



THE MESSENGER

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Join us for
GLORY DAYS
A SENIOR CELEBRATION
Saturday, January 23, 2016
5 pm Activity Center
Hosted by Youth Group
RSVP to office

Family Day
Sunday, January 31
Dr. Sam Jones
9 & 10 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.
Potluck Lunch at 11:15 A.M.

STATISTICS

December 20

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| Bible Study | 420 |
| Sunday a.m. | 541 |
| Sunday p.m. | 347 |
| Wednesday | 419 |
| Contribution | \$15,244 |

December 27

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| Bible Study | 398 |
| Sunday a.m. | 505 |
| Sunday p.m. | 303 |
| Wednesday | 333 |
| Contribution | \$15,233 |

November 2015

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| Book Balance | \$6796.79 |
| November Deposits | 96,542.99 |
| November Disbursements | (76,096.33) |
| Balance 11/30/15 | \$27,243.55 |

Funds Used:

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| Benevolence | \$1878.84 |
| Buildings & Grounds | 5168.41 |
| Missions | 23,017.82 |
| General Miscellaneous | 1336.53 |
| Salaries | 19,210.22 |
| Office Supplies | 982.35 |
| Payroll Taxes | 2741.63 |
| Education | 124.75 |
| Transfer to Building Account | 20,000.00 |
| Youth | 97.05 |
| Seniors | 147.76 |
| University | 91.17 |
| Evangelism | 723.60 |
| Ladies Day | 462.91 |
| Technology | 113.29 |

Total \$76,096.33

January 3

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| Bible Study | 445 |
| Sunday a.m. | 552 |
| Sunday p.m. | 425 |
| Wednesday | 334 |
| Contribution | \$17,848 |

January 10

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| Bible Classes | 443 |
| Sunday a.m. | 569 |
| Sunday p.m. | 441 |
| Wednesday | 483 |
| Contribution | \$18,764 |

December 2015

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| Book Balance | \$27,243.55 |
| December Deposits | 86,150.25 |
| December Disbursements | (101,953.42) |
| Balance 12/31/15 | \$11,440.38 |

Funds Used:

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Benevolence | \$5392.10 |
| Buildings & Grounds | 8429.19 |
| Missions | 32,042.39 |
| General Miscellaneous | 2220.39 |
| Salaries | 17,505.51 |
| Office Supplies | 801.08 |
| Payroll Taxes | 2325.62 |
| Education | 31.04 |
| Transfer to Building Account | 30,000.00 |
| Youth | 1915.48 |
| Seniors | 30.96 |
| University | 14.93 |
| Evangelism | 900.50 |
| Technology | 344.23 |

Total \$101,953.42

Billy's Bylines

Billy Smith

In My Place

This is the theme for FHU's 80th Annual Bible Lectureship, February 7-11, and the program promises to be the best one yet! The theme is based on the Gospel according to Mark and his portrait of Jesus as the *Servant Savior*. Mark features more of the works of Jesus than the words of Jesus, and how everything He did was for God's glory and our salvation. His sacrificial life and death was truly *In Our Place*.

This is a transition year in the magnificent history of the lectureship, as Doug Burleson has assumed the reins as Director of the program. Over the past year he has done a marvelous job in leading the Lectureship Committee to new heights in the development of relevant themes, innovative additions, and in-depth training for life in the Lord's church. The Lectureship program will be outlined in a beautiful new booklet obtained at the time of registration and may be viewed online at www.fhu.edu/lectureship.

Our Henderson church family is again well represented on the program. The following are among 146 speakers, teachers, and presenters this year, which may be a record: *Ray Baker, Ben Flatt, Jim Gardner, Perry Hardin, Sam Hester, Kyle Lamb, Gary McKnight, Justin Rogers, Kim Scott, Wayne Scott, Roy Sharp, Rhonda Thompson, Bill Wade, Becky Welch, Joe Wiley, and Clyde Woods*, who has attended the program since 1954.

The program begins Sunday evening, the 7th, at 7:00 with congregational singing followed by Alan Highers delivering the opening lecture. Dr. Cecil May, Jr. will be honored at Tuesday evening's appreciation dinner, and he will join Ralph Gilmore and Phil Sanders in conducting the popular Open Forum each afternoon at 3:30 in Loyd Auditorium.

This is our annual opportunity to benefit from this rich spiritual feast, to enjoy the fellowship of hundreds of faithful brethren, and to become better prepared to do the Lord's work. It is our prayer that you make plans now to *take your place* in this, the Lectureship's 80th year.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

There are times in our lives when we need to do some self-reflection and consider our current status. We can either stay the same or we can decide to be different. We can decide to make some improvements.

I was at a local business this past week and witnessed a very uncomfortable situation. All of the persons involved in the situation were Christians. One in particular made an impression on me. The person's attitude and behavior did not meet the description that I think of as Christian. It was not kind. It was not considerate or compassionate or any other descriptive word typically associated with Christian. I left embarrassed. *(Please know that this person does not live anywhere near Henderson.)*

It would be very easy to say something like, "I would NEVER act that way." Maybe we wouldn't do the exact same thing, but let's be honest, we have certainly had times when we have said or done things that were un-Christian. When we find ourselves in the middle of a similar situation, we need to be determined to improve our actions and our language or whatever caused the problem. We need to be determined to be BETTER.

