

Searching for Treasure!

John Jones

The past two Saturdays, Erin and I have taken the kids out to Johnsonville State Historic Park on the Tennessee River. It's a great place for a day trip! The museum is very informative about the Civil War battle held there and the historic site of Johnsonville, that now lies at the bottom of Kentucky Lake. As we walked up and down the icy banks of the river, the kids were finding all kinds of treasures (another man's trash). Before we told them "no more," they were able to find a large carabiner, a brand new pair of flip-flops, and all kinds of 'cool-looking' rocks. It certainly was a fun day of exploration. We even saw someone's boat which had been unmoored and wrecked on the rocks (Surely another devotional thought here)!

How often do we spend in Scripture searching for the treasures that our Lord has left there for us? Are we guilty of appealing to the Bible when discussing doctrinal matters, but then fail to search it for the daily spiritual treasure that upholds and strengthens us?

The Bible is full of inspired wisdom that can make our lives rich and full and better equip us for Christian life and work. In 2 Corinthians 4:6-7, Paul emphasises that the treasure that resides in us, as jars of clay, is "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God." What an incredible blessing that we can KNOW who God is and the fulness of His plans in Christ. Truly, we are able to study things that at one point in time, even "angels longed to look" (1 Peter 1:12). When we read the Scripture, we are able to "perceive [Paul's] insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit" (Ephesians 3:4)! What an incredible blessing!

Let's also be sure not to limit our search for spiritual treasure to the New Testament. The writer of the longest chapter in the Bible declared: "In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches" (Psalm 119:14). Throughout the book of Proverbs, 'wisdom' is personified as a woman who offers understanding of God's will, which "is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold" and "more precious than jewels" (Proverbs 3:13-15)

The Old Testament, while no longer the covenant under which God's people serve Him, is full of treasure that illuminates our understanding of the new covenant. Reading the Old Testament with "Christian glasses" shows us how wonderful God's plan and purposes are. Jesus said that "every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old" (Matthew 13:52). The Bible, Old and New Testaments, are full of treasures for us to glean from if we are to be trained for the kingdom of heaven.

May we all, with childlike excitement, continue to explore the pages of God's Word to find the riches and treasures therein!

On Our Prayer List...

Keith Rodgers-will have nerve tests & MRI in March. **Danny Dotson**-still waiting on surg. **W. R. Long**
Martha Durham-back in Waverly hosp for rehab. **Betty Suddeath** **Kathy Martin**
Al & Vicki Peek **Jim Tyler** **Marvin England**

SURGERIES: **Jean Buttrey**-surg on 3/6 for an endometrial carcinoma **Kim Marlor**-neck surg on 3/10 **Cassie Fleming**-recovering knee

***Steve Peyton**-(Peyton family requesting prayers)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.
 ***Claude Hurt**-in the hospital with influenza/ ***Scottie Lashlee**-still infection neck
 ***Skylar Stewart** -(Craig Stewart's (Ruby England's grandson)son)-now home
 ***Mike Mathis**-(Keith & Linda Rodgers son) home doing better
 ***Josh Barnett**-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments
 ***Mark Long**-(Jane Riding's nephew) now home-@ follow-up Doctor appts.
 ***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
 ***Suzanne Boyd**-(John & Erin's friends) baby -now home @ feeding tube.
 ***Prim Sanders**-newborn-that had heart surg-went well-improving
 ***Ralph Simpson**- back in the hosp ***Doug Simpson**-heart -(Ruby England's brothers)
 ***Whitney(Bullion)Sager**-now @ St Thomas Rehab.
 ***Stephanie Greene**-(Mike's sister)needs prayers
 ***Charles Miles**-recovering fr a fall + heart issues
 ***Marcia Simpson**-(Mike Burn's aunt) now home.
 ***Alyssa Gold**-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers
 ***Faye Marshall**-Traci Adams mom
 ***Victor Mandeville** (BC student) requesting our prayers.

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER

***KENNY FLEMING**-cancer
 ***JIMMY PHY-CA** treatments
 ***HUDSON JONES**-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC- has Leukemia)
 ***DAVID NOWLIN**-CA treatments-WCOC Elder
 ***RONNIE ENGLAND**(MARVIN'S SON) HOME ON HOSPICE
 ***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

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-**Wyle Marshall** (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad
NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- **JoAnn Haley** **Doris Stokes**-R127
Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185-**Mary Lana Adams**-Rm 706/**June Dreaden**- Rm 714
AT HOME: **JIMMY MULLINICKS**-56 Mike Street/**JANE RIDINGS**-172 Indian Ck Rd/ **ELTON SMITH**-7731 Hwy 70E

Address needs to have everything listed for Eric to receive: Dickson County Jail/James Eric Warden-ID102618/ PO Box 76550/Hghland Heights, KY 41076

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS	
<p style="text-align: center;">YOUTH</p> <p>*Making Music- for those signed up, we will be taking the van to the afternoon show on April 12th. Cost is\$35.00. *Youth Retreat-March 22nd-24th @ Rock-N-Refuge. Please sign up on the youth board if you plan to go.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Evangelism Program</p> <p>"Please continue to think of individuals or families that you know who need to come to know the Lord or come back to His church! Please remember to complete a contact card with all their information, situation & your name, so we know enough to begin the process of reaching out to them. Thank you for your willingness & support of this program, as you are key to it's success!!! John</p>

Our sympathy & prayers to the family of "**Herbert Capps**" who has been faithfully attending here for over 60 years & will be missed. His service was held on Wednesday, March 5th @ 1:00 PM @ Humphreys County Funeral Home
 Also for their loss of "**Patricia Capps**" one of Herbert's daughter-in-law's, who passed away the day before. Her service was held on March 4th.

231 Trash Pick-up -Thanks to everyone who helped & a special thanks to Laurie Grigsby for a delicious breakfast afterwards.

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

Our only youth activity for last week was our devotional Sunday night after evening service. We had a group of 14 kids and 12 adults in attendance. We began with a time of devotion together with singing and a devotional thought. I appreciate Derek Berryman for giving the lesson. I also want to thank both Derek and Kelly for hosting. They provided a great meal for all of us to enjoy. They have spoiled out youth kiddos over the years with the feast they always provide! I'm thankful for the time of fellowship we all had together. If any of our 6th-12th grade have not signed up to attend the Spring Break Youth Retreat, please be sure to do that asap. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please let me know.

Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, March 9th 2025

Welcome Calvin Buckner
Lead Singing Mark Forster
1st Prayer Andrew Peyton
Sermon John Jones
Lord's Table Jimmy Suddeath
 Jacen Robertson Mike Robertson
 Glenn Ross Andy Marlor
 Caleb Coates Brent Davis
Closing Prayer Dwight Stuart
Collect Cards Hudson Buttrey
 & Colt Stanfill
Greeters Not at this time
Nursery Not at this time
Collect Cups Youth
Security Team #5

Sunday 6PM, March 9th 2025

Lead Singing Mark Forster
Prayer Keith Grigsby
Sermon John Jones
Lord's Table Wayne Coates
 Marvin England
Closing Prayer Jack Grigsby

Wednesday 6:30 PM, March 12th 2025

Lead Singing John Hurt
Prayer Ethan Tummins
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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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 3/2/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	120
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	189
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	105
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	118
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$9,732



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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST

Remember the Time
Change



For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

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
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