



THE MESSENGER

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Church Wide Potluck Lunch Honoring our High School Seniors Sunday, May 15

Aubrey Buttrum
Mia Carter
Kelby Clark
Margie Coleman

Garrett Cook
Ben Ellis
Ryan Hodges
Houston Holdren

Drew Lofton
Autumn McDaniel
Garrett Morrison
Lauren Rogers
Daniel Scott



STATISTICS

March 27

Bible Study	365
Sunday a.m.	544
Sunday p.m.	450
Wednesday	303
Contribution	\$15,972

April 3

Bible Study	481
Sunday a.m.	697
Sunday p.m.	598
Wednesday	770
Contribution	\$17,827

April 10

Bible Study	608
Sunday a.m.	1037
Sunday p.m.	632
Wednesday	776
Contribution	\$17,046

Roy's Sidelines

Roy Sharp

Wisdom Regarding Wealth

My personal wisdom regarding wealth is very shallow. However, God has given us a large amount of information about wealth, how to develop it, how to handle it, and how to become poor due to misuse of it. The wisdom of Solomon should be taken seriously for two reasons. One, he was extremely wealthy and would know the blessings and problems wealth brings. Second, because of divine revelation from God, he was able to deliver to us the heart of the matter concerning wealth from God himself. I will share some of the wisdom of Solomon from the book of Proverbs and then draw some conclusions from these great passages.

Proverbs 3:9-10 -- "Honor the Lord with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase; **10** So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine."

Proverbs 10:22 -- "The blessing of the Lord makes *one* rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it."

Proverbs 16:16 -- "How much better to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver."

Proverbs 22:7 -- "The rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower *is* servant to the lender."

Proverbs 22:26-27 -- "Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who is surety for debts; **27** If you have nothing *with which* to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you?"

Proverbs 23:4-5 -- "Do not overwork to be rich;
Because of your own understanding, cease! **5** Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For *riches* certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle *toward* heaven."

Some Conclusions from God's teaching:

1. Those who honor God with their money will be blessed in return.
2. Those who make riches their passion lose more than they gain.

3. Wisdom gives wealth guidance.
4. Increased riches bring increased complications.
5. Money cannot buy life's most valuable possessions.
6. If handled wisely, money can be the means of great encouragement, but if mishandled, great stress.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

I hope that you have been taking advantage of our daily Bible reading plan for this year. The readings are shorter (about 25 verses per day), which allows for more self-reflection and meditation time. I've been underlying some verses as I read along and wanted to share some of them for all of us to remember and consider.

James 1:5, 6 – *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

James 2:19 – *You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder!*

James 4:4 – *You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

Galatians 3:27 – *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

Mark 2:17 – *Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*

Mark 7:21-23 – *For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.*

Mark 9:24 – *Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"*

Mark 11:24-26 – *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

Reading the Bible is a blessing! If you haven't been following along with the reading schedule, let me challenge you to start today. Let God speak to you and enrich your life. It will be well worth your time.

Youth Notes

Next weekend, **April 22-24** is our spring retreat. We will be going to Western Kentucky Youth Camp. We haven't utilized this facility before for a retreat and I am looking forward to a great weekend of togetherness and growth. We will be combining this retreat with the Estes youth group. Cost is \$40 and you will need to bring \$\$\$ for 1 or 2 meals (fast food). Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, and especially your Bible. We will leave Henderson at 4:00PM or soon thereafter and will be back Sunday afternoon.

Our theme for this retreat is **Contagion**. Defined, it is the ready transmission or spread of an idea or emotion from person to person. Let me encourage you to make plans to join us on this retreat. Also, let me encourage you to think about what you are going to contribute to this retreat. Retreats are a great way for us to spend some needed time away, refocus ourselves on a few things, and come back home recharged and rededicated to the task at hand, that of being the best Christian that we can.

Senior Graduation Sunday is May 15th. We will be honoring our seniors and their families. If you haven't already turned your pictures in for your video presentation, please do so ASAP. We enjoy honoring our seniors on this special day. You certainly have earned it and deserve it.

Summer is just around the corner. MSYC, Maywood, Horizons, Six Flags, etc. are just some of the things that we are working on and our hope is that you will want to be involved with as much as you can. Some trips will cost more money than others. Please do not let that be a hindrance to you. Let Jared or I know if you will need some help.

