

CHURCH NEWS

LEADING PRAYERS

- **Mid-Service**-Phil Clothier
- **Closing**-Keith Nicholson

WEDNESDAY

- **JACK RAINES MEMORIAL BIBLE CLASS** will begin this coming Wednesday, **September 5**, at 3 PM, in room 221. This year's theme is "Writings of Paul."

THURSDAY

- **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Next meeting will be on **September 13**.

FRIDAY

- **BREAKFAST CLUB:** Join us at the Shake Shack at 9AM.

LATER IN SEPTEMBER

- **Ladies Potluck Luncheon** at Val's will be on Tuesday, **September 18**, at 11:30. Bring a White Elephant gift & your pantry items.

PARAGOULD CHILDREN'S HOMES: Crittenden County currently has 93 children in foster care & only 13 foster homes. Children's Homes, Inc. is trying to bridge that gap for the children in our area by recruiting more foster families - families can be single people as well! There are classes being offered in Paragould in September for families who are interested. If you are even a little interested, or have questions to determine if you could be interested, please either contact Jason or Lori Bratton or call the CHI Placement Office at 501-268-4330.

THANK YOU: Dear Church Family... I don't know how to begin to thank you for all you did in our recent times of sorrow. Thanks to everyone for all the prayers, cards, and visits, as well as the meal that was provided after services & all those who served it. Most of all, thanks to all who were in attendance; we were simply amazed at all the church members that came. Love to all. In Christian Love, Loys, Russ, Alex, Misty & Steven Jr. Teague

GET FIT CLASS FOR SENIORS will resume on Monday, **September 10**, at 1 PM in room 211.

"THOUGHTS ON 1 JOHN" BLOG POSTS written by our staff are available on our blog, Facebook page and APP.

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WEEDS AND WHEAT: "THEY REALLY DID NOT BELONG TO US"

Most of us are familiar with the agricultural parables that Jesus told during his ministry. The parable of the sower is probably the most familiar. These parables were told by Jesus to describe what the kingdom of GOD was about and the characteristics of kingdom people.

In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus tells of a person who planted wheat seeds in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, the enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat. Both the weeds and the wheat grew together, in the same soil, in the same field. When the servants asked the owner, "Do you want us to pull up the weeds," he answered them, "No, because you may pull up the roots of the wheat with them." Instead the instruction was to let them grow together until the time of harvest. There are several observations we can make about the kingdom.

The Enemy is always at work trying to disrupt the work of GOD. I struggle with this parable because it seems to me the wheat (church) could grow stronger without the weeds being in the garden. All they do is rob the nutrients in the soil from the wheat. But Jesus tells us, "Leave it alone." Why, Jesus? Is it possible for the wheat to influence the weeds to become wheat? But that goes against the nature of what weeds are. Weeds are weeds! However, contrary to that thought, "weeds are weeds," is that my own sinful nature can be changed into a spiritual nature, so perhaps conversion is possible. Sinner to saint. After all, the gospel is GOD's power to save, (**Rom. 1:16**). My next struggle is that weeds have a tendency to take over. While they may not convert the nature of the wheat to become weeds, they do still have the capacity to overtake a field and become a discouragement to the wheat. Is it possible that having weeds around us can make us realize more of our true nature of what kingdom people are to be about? Thank you LORD for the weeds around me, for they draw me closer to you!

In **1 John 2:19**, John speaks of those who leave the community of faith. "They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us." It's possible that John is saying that those who have left the community of faith, the kingdom, make it clear that all who are in the church do not really belong to it. Membership to the "Church," being on the roll, having your picture in the directory, is no guarantee that a person belongs to Christ. As one author put it, "External membership is no proof of inward union," i.e. fellowship with GOD. As Paul wrote, "...For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel," (**Romans 9:6**). Or as Jesus so bluntly put it, "If you were Abraham's children, then you would do the things Abraham did," (**John 8:39**).

PRAY

**PRAY FOR CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE WITH LONG-TERM ILLNESSES
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES**

HOSPITAL

Hospital in Jackson, TN—**Lee Keltner** (father of Doris Bridges' friend)

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

- **Norman Vickers**
- **Kelly O'Neal**

SHUT-INS

- **HOME:** **Ruie Harmon, Marge Young**
- **NURSING HOME:** Broadway Healthcare Center—**Griffin Elzey**, rm. 303; **Nema Richmond**, rm. 320; **Gwen Townsend**, room 212; Willowbend Nursing Home—**Helen McNair**.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MOST FAMILY: **Diann Combs, Clara Barnes, Inez Reavis, John Townsend, Peggie Curtis, Peggy Griffith, Sheryl Taylor, Glenda Runions.**

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS:

Cancer

- **Steve Stoker** (brother of Val Ramer & Karen Summers—waiting for surgery)
- **Jim Stoker** (brother of Val Ramer & Karen Summers—in hospice care).
- **Lorri Petty**

Surgeries

- **Betty Honeycutt** (Sharron Foster's sister-in-law is slowly improving)

James & Heather Lawrence (son & daughter-in-law of Gretta Blanchard), **Roger Love** (Judy Shepherd's brother is in hospice care), **Noah Rickard** (Grandson of the Yens - polycystic kidney disease),

If you want your prayer request to be mentioned in our prayer list please contact the church office either by email (victoriadeal@comcast.net) or by phone (870.735.3394). If there are changes please let the office know. WE START A NEW LIST EVERY MONTH.

| August 26, 2018 | | | |
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| Regular Contribution | Attendance | | |
| \$12,021.15 | Bible Class | N/A | |
| Budget \$11,700.00 | A.M. Service | 274 | |

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ADULTS ON SUNDAY

The Book of Joshua

Lyndal Dale—Auditorium

The study of Israelites conquering Canaan with special emphasis on application for today's world.

Unity in the Church

Dennie Stokes & Dexter Mott—Parlor

We are talking about challenges churches face. Topics include: autonomy, selfishness, decline, etc...

The SUM-Thing

Jason & Lori Bratton—Room 221

We all long to be connected with friends. We long to know and be known by God. We long to make a difference. How does being in a small group impact those things? In these four video Bible study sessions, Alan Danielson will take a look at four questions every small group should ask themselves. You'll hear real-life interviews from small groups whose lives were changed after they asked themselves those very questions. **What if we cared? What if we were honest? What if we failed? What if we got off the couch?**

YOUTH MINISTRY BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAY

"Control: A Biblical Teaching on the Nature of Authority" (10th-12th grades)

John Warmath, —room 217

A study on how the gospel defines your purity.

Gospels (7th-9th grades)

Kendall Lowe—room 205

A survey of the life and teachings of Jesus as told by his followers.

BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

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| Nursery | April Stokes & Winkie Horton | Room 104 / 2 y.o., please go to nursery |
| 3-4 year old | Judy Shepherd | Room 102 |
| K-1 grade | Sue Cash, Emily Cooley, Lori Nicholson | Room 115 |
| 2-3 grades | Jan Goslin, Carolyn Malone | Room 218 |
| 4-6 grades | Jessica Conn | Room 114 |

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Karen Ault
Angela Seale
Shelly Cherry