Consider the life of Paul. We read of Saul attending to the garments of Stephen's stoners in Acts 7. Acts 8:1 says that Saul approved of the execution of Stephen. Verse 3 says that Saul was ravaging the church and entering house after house, dragging off men and women and committing them to prison. Acts 9:1 describes Saul as one who breathed threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord. But then something significant happened.

Jesus blinded him on the road to Damascus. He sent him to Ananias. Ananias was apprehensive due to Saul's reputation. The Lord reassured him. Saul regained his sight and was baptized. He immediately began to proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God. Those who heard him were amazed and had obvious questions related to his past behavior. But Saul was different. He was BETTER.

What a difference! Thirteen of the New Testament books were written by Saul/Paul the apostle. One of my favorites is our theme verse for this quarter, Ephesians 4:32 – "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

We can all be better. The gentlemen who acted the way he did can do better. And Paul, who was made better by the Lord and who was better because of the life he chose to live from that point forward says that we are not alone in our quest to be better. Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Let's be BETTER in 2016!

Youth Notes

As I was reading in the book of Luke this morning, I came across this passage that I'd like to share with you and have you think about:

Luke 10:33-36 – "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp to your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."

The 52 Lights project that was started last year was a great idea and it gave us all an opportunity to be a "light" to someone. Jared does a great job with planning these events and I look forward to supporting and participating in these this year. Let me encourage all of you in the youth group to do so as well.

Our 1st "Lights" project is coming up in just a week. We have an opportunity to serve some of our senior members with a meal, giving them honor and the respect they are due for paving the way here at church for all of us who are following in their footsteps. This particular group within our church family is one of our youth group's biggest supporters. They pray for you. They give of their money to help us provide retreats and other activities for you. They frequently ask about any specific needs that have arisen that

they may be able to meet. You see, they are being a “light,” too. **The date for this event is Saturday, January 23rd. Be there ready to serve at 4:00PM.**

Here are a couple of other opportunities for us to be a “light” to others:

Sunday, January 24th – PM worship service at the Refuge Church of Christ
Sunday, February 14th – PM worship service at the Pinson Church of Christ

For these services, we will need song leaders, message givers (Lads speech guys) and those to say prayers. We’ll also need those who simply want to go and be an encouragement to a smaller congregation.

Wherever you go, whatever you do, with whomever you are with, do all in the name of the Lord. Be a Light!

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please call the office (989-5161) with your requests for prayer.

Members: Don Parchman, Claude Gardner, Glenda Gardner, Debbie Lofton, Kermit Lofton, Keith Frye, J.D. Thomas, Ann Lowe, Jim Maxwell, Bill Steelman, Jason Elliott, Ginger Young, Joanna Cearley, Chris Perrigo, James Webb, Jim Cartwright, Tina Florida, Dorothy Mitchell, Trent Rhodes, Dorothy Berzett

Relatives: Amanda Redden (Don Parchman), John Welch (Damon Welch), Jerry Pitchford (Doug Thompson), Robert & Joyce Cosbey (Rick Cosbey), Ermer McNeil (Debbie Lofton), Opal Goodman (Becky Gardner), Micke Smith (Micah Smith), Della Bruce (Kim Poston), Natheen Coleman (Sherry Taylor), Sonny Soloman (Milton Sewell), Joann Malone (Kay Tignor), Jack Milligan (Ann Lowe), Mary Foster (David Willis), Erin Williams (Clay Carpenter), Floyd Culberson (Darryl Culberson), Keith Myers (Kippy Myers), Judy Adkin (Whittle family), Jennifer Legg (Anita Burton), Lerlene Guinn (Bud Butler), Donna Hill (Regina Karnes), Tim Clayton (Nylee Clayton), Janice Dunham (Damon Welch), Betty Barber (Patsy Barber), Renee Palo (Scott Kimpel), Mildred Wheeler (Sherry Thomas), Lloyd Smith (Lois Rhodes), Mark Harris, Gabbi Cook, Joe Hardy (Kimberly Watson), Woody Underwood (Junie Gilliam), Lyman/Sharon Patterson (Sherry Taylor), Bryce Johnson (Duplains), Van, Janet & Elsie Slater/Steve Andrews (Vicky Barber), Carolyn Phipps (Judy Beaver), Lois Rimer (Linda Hale), Lonnie Whitman (Lona Bolton), Bonice Haltom/Randy Haltom (Imogene Haltom), Jennifer Feters (Bobby & Betty Bush), Holly Brock (Linda Gover), Susan Binkley (Kay Butterfield), Mary Padgetts (Ramona Burns)

Shut In Members: Bill Benson, James Burns, Marge Butler, Joanna Cearley, Glenda Gardner, Wynelle Hiten, Lurlene Hysmith, Linnie Johnson, Mary Jones, Bob Landon, Joyce Lane, Flodine Powell, Ouida Reeves, Audra Rodden, Robbie Stanfill, Molly Young

