



# 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 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Adult Class in AUD**

**All ages meet in AUD at beginning of each evening**

**Sunday adult class speaker - Frank Bradford/The Wise Man/Foolish Man**

# STATISTICS

## June 12

Bible Study .....	417
Sunday a.m. ....	546
Sunday p.m. ....	306
Wednesday .....	322
Contribution .....	\$17,446

## June 19

Bible Study .....	452
Sunday a.m. ....	525
Sunday p.m. ....	354
Wednesday .....	310
Contribution .....	\$16,339

## KNOWN JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Allen Shull	10 Matt Vega	21 Lydia Smith
2 Lisa Beene	11 Annetta Burton	22 Rosemary McKnight
2 Buddy Parsons	11 Bobby Bush	23 Joan Parchman
2 Cora Sharp	13 Erin Jones	23 Robbie Stanfill
2 Wanda Smith	13 Gary Roeder	23 Madison Trice
3 Isaiah Elliott	15 Josh Burns	23 Joe Trice
4 Connie Pritchard	17 Inez Cash	25 Lynne Golson
5 Cora-Marie Perrigo	17 Sandy Cotter	25 Lawson Young
6 Lilly Allen	17 Jett Cox	27 Lyndie Hickman
6 Maggie Hopper	17 Jane Miller	27 Ken West
6 Walker Whittle	19 Sue Cole	28 Deloris Harris
7 Judy McKenzie	19 John Sweeney	28 Kaylin Leek
10 Sasha Gott	19 Waylon White	28 Seth Stewart
10 Greg Maxwell	20 Abbey Allen	28 Sharlene Thompson
10 Mia McNeal	21 Adana Buttrum	28 Susan White
10 Doug Thompson	21 Jill Green	29 Shannon Chasteen
10 Tori Turner	21 Summer Judd	

## KNOWN JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2 Joe & Anita Burton	16 Darryl & Chelsea Culberson	22 Jud & LeAnn Davis
3 Bobby & Lurlene Hysmith	16 Clyde & Ann Woods	22 Wayne & Kim Scott
5 Randy & Stefanie Mead	16 Clay & Ginger Young	24 Michael & Julia Bolton
7 Richard & Regina Karnes	17 Jason & Ashley Deffenbaugh	24 David & Jill Jackson
9 Damon & Becky Welch	17 Kevin & Kelley Hickman	26 Mike & Spring McCutchen
11 Taze & Nancy Lofton	17 Bill & Jan Moore	30 James & Amanda Koronka
15 Jon & Jennifer Hardin	17 Robert & Juanita Waller	30 Seth & Kaylan Stewart
16 Bryan & Leanne Black	18 Bill & Becky Duplain	31 Jason & Misti Elliott
16 Shawn & Lona Bolton	19 Bruce & Martha Lewis	
16 Jeff & Stacey Clark	19 Michael & Renee Phelps	

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Precious Gems.....Mining the Parables**  
**Adult Class in AUD each evening**  
**Monday/Kippy Myers/The Lost Coin/Sheep**  
**Tuesday/Shawn Bolton/The Prodigal Son**  
**Wednesday/Wayne Scott/The Good Samaritan**



# Billy's Bylines

*Billy Smith*

## Hold Fast Your Confession

Of the one hundred and three names and titles the Bible gives for Jesus, none is more beautiful or meaningful than *Savior*, a title that is synonymous with His name, which means *God is my salvation*. He serves as our perfect high priest, seated at the right hand of God, making intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25).

God appointed Old Testament priests to serve as His mediators with Israel. Only the high priest could stand between God and His people and offer a blood sacrifice for their sins once a year on the Day of Atonement. Contrary to this imperfect system, Jesus gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins once forever, who arose from the dead never to die again, who ascended through the heavens into the very presence of God, having accomplished the magnificent work He was given to do (John 17:4).

It is no wonder the inspired writer of Hebrews encourages us to "*hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering*" (10:23). Indeed! With Jesus as our Savior and High Priest how can we forget our bold confession of faith that He is "*the Christ, the Son of the living God?*" This is the good confession the Lord Himself made before Pilate (1 Timothy 6:13), that Timothy made in the presence of many witnesses (v. 12), and that we make in becoming the children of God.

