



# 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  
Garret Cook

Ben Ellis  
Ryan Hodges  
Houston Holdren  
Drew Lofton  
Autumn McDaniel

Garrett Morrison  
Lauren Rogers  
Daniel Scott  
Alyssa Showers  
Hunter Swope



# STATISTICS

## May 1

Bible Study .....	413
Sunday a.m. ....	689
Sunday p.m. ....	426
Wednesday .....	832
Contribution .....	\$17,453

## May 8

Bible Study .....	488
Sunday a.m. ....	747
Sunday p.m. ....	603
Wednesday .....	769
Contribution .....	\$16,352

# Roy's Sidelines

*Roy Sharp*

## New Zealand Bound

On Monday, May 16, thirty three individuals led by Kevin Moore will leave for New Zealand for a three week campaign. David and Dwina Willis, Jan and Cora Sharp and I will be in that group. I want to take this opportunity to thank the elders for the support given to us as we visit John, Erin, and Anna Jones and work with them in this campaign. We will also have the opportunity of working with Lance and Kristen Mosher who are partners in the work with John and Erin there in the Porirua and Wellington areas of New Zealand. John and Lance are busy setting up opportunities for us to help evangelize while we are there.

We will also have the opportunity to work with the church members, some of us will stay in their homes, and we will have the opportunity to worship with them as well. The group that is going is large enough that Kevin has divided us into three groups. One group will be working in the north part of the northern island of New Zealand in Auckland. A second group will be working in the middle of the north island near Palmerston North and the third group with the Willis family and Sharp family will be in the Porirua and Wellington area in the south end of the north island.

The last few days of the campaign, Christians from all three areas will meet at a camp for a few days of fellowship, study, and encouragement. This should be a great time for those of us from America as well as for the New Zealanders we will be working with. We are grateful for the opportunity to be of service to the church there and grateful for the congregation here and all the support.

Our prayers are for safe travel for all involved in the campaign, but more that the hearts of all who hear the message of grace and mercy will come to obedience to our Lord and Savior. We are also praying for the church in Henderson regularly, but especially during the three weeks we are away from you. Please keep us in your prayers as well. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

# Koinonia

*Bill Wade*

*Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.*

This is James 1:12. I had a chat with a young man recently who is struggling on several fronts. His recent decisions have led him to feel lost, without a sense of where to go or what to do next. We discussed the fact that he hasn't entered a church in almost 2 years. He asked me what books in the Bible I enjoy reading. I immediately said, "Read the Book of James." When asked why that book, I told him that it reminds Christians how we are to live.

Though this young man is struggling right now, I know that he can get back to where he once has been by making better decisions, accepting help and encouragement from his family and by yielding himself to the will of God and accepting the forgiveness that can only come from Jesus Christ.

As I remember all of the things that were said in our last conversation, I am specifically thinking about the fact that we are all possibly struggling in some way. We all have trials that we face. We all have to make decisions and have to accept the consequences that come from those decisions. We all have to ask for forgiveness.

Consider the words to a new chorus to an old familiar hymn:

*I come broken to be mended,  
I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desperate to be rescued,  
I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned,  
By the blood of Christ the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms,  
Praise God, Just As I Am.*

If you are struggling, please know that you are not alone. There are numbers of people who love you and will be willing to help you. But also know this, God loves you and is willing and able to help you with all of your struggles.

Read the Book of James. Read the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Accept the forgiveness that Jesus offers and forgive yourself, which is a harder task sometimes. Develop or strengthen your prayer life. Put Jesus first and others before yourself. As James writes, you will be blessed.

## Youth Notes

Congratulations to **Aubrey Buttrum, Mia Carter, Kelby Clark, Margie Coleman, Garret Cook, Ben Ellis, Ryan Hodges, Houston Holdren, Drew Lofton, Autumn McDaniel, Garrett Morrison, Lauren Rogers, Daniel Scott, Alyssa Showers and Hunter Swope!!** You did it, you have accomplished a major

goal and we are very proud of you. We're thankful to your parents and grandparents for all of their hard work as well.

