

Heaven: "No more parting over there"
John Jones

Dear Church family,
We missed y'all last week while we were away at Freed-Hardeman lectureships! We had a good time catching up with old friends and hearing lessons from the book of Genesis. While we were gone we were sad to be absent from Mrs. Mary Lana Adams' funeral but were able to be back in time for Keith Rodger's. Having just been together at a reunion with old friends in Henderson, and then coming back to McEwen to hear stories and memories being shared of faithful Christians who had gone on to their reward, it really got me thinking about the great reunion in heaven one day!

One day we will be reunited with all of our loved ones, if they were faithful to the Lord. What comfort and hope that fact provides us. Paul reminds us in **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, that on one unknown day (maybe tomorrow!) - "The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 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 wonderful reunion that will be! Jesus promises in **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." There will be plenty of room for us all to share in our eternal home that Jesus has prepared.

For my family, in particular, we are especially looking forward to heaven because we want all our Christian friends, from all over the world, to be in the same place. Modern technology has advanced so that we could hop on a plane and visit church family in New Zealand a day or two after visiting with church family in McEwen, but how beautiful it will be when we are all together in the same heavenly home! **Revelation 7:9-10** points forward to a place for all the faithful, no matter where they are from: "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'" No more expensive plane tickets, language barriers, or jet lag!

All of these passages together paint a picture of heaven as a place of eternal fellowship, with our faithful loved ones who have passed away or those who are too far away for us to see regularly. We will be reunited with Christ and each other. As the song says,

"There'll be no sorrow there, No more burdens to bear, No more sickness, no pain, No more parting over there; And forever I will be, With the One who died for me, What a day, glorious day that will be."

"Therefore encourage one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

On Our Prayer List... Hattie Tate-cancer has returned Betty Rumsey-ER/hosp on 3/23 needed 3 units of blood
Kathy Martin Martha Durham-back home recovering Betty Suddeath Jim Tyler
Al & Vicki Peek Marvin England

SURGERIES: Danny Dotson-surg on 4/2 Kim Marlor-home recovering fr neck surg Cassie Fleming-rehab knee

<p>*Terry England-(Marvin's nephew) stroke-on life support. *Clyde Mullinicks-(Cindy Kilpatrick's dad) had a heart procedure on 3/10. *Mike Gunn-home recovering from neck surg. *Jackie Carter-(Scottie Lashlee's cousin) has a bone infection *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. *Odell Nichols (Ruby Dell's brother-in-law) in hospice care *Claude Hurt *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. *Ralph Simpson- back in the hosp *Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England's brothers) *Whitney(Bullion)Sager. *Stephanie Greene-(Mike's sister)needs prayers *Charles Miles-recovering fr a fall + heart issues *Marcia Simpson-(Mike Burn's aunt) now home.* John Henry & Carlene Davis *Alyssa Gold-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers *Margie Gunn *Faye Marshall-Traci Adams mom / Victor Mandeville(BC student) needs prayers</p>	<p>THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER *KENNY FLEMING-cancer *JIMMY PHY-CA treatments *RONNIE ENGLAND(MARVIN'S SON) ON HOSPICE *HUDSON JONES-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC- has Leukemia) *KAY LEE-breast & colon cancer *DAVID NOWLIN-CA treatments-WCOC Elder *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</p>
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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-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>Our sympathy & prayers to Kenny & Teresa Fleming & family on the loss of their nephew "Michael Blik" who passed away on March 30th.</p> <p>Also continue to keep all our families and their recent loss of their loved ones: Keith Rodgers, Mary Lana Adams, Herbert Capps & Earline Davis.</p> <p>Also please keep Brayden Grigsby & FHU group who are currently on a mission trip in Panama.</p>
<p>Remember this is our 4th Wed night so, Singing Night with our meal starting @ 5:15.</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS!!!</p> <p>*April 6th-9th-Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Jack Wilkie as our speaker with the topic of "Church Reset" A pot luck meal will follow our am worship.</p> <p>*April 26th - Our "Ladies Day". Ashley Deffenbaugh will be our speaker with the topic of "Unshaken". Ladies we will have a planning meeting,Wed</p>	
<p>Men's Business Meeting, Sunday, April 6th @ 5:00 PM</p>	<p>YOUTH Making Music-for those signed up,we will be taking the van to the afternoon show on April12th. Cost \$35.00</p>	

INFOCUS. Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our 2025 Spring Break Youth Retreat is in the books! We just pulled back into the church building a couple of hours ago and got everything unloaded. I'm sitting in my office a little sleep deprived, but so thankful for the great trip we just had. We headed out to Rock n Refuge Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. We got there, got unloaded and enjoyed a great breakfast/brunch together. After brunch I had an activity for the youth kids to do before we relaxed and enjoyed a beautiful Saturday. The weather was perfect, and the fish were biting! Later that evening we grilled steaks and chicken and enjoyed another great meal together. We wrapped up Saturday with a devotional period, evening games, and mid-night worship. Sunday, we woke and ate breakfast together then headed to Dickson for bowling and lunch. We wrapped Sunday up with supper, evening worship and more relaxation and games. As always, it was a great blessing to be able to spend this time with our youth. They are amazing kids and Laurie, and I love them all very much! Thanks so much to everyone that came and helped us out with everything. I appreciate y'all more than you know! Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, March 30th 2025

WelcomeJimmy Sudeath
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Danny Dotson
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Ethan Tummins
 Drew Buttrey Barry Phy
 Matthew Dotson John Potter
 John Hurt Jesse Kilpatrick
Closing Prayer.....Mike Burns
Collect Cards.....Parker Rachford
 & Caleb Coates
Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #3

Sunday 6PM, March 30th 2025

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
Prayer.....Derek Berryman
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....W. R. Long
 Wade Tummins
Closing Prayer.....Ty Adams

Wednesday 6:30 PM, April 2nd 2025

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long
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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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 3/23/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	81
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	149
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	72
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	104
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$6,855



The MESSENGER

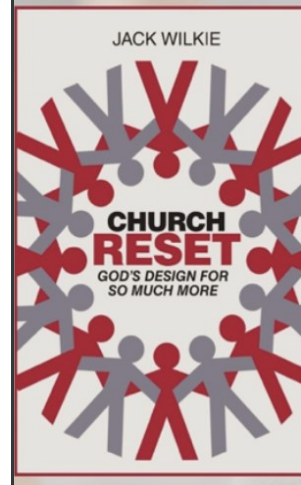
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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST

Please join us on April 6th-9th –for our Spring Gospel Meeting with lessons by “Jack Wilkie” from his book “Church Reset”. *A pot luck meal will follow Sunday morning service.

Sunday @9:00AM(Bible Class)—“Shouldn’t the church be more?”
Sunday @10:00(worship)-Are You a Christian, or a Church Customer?
Sunday Night @ 6:00 –Church Reset
Monday @ 7:00 PM—A Family, Not a Business
Tuesday @ 7:00 PM—Roadblocks to Revival
Wednesday @ 7:00 PM –Playing Your Part



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

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