

Waiting on God’s Timing

How do Christians respond when they are wronged? When someone has wronged us, we often want payback immediately. The world teaches us that if we are hit, we need to hit back harder. Whoever hurt me needs to know how much I’m hurting. They need to hurt too! Then they’ll know what they’ve done and they won’t do it again. This, of course, is not the way of Christ, who instructs us to turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:39).

In 1 Samuel 26, David is presented with a second opportunity to kill King Saul. Saul, to this point, has made David’s life miserable. Can you even imagine an enemy chasing you with the intent to kill, keeping you away from your family for years, unable even to return to your country? In that context, we may even consider David justified in taking Saul’s life! This is the Old Testament where things were a little more violent, David is the rightful king and he’s on the run because of Saul’s jealousy. Who could blame him? Yet, even when Abishai encourages David to take revenge, he recognizes his own role, submits himself to God, and places Saul in God’s hands: “As the Lord lives, the Lord will strike him.” How does David, Jesus’s earthly ancestor, exercise such self-control in this situation? Once again, David chose to submit to God’s sovereignty and not to his own feelings, however justified they may be.

I imagine my times of heartache pale in comparison to David’s. The people who have hurt me may not even realize they have. Yet, even if they intended to, we are told in Romans 12:19 to “never avenge [o]urselves...leave it to the wrath of God.” Instead, we, like Christ, respond with love, mercy, and grace. As difficult as this may be, we follow Jesus’s example when, in moments of unjust suffering, we continue to “entrust [ourselves] to Him who judges justly” (2 Peter 2:23).

Let’s remember our enemies’ souls and pray that God gives them more time to repent. While Saul failed to do this, our self-control in tense situations and our love for our enemies will make us more like our God, who does not wish “that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Remember Philip the evangelist’s example. In Acts 7, Philip’s good friend Stephen was murdered by a Jewish mob for the crime of preaching the gospel. Another man named Saul held the murderers coats while they did it, approving of their crime (Acts 7:58; 8:1). Years later, that same man—you may know him as the apostle Paul—was hosted in the home of Philip the evangelist as a brother in Christ (Acts 21:8). That’s the power of the gospel! That’s what Christlike forgiveness can do! In the aftermath of Stephen’s death, Philip and the other early Christians waited on God’s timing and left Saul in God’s hands. God turned Saul’s heart towards Jesus, whom Saul served the remainder of his life, converting thousands to Christ and writing 13 books in our New Testament.

Today I will pray for someone who has wronged me. I will place them in God’s hands and hope that one day I may be able to welcome them as a brother or sister in Christ. I will pray for a forgiving heart and look for ways to be kind to them, despite the wrong they may have done to me.

On Our Prayer List... **Slate Berryman**—4 wheeler accident on 8/24 –Vanderbilt ER said no broken bones or skin graft needed-injury will need to be looked after @ home for the next 3-4 days then follow up with his Dr. **Anita Buckner**— at home **Marvin England** **Linda Rodgers**—still in Sarah Cannon-suppose to be moved for rehab. **Al & Vicki Peek** **Michelle Lashlee** **Jim Tyler**—will be going to Magnolia Place soon/**Bertha Bradford**- @ Humphreys Co Rehab-Rm 713/**Betty Suddeath/Hattie Tate** **SURGERIES:** **Becky Palk**— recovering fr surg she had on Aug 14th. **John Jones**—recovering from knee surg/rehab