Summer church camps begin June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are going to Maywood the first week, **June 5-11**, be sure to register online at [www.maywoodchristiancamp.com](http://www.maywoodchristiancamp.com). **If you plan on using the church benefit for Maywood, please see me before you register so I can give you the discount code.**

Our trip to Atlanta, Georgia to watch the Braves vs. Reds and go to Six Flags is **June 13-15**. Cost for the trip is \$85. You will also need to bring money for 5 meals.

Vacation Bible School will be **June 26-29**. Start planning on being involved. We will have opportunities to act in skits, put on puppet shows, help with crafts, etc.

There will be several opportunities for you to grow spiritually and to have some fun over the summer. We want to encourage you to be involved with all that you can. You'll be glad you did.

## **OUR PRAYER LIST**

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

**Members:** Jerry Lowe, Jack Malone, Don Gover, Paul Whitehead, Lynne Golson, Wanda Smith, Debbie Lofton, J.D. Thomas, Jim Maxwell, Bill Steelman, Jason Elliott, Ginger Young, Joanna Cearley, James Webb, Jim Cartwright, Tina Florida, Dorothy Mitchell, Trent Rhodes, Dorothy Berzett

**Relatives:** Annette Barham (Annetta Burton), Gene Smith (Don Smith), Scott Rothrock (Susan Kimpel), Lonnie & Peggy Whitman (Lona Bolton), Francis Underwood (Junie Gilliam), Amanda Redden (Don Parchman), Jerry Pitchford (Doug Thompson), Ermer McNeil (Debbie Lofton), Opal Goodman (Becky Gardner), Micke Smith (Micah Smith), 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), Lurlene Guinn (Bud Butler), Donna Hill (Regina Karnes), 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 Padgett (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:** Buddy Baker, Jimmy Ruth, 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, 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

**Baptized:** Tyiee Watkins

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR MAY

**May 15:** 10 a.m. Nadia Graham & Lauren White; 5 p.m. Trina & Cameron Greer

**May 22:** 10 a.m. Stacey & Kelby Clark; 5 p.m. Ally Rogers & Ashley Hardin

**May 29:** 10 a.m. Jennifer Vega & Amy Smith; 5 p.m. Summer Judd & Susan White

## SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to **John Hall and John B. and Freda Hall and family** since the death of Mrs. Gerry Hall;

to **Christy Moody and family** since the death of her uncle, Clyde Lee Creasy;

to **Molly Dawidow and family** since the death of her nephew, Jessie Lipe;

and to **Connie Galbraith and Tommy Moffitt and families** since the death of Nancy Moffitt Cooper.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Ronald and Caroline Johnson on the birth of grandson Ethan, born May 5, 6 lbs. 11 oz., to John and Lesley Ross.

## THANK YOU NOTE

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board from Mike and Spring McCutchen.

## SUMMER CAMP INFO

The elders will pay one half the cost of one week at Maywood Christian Camp, MSYC, **OR** Horizons for our members' children. You **MUST** pick up a letter in the office for each child attending any of the camps

**BEFORE** they go to camp. Camp dates: **Maywood Christian Camp** – Henderson week, June 5 - 11;

**MSYC** – weeks of June 5 – July 24; **Horizons** – July 3 – 8

## RESEARCH PROJECT

Dr. Ryan Fraser and Dr. James Dalton of FHU are researching how spirituality affects marriage. If you're married, you and/or your spouse are invited to participate. Participants can enter a drawing for a \$500 Amazon gift card. You are also invited to join *The Couple's Challenge* – a FREE Bible-based marriage program. Go to [MaritalSpirituality.com](http://MaritalSpirituality.com) for more information.



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*Lord, Help My Unbelief*  
Wednesday Summer Series  
June 1 – August 31, 2016

June 1	Josh Ketchum
June 8	Dave Phillips
June 15	Larry McFadden
June 22	Matt Cook
June 29	Vacation Bible School



*Summer Schedule*

Wednesday, May 11  
❖ Last day 10 A.M. Bible classes meet  
❖ Last day 5:45 P.M. service meets

Wednesday, June 1  
❖ Summer Series begins –  
all adult classes meet in AUD

Sunday, June 5  
❖ Promotion Sunday  
4 years thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade go to new class

June 26 – 29  
❖ Vacation Bible School



### 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