

Happy Birthday!

Louise Haney 11-21
Joann Carver 11-23
Chloe Peterson 11-25
Mark Collins 11-26
Jackson Conner 11-26

Happy Anniversary!

Donnie & Sandy Ragland 11.24.89

Hearing Assistance Devices Available:

Assistive listening devices are available for those in need for use during our worship services. Please see Jeremy Broome for assistance.

Quiet Bags Available:

Quiet bags are available for young children to use during our services. These are located in the nursery. Disinfectant wipes are also provided. Please return bags after services.

Bible Correspondence Course:

Delve into God’s Word by enrolling in our correspondence course! Several course subjects are available including *God’s Plan of Salvation*, *The Church*, and a 30-lesson *Studies in the Bible*. Contact Bill Coe or visit our website to enroll for free.

Upcoming Events:

November 18-20: Center Grove Family Retreat in Smithville, TN.

November 22: Midweek Bible Study (Tuesday Night)

December 4: Ladies Christmas ornament swap. See Theresa or Terri for more details.

December 10: Fixing goodie bags for 65 and older

December 11: Christmas dinner after morning service with evening service to follow in the fellowship building.

Elders:

John Mabery 265.3835
Carl Call 268.2040
Sjon Gentry 268.3273

Deacons:

Rellon Burris 319.5197
Jerry Young 268.2215
Ronald Strong 267.5480
Chris Mabery 310.3612

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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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“Does God’s Providence Really Play a Part?”

By: Bill Coe

The prophet Habakkuk acknowledges that the just in any generation shall live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4), not by sight. Habakkuk concludes by praising God’s wisdom even though he does not fully understand God’s ways.

Today’s world to the New Testament Christian can be difficult to understand. Why do things happen the way they do? We have a feeling sometimes that things should be different but most of the time we can look back at situations and see that God’s providence had a hand in it. Why did this happen? Why did that happen? It seems as if there is always the question why.

The very familiar verse Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.” Those words were written to the church of Christ in Rome.

Brother Cecil May, Jr. wrote: “The concept of providence presumes that God is still at work in the world He created. “Provide” is at the root of the word “providence.”...continued inside

God does provide good things for His people, and His loving care is always behind His every action on our behalf. We are to cast all our anxieties on God because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7).”

Ecclesiastes 2:26 teaches, “For God gives to a man that is good in his wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he gives travail, together and to heap up, that he may give him that is good before God...” (KJV)

As God sees fit, He gives to man wisdom knowledge and joy; but to the sinful He gives travail Galatians 6:7f. The admonition in this passage is against being deceived. The warning would not have been given if the danger was not real. The deception is foolishly thinking that one can mock God. The phrase “be not deceived” can be found three other times in the New Testament.

God is not mocked. How many times has mankind deceived themselves into believing that they can do as they please in this life and somehow avoid facing the consequences. God’s providence will play it’s part every time.

Because many have survived for years without any obvious penalty for their corrupted lives, they grow convinced that there will be no penalty. Ecclesiastes 8:11 tells us “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of man is fully set in them to do evil.

Others have been satisfied that there is no God in Heaven, or that the Bible is not the inspired words of God by which we will be judged, or there will be no final judgement. Many believe there is no Heaven or Hell, or that God is too good to punish anyone and so there is no need to fear punishment for sinful conduct.

Many have established their own moral and religious codes, thinking that their way is acceptable. Proverbs 16:25 reads, “There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end therefore are ways of death.” Many are familiar with Jeremiah 10:23 that says, “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walks to direct his steps.”

It is good to be sincere and honest but truth will prevail. Those who reject the truth are deceiving themselves. God cannot be defied. The spiritual crops we sow will blossom into reality and save us or destroy us.

New in Rehabs & Hospitalized:
Vanderbilt: Clayton Collier

At Home & Asking for Prayers:
 Jerry Wilson, Jamie Crockett,
 Roger Robinson

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Megan Howell, Tony Way,
 Herman Booger Jones

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesda Rehab: Grace Sloan, Louise Richerson

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

Hartsville Rehab: Sherry Arms

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard

Michigan: Linda Lee Spivey

Vanderbilt Rehab: Denise Griffin, Revena
 Birdwell, Arlon Way

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

Alaina Lawson, Adele Birdwell, Barbara Scott,
 Barbara Walker, Bill Smith, Debbie Allen, Dale
 Smith, Hillary Broome, John Mabery, Jeanie
 Thomas, James Montgomery, Jeanette Conner,
 Bryce Conner, Jean Johnson mom of Stephanie
 Jo Helen Brown, Lora Cravens, Marie Johnson,
 Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Peggy
 Anderson, Raymond Haney, Walker Padgett
 Sandy Haney, Sherri Merwine, Velma Hix,
 Roberta Hunter, Shayla Kirby, Sharon Young
 Portelli, Ricky Johnson , Mike Stafford

BATTLING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Ben Young, David Haney,
 Frances Luck, Jerry Wilson, Jamie Crockett,
 Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Lori
 Davenport, Margie Dyer, Maibelle Dyer, Mike
 Hamlet, Rex Berry, Rosie Killian & Roslyn Stout
 sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Vickie Pigg,
 Villary Campbell, Glenn Ramsey, Mary Hornbeck

Privileged to Serve November 27, 2022

Ushers	Caden Fox
.....	Ronnie Martin
Announcements	Trent Jones
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Dale Dennis
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Roy Smallwood
Closing Prayer	Bill Coe
Oversee Lord’s Supper..	Ben Gentry
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading	Mike Martin
Serve	Jacob Martin
.....	Jonathan Conner
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Chick Ransom
.....	Donnie Mayberry
Alternate to Serve	Sjon Gentry
.....	Jimmy Strong
Dismiss Classes	Mark Collins
Count Contribution	Ben Gentry
.....	Jackson Conner
.....	Jeremy Broome
.....	Roy Smallwood
Response Card	Chris Martin
PowerPoint.....	Ben Gentry
Live Stream.....	Chris Mabery
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening November 27, 2022

Speaker	Sjon Gentry
Scripture Reading	Tom Gothard
Song Leader	Roger Anderson
Opening Prayer	Roy Young
Closing Prayer	Jerry Young
PowerPoint.....	Brian Trisdale

Wednesday Night, November 30, 2022

Song Leader	Mike Birdwell
Devotional	Carl Call
Opening Prayer	Roy Young
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Kirby
Adult Bible Class	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Kevin Moss

Let Rellon Burris know if you can’t serve.
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