***Carol Wall**—Pneumonia ***Carl Smith**—requesting prayers for medical issues.
***Alton Gordon**—recuperating @ home from car accident.
***Joann Anderson**— (Nicole Buttrey’s mom) surg went well-home recovering.
***Norman Gentry**—having shoulder replacement surg on Aug 27th.
***Zachary Behr**—(Sue Hill’s grandson) surg went well-had to replace rod—recovering.
***Warren(Johnny) Proctor**—keep in yr prayers for his recovery.
***Gary Pace**—(Geraldine Curtis brother)@Waverly Hills Nursing Hm—need prayers
***Thelma Davidson**—(Gwen Bullington’s sister) did not get moved still In hosp in Columbia
***Greg Mullinicks**—continuing to recover ***Brian Gill**—tumor-surgery
***Claude Hurt**—not well-requesting prayers
***Walker Durham**(Ruby Dell’s great-grandson—had to have elbow surgery)
***Jo Hall** (Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler’s sister) heart issues
***Mike Gunn**— got a good report—to have rod fr leg removed in Nov.
***Betty James**—continuing to recover @ home
***Steve Peyton**—has Cirrhosis of the liver—running tests for possible liver transplant.
***Carolyn Wilson**—(Madison’s grandmother) requesting prayers.
***Josh Barnett**—(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments
***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**—(Rhett’s syndrome-Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter-she loves cards)

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
***MACK WINSTEAD**—CA—continued 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 Swearns step-dad)

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME:

Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185**June 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)

JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street /**JANE RIDINGS**—172 Indian Ck Rd/ **ELTON SMITH**-7731 Hwy 70 E

(Address-correction fr last week -it is Eller not Ellen-sorry)
Linda Rodgers
Tracey Teichmann
1529 Eller Drive
Nashville, TN 37221

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS		 Our Meal on August 31st will be a “Meet, Eat, then Meet Again” after the meal @1215—Nb 6:00 PMservice that night. Our young men will be conducting the 2nd service.
 “This will be the last week of our Summer Series” In Christ Alone Josh Ketchum, Beacon COC this coming Wed, Aug 27th.	
 We will be feeding the football team & cheerleaders this Friday the 29th @ 3:00 PM. Could use your help in bringing deserts & some to help serve. Keith	Men’s Bible Study on {Roles of Deacons} Sat, Sept 6th @ 6:30am. With a Golf Outing @ Willow Ridge to follow.	Our sympathy & prayers to the family of Roy Deloach on the loss of his son Roy Deloach Jr. on August 21st. His service was held on Sunday, Aug 24th @ Taylor Funeral Home.

INFO.C.U.S. Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our only youth activity last week was FLAME on Wednesday night. We had a group of 5 youth in attendance. I started a new bible study titled “Faith over Fear”, that we will be doing at FLAME once a month. Our first study came from Daniel 3, and we discussed the faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. After our study together we enjoyed a meal and time of fellowship. I appreciate the youth that came.

This coming Sunday night we will have a devotional and bond fire at the home of Wayne and Heather Coates. The Adams family will also be pitching in and helping host the devo. We will meet at the church building at 5:40 for anyone who needs to ride the van. I look forward to a great night together!
In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, August 31st 2025

WelcomeDwight Stuart
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Derek Berryman
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Mark Forster
Andrew Peyton Wayne Coates
Ethan Tummins John Hurt
Gerald Curtis Wayne Vaughn

Closing Prayer.....Jimmy Suddeath
Collect Cards.....Colt Stanfill
& Jack Grigsby
Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #5

Sunday 6PM→ @12:15 this Sunday} Aug 31st 2025

Lead Singing.....Young Men
Prayer.....Young Men
Sermon.....Young Men
Lord's Table.....Young Men
& " "
Closing Prayer.....Young Men

Wednesday 6:30 PM, Sept 3th 2025

Lead Singing.....Jacen Robertson
Prayer.....Mike Tyler
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.

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to view!



OUR RECORDS for 8/24/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	— — — — —	130
Sunday Morning Worship	— — — — —	201
Sunday Evening Worship	— — — — —	??
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	— — — — —	114
Sunday Contribution	— — — — —	\$7,320



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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST

THE LORD IS NOT SLOW
IN KEEPING HIS PROMISE,
AS SOME UNDERSTAND
SLOWNESS. INSTEAD HE
IS PATIENT WITH YOU.

2 Peter 3:9

Sunday Morning "Upcoming Sermons"
God Wants Us to Grow for August 31, 2025
conducting

Sunday afternoon
Young Men Con-
ducting

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 4 - may have cards to work on
this Wednesday night.}**

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