

**Happy Birthday!**

Eva Rose Moss 1-22  
Hannah Gentry 1-23  
Michelle Poston 1-23  
Corky Trisdale 1-24  
Romelyn Gothard 1-24  
Allie Mabery 1-25  
Jean Thomas 1-27  
Burton Young 1-28

**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:**

**January 25:** Service Wednesday-Making heart shaped pillows for the heart center at CRMC  
**January 28:** Ladies Day at Red Boiling Springs church of Christ at 10am. Registration begins at 9am.  
**January 29:** Fellowship- Bring your favorite dish from 2022.  
**February 4:** Sweethearts Café. Please sign up no later than **January 22.**  
**March 4:** Teacher Appreciation Dinner  
**March 18:** Crossville church of Christ Dino Day 10am – 2pm with Jeff Miller. Lunch will be provided.  
**March 31-April 2:** Spring Family Retreat in Smithville. Please sign up by **February 12.**  
**April 8:** Egg Hunt  
**April 22:** Golden 65 Circle Banquet. Please sign up by **April 2.**  
**May 21:** Graduation Appreciation 2023  
**June 4-8:** VBS  
**July 16-21:** JCSYC  
**August 16-24:** PTP  
**September 29-October 1:** Fall Retreat in Gatlinburg. Please sign up by **July 30**  
**November 12-15:** Our Gospel Meeting with Jeff Archey  
**November 21:** Tuesday night Bible study

**Elders:**

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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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**“How to be Bold Without Being Obnoxious”**

By: Rusty Hills with Focus Press

Be confident. Be bold. Be courageous. As Christians, we must be unashamed of the Gospel and ready to defend the faith. These are the lessons that we constantly teach our young people and preach from our pulpits, as we should.

Unfortunately, however, some Christians, in their fervency and zeal, express that confidence and boldness through arrogance and obnoxious behavior that does more harm than good to the cause of Christ.

Make no mistake—Christians have every reason to have utmost confidence in their relationship with Christ and enjoy the beautiful blessing and opportunity (not to mention obligation) of sharing the love of Christ with others, but that zeal and boldness must be tempered with humility and love.

**BUT HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THAT AND WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? CONSIDER A FEW THOUGHTS FROM SCRIPTURE:**

**In our attitudes, words, and conduct, we must strive to have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5-8).** Despite being equal with God, Jesus came into this world with a heart of humility and service. He treated sinners with mercy, patience, and love. He taught truth powerfully and clearly, but in a way that never failed to reflect God’s love for humanity. As we strive to be the hands, feet, and mouthpiece of Christ, our commitment must be to do the same—to be humble servants who declare and demonstrate the love of God to a lost and dying world. ...continued inside

**We must be constantly mindful of our own dependence upon the mercy and grace of God.** The only difference between us and those in the world around us is that we have been blessed to know Christ and to receive the cleansing that His blood provides. We are all sinners who, based on our own righteousness, are not worthy of God’s love or forgiveness. To use the words of the apostle Paul, “by the grace of God I am what I am” (1 Corinthians 15:10).

That simple fact should cause us to share the Gospel with humility instead of haughtiness and attempt to restore the erring with meekness instead of arrogance. As Jesus taught, we must be mindful of the log that is in our own eye as we attempt to remove the speck from the eye of another (Matthew 7:3-5).

**We must allow love to rule in our hearts and lives.** The New Testament is replete with teachings and commandments to love—to love our fellow Christians (Romans 12:10) and to love those who are in the world, even our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48). The Bible describes love in this way: “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

In other words, love is not obnoxious. It is gentle and compassionate, humble and sincere. According to 1 John 4:7-12, love allows us to know God, to imitate God, and to have God abide in us. Jesus also teaches that it is love that allows the world to know that we are following Him (John 13:35).

**We must share the Word of God with respect and care.** In Ephesians 6:17, Paul refers to the Word of God as “the sword of the Spirit.” In a similar vein, the Hebrews writer proclaims: “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword ...” (Hebrews 4:12). Every weapon has a purpose but also has the ability to do great harm if used recklessly and irresponsibly. The Word of God is our weapon, given to us to defeat the attacks of Satan. It can provide “teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:17).

God’s Word is a good and powerful tool, but if wielded recklessly or even maliciously, it can do great damage to the cause of Christ. We must be passionate about sharing God’s Word, but we must also understand the responsibility of wielding the sword of the Spirit with great care.

In our zeal for Christ and the Gospel, it can be easy to sometimes behave obnoxiously in our confidence. However, a godly life does not require haughtiness. Instead, it requires humility, love, and kindness. May God help us to conduct ourselves in ways that reflect God’s love and that bring glory to Him.

<https://focuspress.org/2023/01/16/how-to-be-bold-without-being-obnoxious/>

**New in Rehabs & Hospitalized:**

Centennial: Glenn Ramsey  
 CRMC: John Brown, Elmer Allen  
 St. Thomas: Fredia Waddell  
 NHC: Bill Dudley 503, Frances Luck  
 Vanderbilt: Dristin Jared

**At Home & Asking for Prayers:**

**Our Condolences to the Families of:**

WC Howell, Thomas Brown,  
 Melissa (Missy) Thomas

**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

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

Adele Birdwell, Barbara Scott, Barbara Walker, Debbie Allen, Dale Smith, John Mabery, Jeanie Thomas, Jo Helen Brown, Marie Johnson, Moydene Robinson, Raymond Haney, Sandy Haney, Sherri Merwine, Velma Hix, Roberta Hunter, Zollie Chaffin, Sharon Young Portelli, Chester Hamlet, Hillary Broome, Doice Mayberry, Randy Matthews, Jim Green, Wanda Stafford , Pam Peterson

**\*BATTLING CANCER\***

Ben Young, David Haney, Jerry Wilson, 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, Larry Garrison

**Privileged to Serve January 29, 2023**

Ushers .....	Andrew Burris
.....	Chris Fox
Announcements .....	Trent Jones
Song Leader .....	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading .....	Dale Dennis
Speaker .....	John Mabery
Opening Prayer .....	Steve Hensley
Closing Prayer .....	Bill Coe
Oversee Lord’s Supper..	Ben Gentry
Prepare Trays .....	
Scripture Reading.....	Jimmy Strong
Serve .....	Mike Martin
.....	Jackson Conner
.....	Jacob Martin
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Mark Collins
.....	Dakota Burris
Alternate to Serve .....	Parker Harless
.....	Carl Call
Dismiss Classes .....	Jerry Young
Count Contribution .....	Kevin Moss
.....	Sjon Gentry
.....	Trent Jones
.....	Donnie Mayberry
Response Card .....	Jimmy Strong
PowerPoint.....	Jonathan Conner
Live Stream.....	Kevin Moss
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

**Sunday Evening January 29, 2023**

Speaker .....	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading .....	Tom Gothard
Song Leader .....	Roger Anderson
Opening Prayer .....	Mike Birdwell
Closing Prayer .....	Roy Smallwood
PowerPoint.....	Ben Gentry

**Wednesday Night, February 1, 2023**

Song Leader .....	Randy Duke
Devotional .....	Chris Martin
Opening Prayer .....	Randy Duke
Closing Prayer .....	Tim Mitchell
Adult Bible Class .....	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Brian Trisdale

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