Others: Erin Morris, Heather Walker, Karen Thomason, Don Alan Riggs, Jeff Wydham, Joyce Gilmore, Joyce Elder, Kay Robinson, Rhonda Lynn, Karen Carson, Sara Kiestler, Carol Wamble, Julie Bender, Betty Johnson, Martin Hurst, Trey Leonard, Burt Coady, Tracey Pusser, Eli Williams, Sue Adams, Dalton Bray, Caleb Brown, Vicky Lewis, Patsy Smith, Anton Clifford, Bryan Britt, Carmen Van Buren, Diana McConnell, Debbie Cason, Brittany Scott

Military: Alex Carpenter, Allen Miller, Will Hodges, Blake Jaggars, Johnathan Cronan

In Iraq: Matthew Smith

Requested Prayers: Kelly Dixon, Jaki Powell

Placed Membership: Jeff & Stacey Clark, Kelby & Brady; Clay & Stephanie, Ava, Jagger, Jett; Ronnie & Amy Maness, Adley

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR JANUARY

Jan 17: 10 a.m. Kim Gott & Kelly Hickman; 5 p.m. Trina & Cameron Greer

Jan 24: 10 a.m. Crystal Hart & Lauren White; 5 p.m. Ally Rogers & Ashley Hardin

Jan 31: 10 a.m. Joyce & Rachel Bloomingburg; 5 p.m. Jennifer Vega & Amy Smith

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to Shelia and Bruce Buckley, Paden Buckley, and Shane Buckley and families since the death of Shelia's brother, Ricky Edwards;

to Tresa and Tim Carter and family since the death of Tresa's mother, Ernestine Riley;

to Laurel and Milton Sewell and family since the death of Laurel's mother, Dalphine Shannon;

to family and friends of Lucy Burgess;

and to Dani Morrison and family since the death of her great-uncle, Al Hunt.

BEST WISHES

We say farewell and best wishes to Johnathan Cronan as leaves for Marine Training Camp January 19.

CONGRATULATIONS to Buddy Record on being presented the Lion of the Year Award in the Lion's Club.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board from Stephen Lancin, Jr., Arlene Brown, Bill and Juanita Benson, Bill & Shay Wade, Donna Steele, Debbie Lofton, Elsie Johnson, and James and Ramona Burns

NEW ADDRESSES

Jeff & Stacey Clark

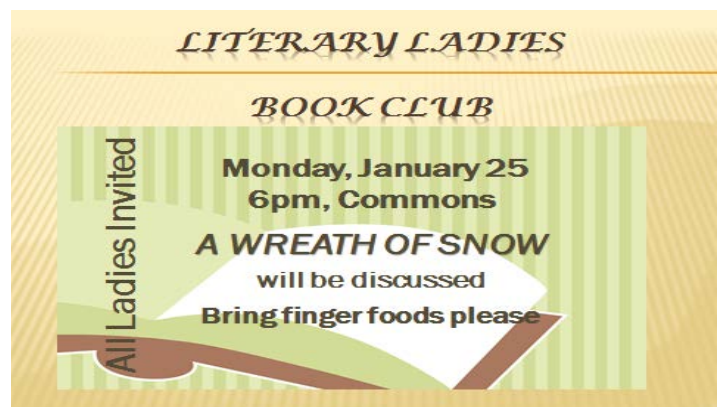
100 Macy Lane

Clay & Stephanie Cox

405 Montezuma Road

Ronnie & Amy Maness

310 Ollie Lane



Our Ministers

Roy Sharp - *Pulpit Minister*
Billy Smith - *Pulpit Minister*
Bill Wade - *Associate Minister*
Jared Gott/Bill Wade - *Youth Ministers*
Larry Oldham - *Involvement Minister*

Our Elders

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| Larry Bloomingburg | Ron Butterfield | Larry Gilliam | Mike McCutchen | Gary McKnight |
| Barry Smith | Charlie Smith | Keith Smith | John Sweeney | David Willis |

Our Deacons

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| Tony Allen | Tim Anderson | Mark Barber | Bryan Black | Mike Bolton |
| Patrick Bolton | Shawn Bolton | Dexel Burns | Bobby Bush | Brian Butterfield |
| Anthony Buttrum | Richard Cave | Darryl Culberson | Larry Cyr | Jason Deffenbaugh |
| Jason Elliott | Richard England | Paul Fader | Kerry Gott | Michael Green |
| Jerry Hesselrode | Tyrone Hopper | Todd Humphry | Bobby Hysmith | David Jackson |
| Ronald Johnson | Scott Kimpel | Stephen Morris | Larry Oldham | Donald Parchman |
| Dee Richardson | Wayne Roberts | Scott Rogers | Tony Rush | Wayne Scott |
| Donald Shull | Algene Steele | David Sweeney | J. D. Thomas | Chad Thompson |
| Joe Trice | Tom Vickery | Damon Welch | Richard West | Clay Young |