



THE MESSENGER

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Precious Gems.....



Mining the Parables



June 26-29
Sun 5-7 P.M.
Mon-Wed 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Cradle Roll - 6th Grade
Adult Class in AUD

STATISTICS

May 29

Bible Study	365
Sunday a.m.	469
Sunday p.m.	332
Wednesday	375
Contribution	\$14,003

June 5

Bible Study	407
Sunday a.m.	513
Sunday p.m.	301
Wednesday	407
Contribution	\$16,107

Billy's Bylines

Billy Smith

Conceal or Confess?

Forensic Files is a popular crime drama based on the discoveries of forensic science. What appears to be the perfect crime is often solved through the diligent efforts of those skilled in this area of research. Recently, forensic evidence in the case of a thirty-five-year unsolved murder led to the arrest and conviction of the killer. For thirty-five years he had concealed his crime; though guilty, he thought he had gotten away with it.

We can do the same in dealing with our sins. Proverbs 28:13 teaches a powerful truth: *Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.* This is a message of hope and comfort. God's pardon is abundant for the sinner who truly repents and forsakes his wrongdoing, but there can be no pardon for the one who tries to cover his sins.

The Bible provides numerous examples of how we can conceal our transgressions. Perhaps the most common response is to *deny* we have done anything wrong. This was the case with Ananias and Sapphira, who wanted to appear as generous as Barnabas in making a gift to the Jerusalem church (Acts 5:1-11). When confronted with their lie, they were given the opportunity to tell the truth; instead, they denied their wrongdoing and God struck them dead.

A second way we can conceal sin is to *blame* someone else for what we have done. When God confronts Adam about eating forbidden fruit, he immediately blames Eve for giving him the fruit, who in turn blames the serpent (Genesis 3:1-13). Playing the blame game does not absolve us of responsibility for our actions. To the contrary, it only adds to our guilt.

A third way of concealing sin is when we attempt to *justify* what we have done, as if that makes it right. This is illustrated by the lawyer who discussed with Jesus the two greatest commands, love God and your neighbor as yourself. *But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'* (Luke 10:25-29). The Lord then told him the incomparable story of the Good Samaritan, telling him, *You go and do likewise* (30-37).

Today, I will resolve to stop hiding my sins; rather, I will confess and forsake them, receiving the abundant pardon of God.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

If you've ever played with dominoes, you know that it can be fun to stack them around a room or down stairs, etc. and see what happens when you push over the first domino.

A few weeks ago, the youth group had its spring retreat and our theme was "Contagion." I'd like to share in this article some of the thoughts I shared with our youth as it relates to "the Domino effect." (The Prime Time class will be studying this during the summer quarter.)

1. The first domino is crucial. Each good decision leads to the next. Conversely, each bad decision leads to the next. Everything hinges on the first domino.
2. Decisions are important because they affect your character. Whoever you are right now is exactly who you have chosen to be. Habits have deep roots.
3. Christianity is all about second chances and forgiveness. We will all make mistakes along the way. Accept responsibility for your actions and accept the forgiveness that is extended to you. Don't let your pride get in the way.
4. You don't need a GPS to tell you that certain decisions are going to lead you away from God. Don't fool yourself into thinking that the road you are on will end somewhere else other than where it is obviously leading.
5. You have the power to change the direction of your life just by making different and better decisions.
6. You can never say that you sinned because you were not able to overcome temptation. Jesus provides us a way out – 1 Corinthians 10:13.
7. It is possible to choose good over evil and right over wrong.
8. Doing the right thing might not always be easy – but it is always right.
9. There is a vast difference between knowing the truth and living by the truth.
10. The majority can be wrong; you don't have to follow.
 - The crowd told Aaron, "Make us gods."
 - The crowd crucified Jesus
 - The crowd stoned the life out of Stephen.
 - The crowd is on the broad path that leads to destruction.
 - The crowd says, "Come with us."
11. Let the Bible be your guide.
 - Don't obey the cravings of your own sinful desires.
 - Don't follow the crowd in doing wrong.
 - Don't let your feelings be your guide.
 - Don't think that your ways are better than God's.

Proverbs 3:5,6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

Youth Notes

At the time of this reading, several of our youth group are either at MSYC or Maywood Christian Camp. I am a big promoter of youth camps and my hope is that all of our youth will attend at least one week this summer. Henderson's "official" week at MSYC is week 8 (July 24-29). Horizons is July 3-8. Remember to thank our elders for being willing to pay one half of a week to Maywood, MSYC or Horizons!!

Our youth group continues to grow and this is a great, great blessing to us all. We recently celebrated the graduation of 15 youth group members. Sunday, June 5th we welcomed 17 new members into our group. They are: **Tucker Allen, Alex Bolton, Reece Cosbey, Jenna Doss, Stephen Green, Erin Hardin, Liam Hardin, Sofie Hueter, Hannah Miller, Katelyn Phillips, Gary Roeder, Caraline Rogers, Jacob Rush, Cade Thompson, Carter Welch, Delaney White and Lawson Young.**

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. We will leave Henderson at 10:00 AM on the 13th and will return before church on the 15th.

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: Loretta Cave, Jonathan Sweeney, Bobbie Newman, James Burns, Elbert Robinson, Larry Lancin, Janis McCall, Margaret Record, Jerry Lowe, Don Gover, Lynne Golson, Wanda Smith, Debbie Lofton, J.D. Thomas, 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), Donna Hill (Regina Karnes), Betty Barber (Patsy Barber), Mildred Wheeler (Sherry Thomas), 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: Jimmy Essary, LaTasha Phillips, Lona Griffin, 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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR JUNE

June 12: 10 a.m. Molly Hopper & Jana Dugger; 5 p.m. Kim Vickery & Arika Young

June 19: 10 a.m. Cathy & Macy Maples; 5 p.m. Kim Gott & Kim Poston

June 26: 10 a.m. Joyce & Rachel Bloomingburg; 5 p.m. Jan Sharp & Joan Smith

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to **Bob and Everett Day** since the death of their brother-in-law Robert Holcomb;

to **Ray Baker** since the death of his grandmother, Lily Mays;

to **Chris Smith** since the death of her uncle, Howard Justice;

to **Estelle Maxwell, Cari Rowe, Melissa Maxwell, and family and friends** since the death of Jim Maxwell;

and to **Betty Malone, the Susan and Todd Humphry and Patrick and Melanie Malone families and friends** since the death of Jack Malone.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Julie Harris and Glenn and Sylvia Harris** since the birth of grandson/great-grandson Shepherd, May 31, 7 lbs 5 oz. to Brandi and Andrew Hill;

to **Kay Tignor** on the birth of great-granddaughter Kaylee, June 1, 8 lbs. 13 oz. to Andrea and Nicolas Sweetnam;

and to **Ken and Lynne Golson** on the birth of a great-grandson, born June 3, to Caleb and Erin Golson.

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: **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 for more information.

NEW ADDRESS

Monte & Beth Tatom

6527 Breckenridge Cove

Columbia, TN 38401



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

June 15 Larry McFadden
 June 22 Matt Cook
 June 29 Vacation Bible School




COOKIE!

**VBS Cookie Time
 Is Coming!
 June 26 - 29**

Please bring 2 liter bottles of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, & Dr. Pepper
And Cookies! LOTS of Cookies!
 Bring week of June 20



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

