

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be!
John Jones

During our preparation for our trip to New Zealand, I have realized how difficult it is to get all of our friends and loved ones packed into a two-and-a-half week itinerary. We would like to visit everyone, but our time is limited and people are so spread out. Undoubtedly there will be folks that we will be unable to see. A few have already mentioned that they’ll be out of the country while we are there, which means we are unsure when we will see them again. Those who we are able to see while traveling, I’m sure our visits will be far too short for our liking. We will want to catch up on everything we’ve missed in each other’s lives. Eventually, however, the time will run out and we’ll have to get back on the road and, eventually, on the plane back to Tennessee.

Even without international trip planning, and even if you’ve never left the State or county you were born in, you can understand this. There are individuals who made significant impacts upon our lives who are no longer available to talk to or give a hug. Perhaps they’ve moved or passed away, yet their memory still lingers with us.

Whenever a trip reignites these thoughts in my mind, I always find comfort in the Lord’s words from John 14:2–3: “In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”

Given the limitations of our earthly existence, we long for our Father’s house! I can’t wait to explore His house and find the “rooms” that my loved ones are staying in. I can’t wait for all the people whom I love to all be together in the same place and at the same time! I can’t wait to meet everyone else who is there and learn their stories of faithfulness. Without considering the streets of gold, or the river through the middle of the beautiful city, or the tree of life (and those things will be spectacular), “How Beautiful Heaven Must Be” for me makes me think of the faces of my loved ones who I miss, and who were faithful to the Lord.

The apostle Paul offers further encouragement in 1 Thessalonians 4:17: “Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” What a promise! No more hurried goodbyes, no more sad separations, no more wondering when—or if—we’ll see one another again. In heaven, we will be caught up together—reunited forever in the presence of our Savior, where every moment of fellowship will be unhurried, complete, and filled with joy.

Until that glorious day, may we live faithfully, sharing the hope of Christ with those around us, so that our heavenly family reunion grows even larger. How beautiful heaven must be—because of who will be there, and because He who prepared it all will be with us eternally.

On Our Prayer List...
*May we always be using God’s blessing & power of prayer for one another: Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them they should always pray & not give up. Luke 18:1.

{Recent Medical concerns/updates}			{Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery}		
*Jim Suddeath-went by ambulance to St Thomas on 2/1-possibleTIA			*Betty Suddeath		
*Sarah Parnell			*Gary Davis-had another eye procedure last wk-be praying for good results		
*Jerry Martin			*Betty James— continue in prayer		
*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen’s sister)-in Centennial due to infection-please keep in prayer			*Nancy Daniel (Judy Smith’s sister) been in hosp with CHF		

{THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER}					
*Jimmy Phy-CA			*Houston Howell		
*Lillian Childress-successful radiation treatment			*Casey Vailes		
*Dale Street-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA			*Brian Gill-CA-treatments		
*Hudson Jones-{2yr old son of Dan & Catherine,Walnut St COC–Leukemia}			*Mack Winstead-CA-continued prayers		
*Robert Gardner(friend of Bill Williams) CA			*Vicki Donegan-taking treatments-needs prayer		
*Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments			*David Nowlin-CA treatments-WcoC elder		
*David Stokes-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone’s dad)&Drew Swearns step-dad			*Jackie Borders-Lauren Stuart’s mom		
			*Maggie Wright -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA		
			*Debbie Gafford-(friend of Diane Curtis)		

Listed below are those that are continuing to have on-going medical issues that are in need of our prayers.					
*Sarah Bell	*Hattie Tate	*Al & Vicki Peek	*Marvin England	*Diane Curtis	*Joe Wright
*Claude Hurt	*Carlene Davis	*Chase Lewis	*Doug Simpson	*Josh Barnett	*Marcia Simpson
*Sue Edmission	*Alyssa Gold	*Carolyn Wilson	*Mike Gunn	*Scotty Paik	*Margie Gunn
*Joshua James-now hm	*Shane Cobb	*Larry Fuqua	*Janie Brown	*Warren(Johnny) Proctor	
*Savannah Patrick-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter-she loves cards) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette,TN					

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}		At Home in McEwen	
<u>AHC Decatur County</u> -726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363 Wyle Marshall -(Rm 726) (Traci Adams dad)		Jim & Jane Ridings -172 Indian Ck Rd	
<u>NHC</u> -812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055		Robert Bradford -347 Brown Mill Rd.	
<u>Humphreys County NH</u> 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly,TN 37185- June Dreaden - Rm 204		Jimmy Mullinicks -56 Mike Street	
<u>Magnolia Place</u> - 811 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185- Jimmy Tyler -(room 106)			
<u>Waverly Hills Post Acute</u> -895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185- Bertha Bradford -rm 102A / Gary Pace			

ANNOUNCMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS			
 Upcoming Bridal Shower for Thora Tomlinson this Sunday, Feb 8th from 2:00-3:30 PM in the fellowship Room. Evan & Thora were married on Nov 28 th 2025, so lets join in their celebration! They are registered @ Amazon-can use QR code listed above.		Last chance to sign up for the Great Smokey Mountain Marriage Retreat next week (February 11-15) for any of our couples interested. Info is on the back table in the auditorium & church will cover your tuition cost. See Keith if you would like to sign up.	
		 Ladies of Leatherwood’s Annual Retreat February {27-28}, 2026 Cost \$40.00 Speaker Judy Hinson Flyers with more info on back table of auditorium.	Our sympathy & prayers to Dave & Rebecca Holt & family on the loss of Dave’s dad “Ronnie Holt” his services were held on Jan 22nd @ Harpeth Hills Funeral Home.
Super Bowl Watch Party- this Sunday night, Feb 8th after our evening service. For any who would like to stay, please bring finger foods.		SONGFEST @ Walnut St COC has been postponed to March 14th	Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting, this Sunday Feb 8th @ 5:00PM

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

Not a lot has happened over the past week and a half since we got hit with our first snow and ice storm of the winter. I sit here at home on Monday February 2nd and there is still lots of snow in my yard. The temps are rising this week, and it is my prayer that all this snow and ice melts very soon and the kids can get back to school and we can get back to the church building for in person worship services and midweek bible studies. I have truly missed everyone! There were several things that were cancelled due to the weather. One of them was our Valentine Dinner that we hope to reschedule. We were also not able to have our CYC meeting. I plan to reschedule that very soon. CYC is only a few weeks away. Please be praying for good weather for that week. This coming Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday; we plan to have finger foods and watch the remainder of the game after our evening service ends. We ask everyone that comes, please bring a finger food.

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, February 8th 2026

WelcomeCalvin Buckner
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Mike Robertson
Sermon.....Jack Wilkie
Lord's Table.....Mike Tyler
Danny Dotson Noah Stuart
Daniel Curtis John Hurt
Ty Adams Jesse Kilpatrick
Closing Prayer.....Joe Smith
Collect Cards.....Hudson Buttrey
 & Slate Berryman
Greeters.....Dwight & LeAnne Stuart
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #3

Sunday 6PM February 8th 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Wade Tummins
Sermon.....Jack Wilkie
Lord's Table.....Drew Buttrey
 & Keith Grigsby
Closing Prayer.....John Potter

Wednesday 6:30 PM, February 11th 2026

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long
Prayer.....W. R. Long
Adult Class.....Jack Wilkie

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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OUR RECORDS for {1/25 & 2/1}/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School — — {unable to
Sunday Morning Worship — — — attend last
Sunday Evening Worship — — — 2 weeks due
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study — — to ice & snow
Sunday Contribution — — — — covered roads}

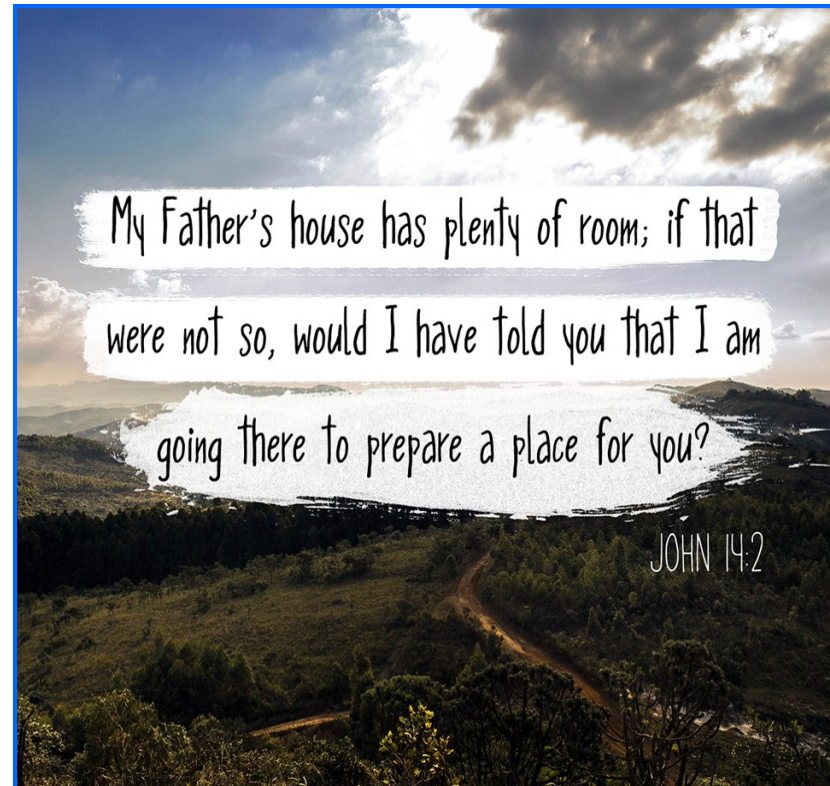


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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST



Sunday Morning

"Upcoming Sermons"

Sunday Night

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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

Secretaries ----- Terri Tummins

Teresa Fleming

EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Continue to be:

1. Praying for those we are studying with
2. To provide new {Contact's} cards for us to reach out to.

(Team - 1 there may be cards to work
on this Wednesday night.)