



THE MESSENGER

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THINGS FAMILY MEMBERS NEED TO NEVER FORGET

Sunday, January 31

Dr. Sam Jones

9 & 10 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.

Potluck Lunch at 11:15 A.M.



STATISTICS

January 17

Bible Study	474
Sunday a.m.	551
Sunday p.m.	405
Wednesday	507
Contribution	\$18,945

January 24

Bible Study	591
Sunday a.m.	780
Sunday p.m.	643
Wednesday	874
Contribution	\$18,713

KNOWN FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Courtney Barber	11	Johnathan Cronan	22	Brandon Leek
2	Mary Beth Wallace	11	Naomi Hendrix	23	Ouida Reeves
3	Carol Hendrix	12	Margie Hatchett	24	Macy Bolton
3	Mary Jones	15	Ava Cox	24	Myles Shelton
4	Bronix Barham	16	Tina Florida	24	Charles Tucker
4	Everett Day	16	Stephen Green	24	Joe Wiley
4	Joel McCall	17	Kimberly Watson	25	Milton Phinnessee
5	Laura Drieling	18	Noah Judd	25	Jan Sharp
5	Lauren Rogers	20	Stephanie Cox	25	Sherry Thompson
6	Donna Butler	20	Larry Cyr	26	Mac Shelton
6	Becky Cyr	20	Bobby Hysmith	26	Cade Thompson
7	Jason Judd	21	Tim Anderson	27	Mia Carter
7	Greg Maples	21	Julia Bolton	28	Anthony Beene
8	David Jackson	21	Cara Hueter	28	Val Cartwright
9	Ella Adams	21	Joy McKinnon	28	Larry Shields
9	Nancy Lofton	22	Joe Ellis		
9	Nick Maroney	22	Paul Fader		

KNOWN FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14	Keith & Rhonda Frye
19	Tom & Kim Vickery
22	Rickey & Carole Cosby

Please note: Wednesday, February 10, we will have our 5:45 p.m. service as usual, but the 7 p.m. service will not meet so you may attend the FHU Lecture, and our 10 a.m. Bible classes will not meet that morning.

Roy's Sidelines

Roy Sharp

Much Work is Needed in Our Families

The wisdom of our elders setting aside a day for a focus on our families is very wise. In Carle Zimmerman's book, *Family and Civilization*, written in 1947, he records his keen observations as he compared the disintegration of various cultures with the parallel decline of family life in those cultures. Eight specific patterns of domestic behavior typified the downward spiral of each culture Zimmerman studied:

Marriage loses its sacredness; ... is frequently broken by divorce; traditional meaning of the marriage ceremony is lost; feminist movements abound; there is increased public disrespect for parents and authority in general; an acceleration of juvenile delinquency, promiscuity and rebellion occurs; there is refusal of people with traditional marriages to accept family responsibilities; a growing desire for, and acceptance of, adultery is evident; there is increasing interest in, and spread of, sexual perversions and sex-related crimes. As I read these observations, it is hard to believe it was written almost seventy years ago. We do have a lot of work in our culture to stabilize our families.

I want to make one suggestion that I believe could help us in this quest and that is to learn a greater sense of forgiveness in our families. A lack of forgiveness will shackle you to the pain of your past and it will provide for you a deep bitterness. On the other hand, forgiveness brings complete freedom from the past and from bitterness in the present. There are many word pictures of what forgiveness is like and can help us in our quest to be more forgiving. Here are a few:

To forgive is to turn the key, open the cell door and let the prisoner walk free. That's one metaphor.

To forgive is to write in large letters across a debt, "NOTHING OWED."

The Bible says that to forgive is to pound the gavel in a courtroom and declare, "Not Guilty!"

To forgive is to shoot an arrow so high and so far it can never be found again.

To forgive is to take out the garbage and dispose of it once and for all, leaving the house fresh and clean.

To forgive is to loose the anchor and set the ship free to sail.

To forgive is to grant a full pardon to a condemned and sentenced criminal.

To forgive is to loosen a strangle hold on a wrestling opponent.

To forgive is to sandblast a wall of graffiti, leaving it looking brand new.

To forgive is to smash a clay pot into a thousand pieces so it could never be put back together again.

May all of us learn to be more forgiving in our families.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

This past Saturday, our youth group hosted “Glory Days” for 120 of our senior members. I would like to thank Shay and David Jackson for preparing the food and would like to thank Belinda Anderson, Sasha Gott, Ally Rogers and Janet Sweeney for decorating the tables. We had over 40 of our youth group members to **serve** and I am very grateful for all of them.

