

Good News and Bad News  
John Jones

We've all heard it before—in the doctor’s office or the auto-repair shop: “I’ve got good news and bad news. Which do you want first?” It's often a lighthearted way to cushion the impact of an unwelcome bill or diagnosis. But deep down, we might wonder, “Why does there have to be any bad news at all?” Recently, I discovered there’s a GOOD reason for BAD news.

Last Tuesday, I visited an orthopedic surgeon for a consultation on my knee after an MRI. I was stunned when they scheduled me for a “minor” surgery just two days later. Even better, they assured me I’d “walk out of the hospital”, preach on Sunday with only a little soreness, and not need any physical therapy at all. What fantastic news—that’s exactly what I wanted to hear! With those promises echoing in my mind, I arrived for surgery on Thursday morning. But when I woke up, reality hit hard. Four days later, I still couldn’t walk. Surgeries can always turn out more complex than anticipated, but without a follow-up call to adjust my expectations, the past few days have been filled with frustration and disappointment.

In medical terms, we get this: We want good news, but realistic expectations are far better. If doctors only told us what we wanted to hear, we’d never confront our health issues or take the steps to heal. Good news is only good if it’s also grounded in reality—and often, bad news is what reveals the path to getting better.

The same principle applies spiritually. If we skip the “bad news,” what happens to the “good news”? It loses its power! Paul claims in Romans 1:16 that the *gospel (good news) is God’s power for salvation. But what makes that good news, good? How can we fully grasp Jesus’s sacrificial death for us if we don’t first understand the devastating reality of our sin?*

Scripture lays this out clearly in Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Here, the bad news comes first—the “wages” we earn from sin lead to death, separation from God, and eternal consequences (see also Romans 3:23: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”). Without acknowledging our sin and our separation from God, the good news—that God’s free gift of eternal life through Jesus—would be completely unnecessary.

Yet, in Jesus, the bad news meets its match. Isaiah 53:5-6 prophesies His role: “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Jesus didn't shy away from the bad news; He confronted it head-on, bearing our sin so we could receive forgiveness and new life.

In the end, the bad news isn’t the final word—it’s the setup for the greatest news ever told. Let’s embrace the full truth: Before Jesus rescued us, the sin our lives promised our eternal spiritual death, but that’s not the end of the story. The good news is that our Savior has rescued us from it!

**On Our Prayer List...** Linda Rodgers-now back @ Sarah Cannon, Rm 4309 in a lot of pain following gallbladder surg. **Jim Tyler**  
Anita Buckner-in Horizon with Pneumonia. **John Jones-knee surg recovery. AI & Vicki Peek**  
Alton Gordon-involved in car accident-ER said seemed ok. **Jerry Martin Marvin England Betty Suddeath Hattie Tate**  
**SURGERIES:** Kathy Martin- in ER on 8/9 due to major pain from nerve repair she had on 7/31 **Becky Palk- surg on Aug 14th.**

\*Greg Mullinicks-now home fr being in Vanderbilt-Pneumonia  
\*Norman Gentry-having shoulder replacement surg on Aug 27th.  
\*Brystol Christian-3 yr old-heart surg went well 5065 Little Blue Ck Rd,Mcewen  
\*Gary Pace-(Geraldine Curtis brother)@Waverly Hills Nursing Hm-need prayers  
\*Barry Coleman-(friend of Marsha Patrick) bypass surg last Thursday  
\*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen Bullington’s sister) now ICU in Columbia-keep in yr prayers  
\* Brian Gill-tumor-surgery  
\*Claude Hurt-in hosp-not doing well requesting prayers  
\*Jo Hall(Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler’s sister) heart issues  
\*Mike Gunn- now home recovering \*Betty James-home recover fr hosp stay  
\*Steve Peyton-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.  
\*Josh Barnett-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments  
\*Steve Rayburn-requesting prayers for upcoming shoulder surgery.  
\*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek’s family) having problems from lupus  
\*Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England’s brothers)/Marcia Simpson(Mike Burns aunt)  
\*Whitney(Bullion)Sager -home recovering \*Alyssa Gold(R.Proctors Niece)  
\*Shane Cobb-continuing to havemedical issues./Carlene Davis/Margie Gunn  
\*Savannah Patrick-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter-she loves cards)  
C/O Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN 37083

**THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER**  
\*KENNY FLEMING-CA meds/\*JIMMY PHY-CA treatments  
\*LILLIAN CHILDRESS-(Sherry Harvey’s aunt) Lung CA  
\*DALE STREET-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA  
\*HOUSTON HOWELL-CA +tic bite infection  
\*ROY DELOACH, JR-(Roy’s son) pancreatic cancer  
\*MACK WINSTEAD-CA-requesting prayers  
\*HUDSON JONES-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC- has Leukemia)  
\*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 –currently had to be hospitalized while on vacation-asking for prayers  
\*CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan’s son)also has cancer  
\*LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) in remission  
\*MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo  
\*ALAN JONES - 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments  
\*DAVID STOKES-(Jordan Stokes & Carly Stones Dad) & (Drew Sweams step-dad)

**ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME:** Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185June Dreaden- Rm 204  
**NHC**—812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- JoAnn Haley / Doris Stokes-R127  
**AHC Decatur County**-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad  
**AT HOME:** (PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS)- WESLEY PARRISH- 166 Parrish Lane (still no visitors)  
ROBERT&{BERTHA} BRAFORD – 347 Brown Mill Rd-(931-209-2252)  
JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street/JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70

Linda Rodgers - (address)  
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1529 Ellen Drive  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Our 2025 Mid-Week Summer Series

In Christ Alone

August 13th.....Matt Cook, Stantonville COC  
August 20<sup>th</sup>..... Dan Chambers, Concord Rd COC  
August 27<sup>th</sup>.....Josh Ketchum, Beacon COC



Our Meal in August

will be a “Meet, Eat, then Meet Again” after the meal @1215—No 600 PMservice that night.  
Our young man will be conducting the 2nd service.

“Teachers Appreciation Banquet” -Saturday, August 23rd @ noon @ Samuels on the Sq \*Sign up list in the foyer, last day sign up is Wed,8/13.

Speaker: Bill Williams

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

School is in full force now as all the kids are starting their first full week today. It is always an exciting time of the year as all the different school events start to begin. We are just a few weeks away from football season starting, and I know our girls’ soccer is gearing up as well.

Our youth kids had one activity for this past weekend...our first devotional for the month of August. We had a great turnout, with 14 youth in attendance and 4 of those being visitors. We had a short devotional period together followed by a game. After our game, we enjoyed a great meal and time of fellowship. I want to give a big THANK YOU to all our ladies that helped with the food. We had a great night together!

**{\*Reminder about our youth rally coming up this Saturday from 4:00-8:00. Lonnie Jones will be speaking twice with a meal in between. I hope our kiddos and their parents are planning to attend this great event.}**

In Christian Love, Keith

# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

## Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

Welcome .....	Bruce Mayfield
Lead Singing.....	Mark Forster
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer.....	Mike Robertson
Sermon.....	Lonnie Jones
Lord's Table.....	W. R. Long
Glenn Ross	Mike Tyler
Clavin Buckner	Jimmy Suddeath
Brent Davis	Caleb Coates
Closing Prayer.....	John Hurt
Collect Cards.....	Stirling Hurt & Jaxon Holt
Greeters.....	Not at this time
Nursery.....	Not at this time
Collect Cups.....	Youth
Security.....	Team #3

## Sunday 6PM, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

Lead Singing.....	Mark Forster
Prayer.....	Wade Tummins
Sermon.....	John Jones
Lord's Table.....	Derek Berryman & Danny Dotson
Closing Prayer.....	Jesse Kilpatrick

## Wednesday 6:30 PM, August 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

Lead Singing.....	Andrew Peyton
Prayer.....	Jacen Robertson
Adult Class.....	{Summer Series }.....Dan Chambers {Tonight: Hope in Christ Alone"}

*\*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.*

- {Team 2 - may have cards to work on this Wednesday night.}**