

Dear Church Family,  
 From time to time I'd love to bring before your attention one of Bro. Jim Suddeath's devotional articles from his books. They are very well done and remind us of the many truths found within God's Word! Thank you Bro. Jim for your many years of service and the wisdom you continue to share!

"You are Special"  
 By Jim Suddeath  
 (Psalm 139:13-17)

It created quite a stir when a resident of Florida offered to sell one of his kidneys to the highest bidder on the Internet site, eBay.com. The popular web site is used by millions around the world to buy and sell all kinds of things. Usually, an item goes to the highest bidder if the bid is acceptable to the seller. The kidney offer, as you know, was an illegal transaction and eBay soon put an end to it. But before they could, potential buyers were bidding as high as \$5.7 million!

The fact that someone was willing to pay nearly \$6 million for one kidney does well illustrate what David said in prayer to God: "For You formed my inward parts... I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." Of course, you and I, made in God's image, are worth much more than any monetary figure. And the value greatly escalates when we consider the soul of man and the price Jesus paid to redeem it. You are special to God, with a soul more precious, more valuable, than all the possessions of this earth. Please accept the redemption found in Christ.

Song: Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

What a great reminder from Brother Jim! If you were to find yourself needing a kidney transplant in order to continue living, how much would it be worth to you? I think most of us would be willing to sell everything in order to have a few more years of physical life. But "what can a person give in return for their soul?" (Matthew 16:26b) How much more is our spiritual life worth, considering an eternity in either one of two places?

Thank God that we don't need to have accumulated \$5.7 million dollars to gain entrance to heaven. We aren't expected to climb Mt. Everest or obtain a PhD. The things which the world values are of no value in God's Kingdom! He doesn't ask for fame or fortune to enter His family. All he asks for is a humble, obedient heart. Your heart is the most valuable thing you possess. With it, you can make the choice to follow Jesus, which is the only way to the Father. What a blessing to have obtained the favor of the King and to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

When considering what I ought to give in order to receive eternal life, we should consider the question 'What was Jesus willing to give that I might receive eternal life?' "Jesus gave it all! All to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow!"

This week, be sure to thank God for what He has done. Be certain to remind yourself how special you are to him. Don't forget to give your all for the Savior, which is exactly what He has already done for you!  
 God Bless You This Week!

<b>On Our Prayer List...</b>	<b>Keith Rodgers</b> Hattie Tate	<b>Betty Rumsey</b> Earline Davis	<b>Faye Featherstone</b> Michelle Lashlee- <i>having tests</i>
Dorothy Killebrew	W. R. Long	Jimmy Buckner - <i>Pneumonia</i>	Al & Vicki Peek
* <b>Marcia Simpson</b> -needs prayers in Sarah Cannon Hosp with many medical issues * <b>Neely Ann Martin</b> -(Jerry & Kathy's granddaughter) recovering fr fractured jaw * <b>Pam Forster</b> -(Leanne & Gail's cousin) recovering fr shoulder surg. * <b>Rebecca Davis</b> * <b>Chase Lewis</b> -(Vicki Peek's family) he has lupus, been very sick * <b>Ralph Simpson</b> -several medical problems * <b>Frank Gugelchuk</b> -(Michelle Lashlee's dad)in hosp in Kingsport-heart issue * <b>Alyssa Gold</b> -(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers * <b>John Henry</b> -now recovering fr Pneumonia & <b>Carlene Davis</b> * <b>Linda Burns</b> (Mike Burns sister-in-law) / <b>Bubba Tummins</b> (Bo & Amy's bro * <b>Faye Hooper</b> - medical problems * <b>Jeannie Belles</b> * <b>Faye Marshall</b> -Traci Adams mom * <b>June Dreaden</b> -S. Rachford's mom * <b>Doug Simpson</b> -(Ruby England's brother) heart problems * <b>Nancy Turner</b> -continues to need prayers * <b>Shane Cobb</b>			<b>THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER</b> * <b>Kenny Fleming</b> - cancer meds * <b>Jimmy Phy</b> -treatments * <b>Wanda Dobbins</b> -(kin to Tyler's) terminal CA * <b>Chris McCurley</b> -prostate cancer * <b>Jackie Borders</b> - Lauren Stuart's mom * <b>Ranae Duncan</b> -(Bo&Amy's neighbor)-CA treatments * <b>Casey Vailes</b> - (Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer * <b>Wanda Wright</b> —now on Immunotherapy mthly * <b>Barry Dean</b> -grandfather of a friend of Rachel Bell's * <b>Larry Hayes</b> -(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo * <b>Maggie Wright</b> -(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo * <b>David Stokes</b> -(Drew Swears) step-dad * <b>Stephanie Smith</b> * <b>Kenna Rickenbrode</b> * <b>Clay Crafton</b> -(Kathy Martin's nephew) CA has returned * <b>Sharon Curtis</b> * <b>Matthew Wright</b> -(brother to Barbara Good) Lung CA