Parents, encourage your kids to attend church camp during the summer. It's always an uplifting and fun time and much can be learned. Lifelong friendships are created every summer at church camps. Our eldership has agreed for several years now to pay half of one week to either MSYC, Maywood or Horizons. This is a great benefit and shows their commitment to providing for spiritual growth of our kids. Be sure to thank them for this.

Please let Jared or me know if you have any questions or concerns about anything associated with the youth group. We appreciate and value your input.

Have a great week!

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Members: Ella Adams, Elsie Johnson, Joe Cotter, Joan Parchman, Claude Gardner, Debbie Lofton, J.D. Thomas, 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: Scott Rothrock (Susan Kimpel), Cathy Cook (Joan & Carolyn Swift), Lonnie & Peggy Whitman (Lona Bolton), Francis Underwood (Junie Gilliam), Amanda Redden (Don Parchman), John Welch (Damon

Welch), Jerry Pitchford (Doug Thompson), Joyce Cosbey (Rick Cosbey), Ermer McNeil (Debbie Lofton), Opal Goodman (Becky Gardner), Micke Smith (Micah Smith), Della Bruce/Sandra Highers (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), Judy Adkin (Whittle family), Jennifer Legg (Anita Burton), Lerlene 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), Lyman/Sharon Patterson (Sherry Taylor), Bryce Johnson (Duplains), Van, Janet & Elsie Slater/Steve Andrews (Vicky Barber), Lois Rimer (Linda Hale), Bonice Haltom/Randy Haltom (Imogene Haltom), Holly Brock (Linda Gover), Susan Binkley (Kay Butterfield), Mary Padgetts (Ramona Burns)

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

Others: Bryan Britt, Jane Huffard, Jimmy Burton, Jr., Todd Buswell, Bill Latham, Ashley Pickens, 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, Carmen Van Buren, Diana McConnell, Debbie Cason, Brittany Scott

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

In Iraq: Matthew Smith

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR APRIL

Apr 17: 10 a.m. Cathy & Macy Maples; 5 p.m. Gabby Moore & Kim Poston

Apr 24: 10 a.m. Hannah Marshall & Abby Seesengood; 5 p.m. Jan Sharp & Joan Smith

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to **Paul Whitehead** since the death of his niece, Jeanne Nelson; to **Claude Gardner and family** since the death of his wife, Glenda Gardner; to **Don Smith** since the death of his cousin, Arthur Loveless; to **Tyrone and Molly Hopper and family** since the death of his uncle, Jimmy Shaw; and to **Mike and Spring McCutchen and family** since the death of his father, Frank McCutchen.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Jeff and Toni Hardin on the birth of granddaughter Emerson Paige, March 20, to Chip and Niki Suggs. Sydnie and Delaney are the big sisters, and Joe and Beverly Hardin are the great-grandparents.

THANK YOU NOTE

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board from Ann Cook.

**FREED HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY
CHESTER COUNTY ASSOCIATES
SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**

National Guard Armory Wed-Fri/ 7:30am – 5pm
April 11 - 16 Sat/ 7:30am – noon



You are invited to a
bridal shower
honoring
Mollie Karnes
bride-elect of
Samuel Aldridge
Sunday April 17
1:30 - 3 P.M.
Commons
Registries at
Bed, Bath & Beyond &
Wal-Mart

OASIS SENIORS Day Trip
Memphis Botanic Gardens
Tuesday, April 19
Sign up at Welcome Center



SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

THE
GIFT
ESTES &
LADIES
DAY
2016 APRIL 23

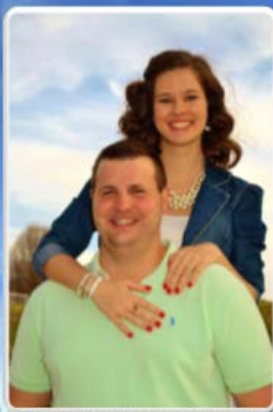
Join the ladies of Estes as
Doritta McDaniel
discusses how our lives can be a
gift to Jesus and to one another.

A luncheon will be provided by the Estes Ladies. Babysitting for
children five and under will be provided.

You are invited
to a bridal shower
honoring
Anna Shepherd &
Brandon Leek

Sunday, May 1
2 - 3:30 P.M.
Commons

Registered at
Bed, Bath & Beyond & Target



You are invited
to hear
the FHU Chorale
directed by
Dr. Gary
McKnight
Sunday, May 8
following the
5 P.M. service

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

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