There are numerous ways to **serve** here. One hundred sixteen of our members are currently involved with either a visitation team or one of our new connection teams. Many have asked me to explain the concept of a connection team. Connection teams are a group of our members that focus on inviting new members, or those who are considering placing their membership at Henderson, to a meal and helping to connect them to our church through fellowship. It’s simple, but I believe will be effective in helping those new folks adjust and connect.

As was announced just a few weeks ago, our church will be **servicing** the Tunica Church of Christ in Tunica, Mississippi in various ways over the next year. Again, this is a great opportunity for all of us to become involved in a domestic mission and to make a difference in that church, as well as ours. Let me encourage you to consider becoming involved in this good work.

The key to genuine **service** is a willingness within us to do so. We have to have our eyes open and receptive to the opportunities that are presented. It could be a specific program like the visitation teams or it could be something done on the individual level such as giving an encouraging word to someone that you see struggling or doing your best to meet a need that you see. But it starts on the inside. **Outside things can’t be accomplished without inside participation.**

Consider what Jesus said, His mission if you will, in Matthew 20:28: *...even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to **serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many.* Jesus didn’t pass up the opportunity to provide **service** to others, even serving in a way that none of us can, by dying once for all mankind. One of the last things that He did before being betrayed and led off to be crucified was to **serve** His disciples in the washing of their feet. Go read John’s account of this in chapter 13.

Galatians 5:13, 14 reads, *For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love **serve** one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* If we will **serve** others like we want to be served, what blessings do you think would be passed around and received? I would suggest they would be too numerous to count.

Youth Notes

Jared Gott

Each year, I have a notebook/planner that I use to organize my life. Most of you have seen this book because I have it with me all the time. It has lessons for class, notes from work meetings, grocery lists, etc. It's what I use to organize the year. This year, as sort of a motivational thing, I've started writing inspirational quotes and scriptures on each page. Something to help me focus for the day.

One saying in particular that I've enjoyed learning and thinking through comes from a Chinese proverb. It says *The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.* What this means is that really, the best time for you to have done something positive or made better decisions/changes for your life, is before today....you should have done that all along. But, if you've wasted some of the time in your past, now's the time to decide to do something different.

This hit me right between the eyes. So many times I've wanted to be better about prayer, study my Bible more, look for more ways to help other people, start living in the moment, etc. And some of those things have gotten better. Others still need some work.

However, if I focus on what I should have done a long time ago....I can never move forward. Learn from your past. Realize missed opportunity. And then make it better. Press on. Change your life now. Don't wait. The best time for you to have been a better Christian would have been for you to have lived your whole life as a better Christian. But, if you haven't, you can't change the past. Start being better today.

Hope that you have an awesome week!

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. – 1 Timothy 4:12

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Members: Buddy Parsons, Don Parchman, Claude 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), Lernelene Guinn (Bud Butler), Donna Hill (Regina Karnes), Janice Dunham (Damon Welch), Betty Barber (Patsy Barber), 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 Fetters (Bobby & Betty Bush), Holly Brock (Linda Gover), Susan Binkley (Kay Butterfield), Mary Padgett (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

Placed Membership: Monty & Nadine McNeal, Monty, Jr., Mia

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Jan 31: 10 a.m. Joyce & Rachel Bloomingburg; 12:30 p.m. Jennifer Vega & Amy Smith

Feb 7: 10 a.m. Nancy Smith & Michelle Perrigo; 5 p.m. Anita Burton & Spring McCutchen

Feb 14: 10 a.m. Molly Hopper & Jana Dugger; 5 p.m. Kim Vickery & Arika Young

Feb 21: 10 a.m. Cathy & Macy Maples; 5 p.m. Gabby Moore & Kim Poston

Feb 28: 10 a.m. Hannah Marshall & Abby Seesengood; 5 p.m. Jan Sharp & Joan Smith

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to Lonna Griffin and family since the death of her father-in-law, W.N. Griffin. Lonna has attended here on a part-time basis as she and her husband traveled back and forth from New Mexico to help care for Mr. & Mrs. Griffin.

WE CONGRATULATE Ben and Debby Holman Flatt on their marriage January 16.

MOVED

Glenda Gardner has been moved to a health care facility in Columbia, TN to be near her daughter.

Opal Goodman, mother of Becky Gardner, has been moved to Henderson Health and Rehab.

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board from Kerry Gott.

NEW ADDRESSES

Monty & Nadine McNeal

45 Brian Thomas Lane





Thanks to our great Youth Group members
for their service Saturday at the
Glory Days Dinner!

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

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

Our Deacons

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

