Daniel Curtis**

\***Mike Mathis**—(Keith & Linda Rodgers son) complications fr surg/blood clots  
 \***Ellie (Burns)Tearman**—will be having a procedure on Feb 5th.  
 \***Mike Gunn**—had a procedure on Jan 21st.  
 \***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.  
 \***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  
 \***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

#### “Valentine’s Dinner”

Thursday, Feb 13th @  
 6:00 PM, for all members  
 50 years & up.

Sign-up list  
 is on the  
 Youth  
 Bulletin Board.



#### Attention Ladies

\***Our Tapestry Group(s)** will wrap  
 up after our evening services on  
 February 2nd. Please bring finger  
 foods.

&

\***A New Ladies Class**—will start  
 next quarter on Wednesday nights  
 beginning on Feb 5th

Our sympathy & prayers to the family of  
 “Wanda Wright”  
 who passed away on January 26th.  
 No arrangements @ this time.

**Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting**  
 This coming Sunday, Feb 2nd @ 5:00 PM.

**FYI: Members, if you need to use some of  
 our tables/chairs for an event outside of the  
 building the ones to use are labeled in the  
 basement of the church house. These are  
 the only ones needing to leave the building.  
 We Thank You, Your Elders**

## IN.F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our only youth activity for last week was our youth devotional on Sunday night after service. We had 11 youth and 10 adults in attendance. We began our time together with a devotional of singing and a lesson. Afterwards we enjoyed some great finger foods and watched football. (Our team didn’t win) we had a great time of fellowship together! I appreciate all those that came and for the one who brought food.

I want to give a big shoutout to Carter Howard for the lesson he presented Sunday night! I sure am proud of him!

Super Bowl Sunday is in 2 weeks. We will have a watch party after evening service. I will post more information about this event on the church facebook page.

In Christian Love, Keith

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

Welcome .....Mike Tyler  
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster  
1<sup>st</sup> Prayer.....Gerald Curtis  
Sermon.....John Jones  
Lord's Table.....John Potter

Joe Smith	Danny Dotson
Marvin England	Mike Robertson
Matthew Dotson	Bruce Mayfield

Closing Prayer.....Derek Berryman  
Collect Cards.....Hudson Buttrey  
& Slate Berryman  
Greeters..... Not at this time  
Nursery..... Not at this time  
Collect Cups.....Youth  
Security.....Team #5

**Sunday 6PM, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster  
Prayer.....Jimmy Suddeath  
Sermon.....John Jones  
Lord's Table.....Mike Burns  
Drew Buttrey  
Closing Prayer.....Jack Grigsby

**Wednesday 6:30 PM, February 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Lead Singing.....Jacen Robertson  
Prayer.....Jim Ridings  
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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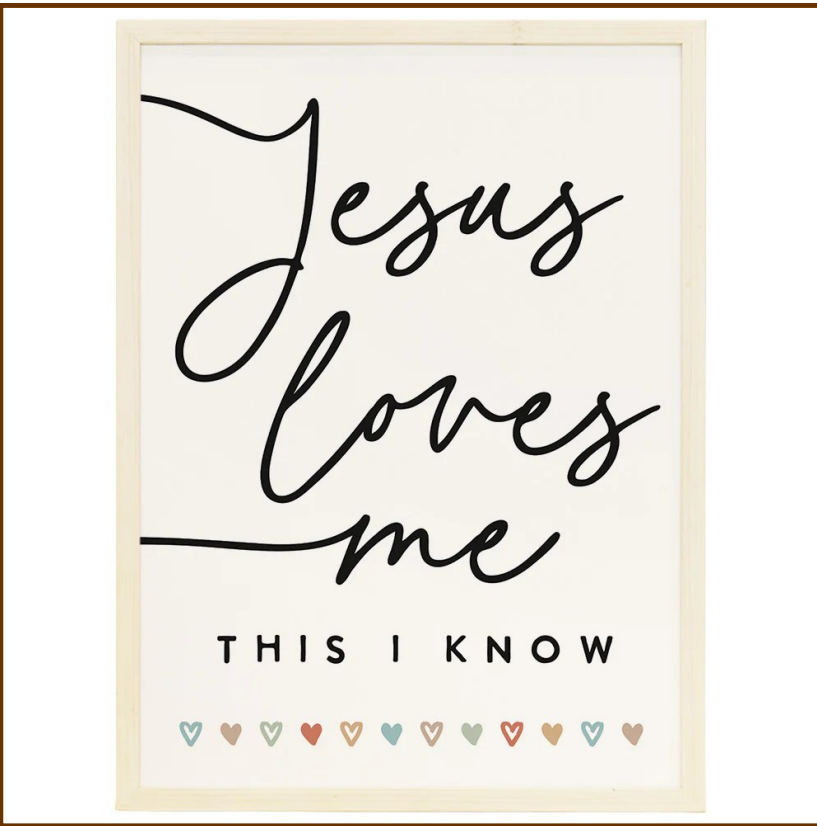
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Week of January 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

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  \*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

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



**OUR RECORDS for 1/26/2025**

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	112
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	205
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	NC
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	110
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$8,002
Number of Seeds Planted	-----	

**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

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