

Happy Birthday!

Earl Dude Davis 7-04
Marie Martin 7-04
Caden Moss 7-06
Bill Coe 7-07
Sandy Ragland 7-08
Collin Garrison 7-08

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...

July 11-15: VBS at Montrose church of Christ at 6:30pm.

July 12-15: VBS at West Sparta church of Christ at 6:30pm.

July 18-23: JSCYC

August 14: Men’s seminar at East Main church of Christ 8:30am-1pm.

B.J. Clarke, Jim Dearman, Alan Highers

October 3-6: Gospel Meeting here with Jeff Archey from the International Gospel Hour speaking.

November 5-7: Fall Retreat

New Baby Girl: Lyla Jane McDowell born Friday, June 25, 2021; 6lb 12oz 18.5in. She is the great granddaughter of Royce and Linda Jenkins.

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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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“Silent Forces Are the Strongest”

by Bill Coe

Have you noticed the actual existence of truth in that title?
“The kingdom of heaven is like until leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.” Matthew 13:33

Jesus had, no doubt, often seen his mother use leaven dough that had been kept from a previous baking and had fermented. We understand that when the leaven was mixed into a new batch of dough, it changed the makeup of the dough-it rose and made full loaves of bread when baked.

Just as leaven changes the dough into which it is mixed, God’s kingdom in like manner changes everything with which it comes into contact.

There is another way to look at this situation. It can be controversial. Sometimes we see leaven as an evil influence. Jesus warned His disciples to be aware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod, (Mark 8:5). Leaven was a symbol of corruption.

According to Brother Wayne Jackson, “The mixing or combining of the evil influence of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Herodians was a poison of religious political corruption.”

Paul twice use the phrase, “A little leaven leavens the whole lump (lot).” He used those words as he exhorted Christian people to separate themselves from all things that can in any way influence for evil, (1 Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9).continued inside

When you think about it, it is not fair today to say the Jews always used leaven as a word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another in the same language. I read of one Jewish teacher who said, "Great is peace when that peace is to the earth as the leaven is to the dough."

Can we say it is not whether leaven is good or bad, rather, it is used to illustrate that the most silent of forces may be the strongest.

Could it be that many people today want to see success in their life right now - there is no waiting for rewards? Many contend that Christianity means all of our problems are immediately solved and prosperity will come by tomorrow afternoon. This is simply not true. When a person obeys the gospel, the guilt of our sin is dealt with on the basis of Christ's death on Calvary and His resurrection from the grave.

Even though we obey the Gospel in believing, Hebrews 11:6, repenting of our sins, Acts 2:38, confessing Christ, Romans 10:9-10 as the son of God and are baptized into Christ, Acts 22:16, personal problems still must be dealt with on a day-to-day basis.

By obeying the leaven of truth in Scripture, we have assurance of victory knowing that we are going to "win the game" provides help in the time of need, strength for every inning.

By reading of John's account of a congregation of the Lord's church in Revelations 2:10 he is saying, do not set your eyes on short term goals. Give God time and He will work out your problems. In the meantime, be faithful and live up to the light you possess. The leaven of truth will do its work in your heart.

As New Testament Christians, we can put our faith in the fact that history will uphold our trust in Christ.

A piece of history I remember hearing on various occasions in gospel meetings was the story of an elder in the church by the name of Polycarp. He proclaimed that Jesus Christ was king forever. A terrible persecution of Christians was taking place. This happened under the proconsulship of the man named Statius Quadratus.

Polycarp was put to death because of his refusal to denounce "Jesus Christ is king forever." He was burned at the stake up holding the banner of Christianity. He would not deny his Lord to save his life.

Napoleon is reported to have once said, "Ceasar, Charlemagne and I built kingdoms of force and they crumbled. Jesus Christ built a kingdom on love and today there are countless thousands that would gladly die for His sake."

The leaven of love and obedience will grow in the lives of many if they will permit it to do so. Even though it is silent, it is one of the strongest forces.

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:

Vanderbilt: Brenda Dill, William Jenkins
CRMC: Dale Flatt

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:

John Mabery, Alex Holloway, Joe Loftis,
Shirley Mea, Pauline Whitaker

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesada: Grace Sloan, Shelby Violet

Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney

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

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard

Hillsboro Rehab: Lovia Cowgill

Georgia Rehab: Buddy Flatt

TriStar Skyline Madison: Bradley Murphey

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

Adele Birdwell, Agnes Carr mom of Marcia Mitchell, Anna Bell Stafford, Barbara Walker, Brandi Maniscalco co-worker of Heather, Earl Carr dad of Marcia, Faith Henshew niece of Opal Robinson, Glen Thomas, Haylee Mathis, Helen Brown, Hillary Broome, Jeanie Thomas, John Mabery, Kim Scott, Lela Durham, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Pam Crespo sister of Jimmy Strong Rachel Stafford Raymond Haney, Ruby Finnel friend of Romelyn, Sandy Haney, Shelby Bryant, Sherri Merwine, Sherry Arms step-daughter of Barbara Scott, Steve Hensley, Terry Bragg nephew of Lois & Essie, Thomas & Geneva Brown, Velma Hix, Virginia "Jennie" Carr sister of Doris Martin Wilean Heady her son Terry-

BATTLING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Ben Young, Donald Bryant Frances Luck, Kinner Hawkins, Lori Davenport, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Rex Berry, Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Steve Higginbotham, Tammy Kadrich, Tony Copeland, Villary Campbell, Winnie Craighead, Greg Young Jim's son

Privileged to Serve July 11, 2021

Ushers	Mark Collins
.....	Roy Flatt
Announcements	Ben Gentry
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Royce Jenkins
Speaker	Ronald Strong
Opening Prayer	Royce Jenkins
Closing Prayer	Jim Young
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Rellon Burris
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Bill Coe
Serve	Jackson Conner
.....	Jeremy Broome
.....	Mike Martin
.....	Steve Hensley
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Andrew Burris
Alternate to Serve	Caden Fox
.....	Sjon Gentry
Dismiss Classes	Roy Smallwood
Count Contribution	Donnie Mayberry
.....	Jimmy Strong
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Andrew Burris
Response Card	Roy Young
PowerPoint.....	Blake Maberry
Live Stream.....	Kevin Moss
Adult Bible Class.....	Ronald Strong

Sunday Evening July 11, 2021

Speaker	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Jesse Anderson
Song Leader	Mike Birdwell
Opening Prayer	Randy Duke
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Strong
PowerPoint.....	Bryce Conner

Wednesday Evening July 14, 2021

Song Leader	Jerry Young
Devotional	Sjon Gentry
Opening Prayer	Caden Fox
Closing Prayer	Chris Mabery
Adult Bible Study.....	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Jonathan Conner

Let Rellon Burris know if you can't serve.
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