

Happy Birthday!

Rick Vester 4-25
Harry Young 4-26
Xavier Trisdale 4-30
Phyllis Davis 4-30
Ben Gentry 5-01

Happy Anniversary!

David & Debbie Wilson 5.01.92

Sunshine Baskets

Pantry Items Needed:

Enroll now in the free Bible Correspondence Course lessons. You will find it refreshing to delve into God's Word & you will find out some things that surprise you. Give Bill Coe your name & address to get started.

We have devices for those who are hard of hearing to help you during our worship services. If you are in need of one, please see Jeremy Broome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

Tonight: Fellowship after evening services.

May 1: VBS teachers' meeting at 5:30 in the fellowship building.

May 2: We are honored to recognize our 2021 graduates. If you or your child is graduating this year, please let Titus or Brettianee Anderson know by May 2nd. Also, we will be presenting gifts to our 2020 graduates who were unable to be recognized during the last calendar year.

May 2: India Presentation with Zack Holmes.

May 2-5: Gospel Meeting at Crossville church of Christ at 6pm with Chris King speaking.

May 7: Training the saved to teach the lost at Willow Ave. church of Christ at 6:30 & 7:30pm; May 8 at 9, 10, 11am, and 1pm.

May 8: Ladies Day at McCoinsville church of Christ with Shanna Anderson speaking.

May 15: Baby shower for Austin & Bethany Robinson at Central church of Christ in Sparta 1-3pm. They are registered at Walmart & Target.

May 16-20: Gospel Meeting at Zion church of Christ with BJ Clark speaking.

May 23: We will be honoring our graduates

June 6-10: VBS

July 18-23: JSCYC

October 3-6: Gospel Meeting here with Jeff Archey speaking.

November 5-6: Fall Retreat: Deadline to sign up is **May 2**

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To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday

(We broadcast Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)

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"The Greatest Command: Knowing and Loving God"

By: Titus Anderson

When Moses stood before the inheriting generation of Israel on the eastern banks of the Jordan, he reminded them of the covenant they had made with God at Mt. Sinai. One of the touchstone passages of the book of Deuteronomy is found in chapter 6, known as the Shema (Hebrew for "hear"):

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

My Bible labels this section The Greatest Command. The publishers didn't make this bold claim, Jesus did. In Mark 12, when a copyist of the Law of Moses asked which command is most important, Jesus said the Shema was the most important. What makes this command so great?...continued inside

It strikes me that the command has to do with the heart. We can easily think of a law adjusting what we do with our hands, how we spend our time, even what we think about, and the Law of Moses certainly included those kind of commands. But what about a command that says that God cares how we feel about Him? Not only that, but to teach your children to love Him as well.

We cannot separate the love of God from obeying His commandments, but it is VERY possible to separate the obedience from love. It isn't difficult to make your kids "go to church" if that's where you are going every Sunday morning. You can make them obey the commands of God if they are the rules of your house. You can teach them Bible knowledge until they can recite the genealogies from Adam to Jesus. And at the end, they can be an obedient, attending, Biblical scholar that does not love God.

In the latter part of Deuteronomy 6, Moses mentions a potential future moment once Israel has inherited the land, where a son asks his father "What do all these laws God has given us mean?" The answer is explaining where we were before God, what God did to change it, and the blessings He has given to us, delivering on His promises. In other words, to understand God's law, you must understand who He is and what He does.

If you understand who God is and what He does, you will come to love Him. Not only as a rule book to be followed, not only as an executioner to be feared, but as a Father to be loved. And of course, we love Him because He first loved us. Know God, love God, then introduce your children to Him. Where motivation fades, where temptation lurks, where perseverance wanes, love fuels us to turn back to our waiting Father.

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:

Vanderbilt: Bernice Rush

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:

Lewis Fox, Haylee Mathis

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Tommy Bunting, Charles McBroom, Raymond Hensley, Kaitlyn Meadows Jones, Fred Casteel, Tracy Thomas

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesda: Grace Sloan

Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney

Mabry: Lovena (Cricket) Wilson, Fred Heady, Ray Pippin

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard, Sherry Arms

Hillsboro Rehab: Lovia Cowgill

Georgia Rehab: Buddy Flatt

**Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-
Prayer List:**

Adele Birdwell, Anna Bell Stafford, Austin Eagle, Bertha Holloway, Barbara Walker, Crystal Scott, Charbo Trisdale, Doris Mayberry, Earl Crabtree, Earl Carr dad of Marcia, Jackie Mathis Rita Dodson, Glen Thomas, Hillary Broome, Jeanie Thomas, Jo Helen Brown, Johnny Stafford, Lela Durham, Lewis Fox, Lori Cravens, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Pam Crespo, Mary Pearl Judd, Olivia Deason, Velma Hix, Paulette Rainey, Moydene Robinson, Raymond Haney, Ann Flatt, Roberta Hunter, Sandy Haney, Steve Hensley, Sherrie Merwine, Shirley Smith, Zander Dixon, Ruby Finnel friend of Romelyn Wilean Heady her son Terry- Thomas & Geneva Brown, Ms Tootie Anderson, Jerry Jenkins
BATTLING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Ben Young, Bill Pries, Frances Luck, Kinner Hawkins, Lori Davenport, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Ruby Anderson, Rex Berry, Ricky Strong, Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Steve Higginbotham, Villary Campbell, Winnie Craighead

Privileged to Serve May 2, 2021

Ushers	Chris Fox
.....	Roy Young
Announcements	Ronald Strong
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Ben Gentry
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Royce Jenkins
Closing Prayer	Carl Call
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Jeremy Kirby
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Dale Dennis
Serve	Kevin Moss
.....	Bryce Conner
.....	Jim Young
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Mark Collins
.....	Roy Flatt
Alternate to Serve	Roy Smallwood
.....	Jackson Conner
Dismiss Classes	Donnie Mayberry
Count Contribution	Chris Martin
.....	Rellon Burris
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Chick Ransom
Response Card	Jimmy Strong
PowerPoint.....	Mike Martin
Live Stream.....	Blake Mabery
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening May 2, 2021

Speaker	Zack Holmes
Scripture Reading	Roy Young
Song Leader	Jonathan Conner
Opening Prayer	Roger Anderson
Closing Prayer	Ben Gentry
PowerPoint.....	Titus Anderson

Wednesday Evening May 5, 2021

Song Leader	Randy Duke
Devotional	Chris Mabery
Opening Prayer	Caden Fox
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Kirby
Adult Bible Study.....	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Ben Gentry

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