<b>ASSISTED LIVING &amp; NURSING HOME</b>		<b>MILITARY</b>
<b>AHC Decatur County</b> -726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363- <b>Wyle Marshall</b> (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad	<b>Dustin Proctor</b> (Navy-Japan) PSC 562 Box 7273, FPO AP 96311-0073	
<b>Humphreys County</b> - 104 Forte Hill Road, Waverly, TN 37185- <b>Billy Adams</b> -Rm 712, <b>Mary Lana Adams</b> -Rm 703	<b>Dalton &amp; Hope Palk</b> - (Navy-Louisiana) 500 Woodland Dr, Apt 597 New Orleans, LA 70131	
<b>NHC</b> - <b>Jim Buckner</b> -(Rm 320) <b>Earline Davis</b> -(Rm 103) <b>JoAnn Haley</b> -(Rm ) <b>Doris Stokes</b> -Rm 127		

AT HOME: JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Creek Rd/HERBERT CAPPs-1400 Bradley Rd/ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70 East

<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS &amp; UPCOMING EVENTS</b>			
<p>Congratulations to <b>Skyler Buckner</b> on his new job with American Airlines, in Charlotte, North Carolina. You will be missed!</p>	 <p><b>Our Fall Family Retreat</b>        Come join in this uplifting weekend, on October 18th-20th @ Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park. It always includes a great time of fellowship, sharing God's word, fun, food &amp; games for all ages. Please sign list on Youth bulletin board to attend.</p>	<p>There are so many that have been &amp; continue to be affected by Helene, please continue to keep them in your prayers. Wayne Baker, one of our missionaries we support in Damascus, VA was in flood area, along with Mike &amp; Jenny Johnson of</p>	
<p>Remember the "Men's Bible Study" always the first Saturday of the month, which will be this Sat., Oct .5th @ 6:30 am here @ the building.</p>	<p>We continue to rejoice in the baptism of <b>Zach Bradley</b>. His address is 4551 E. Blue Ck Rd. McEwen</p>	<p><b>Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting this Sunday, Oct 6th @ 5:00.</b></p>	 <p><b>Baby Sprinkle for Brooke Davis Palk on Oct 27th, 2:00-3:30 downstairs. All are invited!</b></p>
<b>IN F.O.C.U.S.</b> Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation			

A very busy weekend has come and gone. It was good to be able to be home after a couple of nights away while at RUSH at Freed Hardeman. We (John and Traci) took a group of 6 teen girls and 5 teen guys Friday afternoon to Henderson, TN. I wasn't able to go with them Friday afternoon due to a prior commitment, but did meet up with them Friday evening. As always, Freed put together a great weekend for the teens in attendance. There were great speakers, classes, and entertainment for all of them to enjoy. For the first time, our guys and girls were split up at night. The girls stayed in a house in Henderson owned by an elder and his wife from the Estes congregation. The guys stayed in Jackson at John's parents' home. I am so thankful for these two families for allowing us to use their homes. And I appreciate John setting up the lodging as well as helping me out while I took care of officiating a wedding. I also appreciate Traci Adams for coming and helping chaperone the ladies. It was a busy, but blessed weekend!  
 In Christ, Keith

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Welcome .....John Potter  
 Lead Singing.....Mark Forster  
 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer.....Mike Tyler  
 Sermon.....John Jones  
 Lord's Table.....Dennis Tester

Gerald Curtis	Barry Phy
Glenn Ross	Robert Proctor
Matthew Dotson	Wayne Vaughn

Closing Prayer.....Mike Robertson  
 Collect Cards.....Hudson Buttrey  
 & Slate Berryman  
 Greeters..... Not at this time  
 Nursery..... Not at this time  
 Collect Cups.....Youth  
 Security.....Team #3

**Sunday 6PM, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster  
 Prayer.....Joe Smith  
 Sermon..... John Jones  
 Lord's Table.....W. R. Long  
 Derek Berryman  
 Closing Prayer.....Caleb Coates

**Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Lead Singing.....Andrew Peyton  
 Prayer.....Billy Buttrey  
 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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Week of September 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST



PSALMS  
 mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.  
 8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.  
 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
 10 Even there shall mine eyes seek thee, O Lord, from thence shall I bless thee, O Lord, for thy right hand hath delivered me from the midst of the sea.  
 11 If I say, Surfeits shall devour me, lest I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.  
 12 Yes, the darkness shall hide a snare for me, and darkness and the light shall persecute me.  
 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.  
 14 I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.  
 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.  
 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.  
 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!  
 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I will remember thee.  
 19 How hast thou hated the wicked, O Lord! thou wilt not abide with the bloody, nor shalt thou dwell with the crafty.  
 20 Thou wilt hate them that hate thee, and wilt despise those that despise thee.  
 21 Thou shalt tread upon the neck of the wicked, as upon a stone, and shalt tread them down like mire under the feet of the horse.  
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 to view!



**OUR RECORDS for 9/29/2024**

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	135
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	206
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	118
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	127
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$8,444
Number of Seeds Planted	-----	5

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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**  
 Bible Study.....9:00am  
 Worship.....10:00am  
 Evening.....6:00pm

**Wednesday**  
 Bible Study.....6:30pm

**Elders:**

James Buckner	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
Elton Smith	Joe Smith
Dwight Stuart	Drew Swearns
Dennis Tester	Ethan Tummins
Wade Tummins	Ronnie Tyler

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 Pulpit ----- John Jones  
 Youth ----- Keith Grigsby

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 Terri Tummins/Teresa Fleming