There is a dual meaning here. We are people of faith, not fear. We are *anchored* in our faith (Hebrews 6:19), and we are ready to give an *answer* to those who ask a reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). We do not keep our confession to ourselves; rather, we boldly proclaim our faith to all who will listen.

How can we possibly be silent, indifferent, or thoughtless when the world's need is so great and we have so much to give, the Savior of the world!

## Koinonia

*Bill Wade*

The month of June has been a busy one for many reasons. Personally, from directing a week of youth camp to spending 3 days in Atlanta with 40 teenagers to getting Shay off to Haiti to gearing up for Vacation Bible School, it has been a busy month.

But I am thankful.

I'm thankful for those who came up with the idea of having a Christian camp. I'm thankful for the impact that MSYC, Maywood, WKYC and numerous other camps have had on young people for well over 50 years. I am thankful for parents who encourage their kids to attend one of these camps. I am thankful for elderships like ours who provide financially for children. Most importantly, I am thankful for the young people that want to go and grow stronger spiritually.

On our trip to Atlanta, it got a little "warm" on the bus. I chose not to complain, but to find things to be thankful for instead. I'm thankful for youth. I'm thankful for laughter. I'm thankful for good friends. I'm thankful that I have air in my lungs. I'm thankful that while there are a lot of tragic happenings in our

world, I can watch a good ballgame and have a lot of fun riding roller coasters with others who are just simply having a day of fun. I'm thankful for perspective and other people's point of view.

I'm thankful that the work in Haiti is continuing after the tragic loss of Roberta Edwards. I'm thankful for Shay and her willingness to go despite her anxiety over the last trip she made. I'm thankful that our elders place such a high importance on mission work. I'm thankful for the power of the Word of God. I am thankful for those who share the message of Jesus with others, whether in a different language or not.

I'm thankful for Jared and the amount of planning he puts into VBS. I'm thankful for all of the volunteers that work behind the scenes. I'm thankful for all of those who will be baking cookies over the next week. I'm thankful for the innocence of a child. I am thankful for and love hearing children singing the Booster song. I could go on and on.

Thankfulness is a choice. We can decide to complain or we can decide to express thankfulness. Life is certainly busy. We will have good days and we will have bad days. I challenge us all to be thankful for our blessings, regardless of what happens from situation to situation.

I am thankful. Are you?

## Youth Notes

*Jared Gott*

### Quick Announcements:

#### **Vacation Bible School!**

VBS is coming up beginning Sunday night at 5 p.m. It will continue Monday-Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. each night. There are classes for all ages (cradle roll – adults).

This year, our theme is *Precious Gems-Mining the Parables*. We're going to be trying to explain to our students that just like a miner digs through the dirt and coal until he finds a diamond, sometimes we have to work through the stories Jesus told to find the precious truths. We'll be looking at the parables of The Sower, The Good Samaritan, The Rich Fool, The Unforgiving Servant, The Talents, The Lost Coin/Sheep, The Prodigal Son, and the Wise and Foolish Builders.

Each night our students will enter the mines and hear two different stories. They'll create crafts that coordinate with a lesson from the night. They'll watch puppets tell relatable stories to reinforce the meaning of the parables. They'll eat COOKIES! They'll sing. They'll laugh. It's going to be a lot of fun!

And if we have 150 6<sup>th</sup> graders and below on any given night, Bill and I will be pied in the face on Wednesday night!

I hope you're making plans to join us. I hope you'll bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, etc. These are lessons we all need to hear again and again. You can go ahead and pre-register online through our Facebook event if you know you'll be coming.

Have a Great Week and We'll See You Soon!

*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 prayer requests.

**Members:** Audra Rodden, Joanna Cearley, Loretta Cave, Elbert Robinson, Larry Lancin, Janis McCall, Margaret Record, Jerry Lowe, Don Gover, Lynne Golson, Wanda Smith, Debbie Lofton, J.D. Thomas, Jason Elliott, Ginger Young, James Webb, Jim Cartwright, Tina Florida, Dorothy Mitchell, Trent Rhodes, Dorothy Berzett

**Relatives:** Alma McCoy (Conita Fader), Virginia Ellis (Jackson Ellis), 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 BarberBonice 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:** 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

**Baptized:** Hayden Dugger, Laura Beth Welch

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR JUNE/JULY

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

**July 3:** 10 a.m. Melanie Shelton, Payton & Presley Rhodes; 5 p.m. Cindy & Mallory Blackwell

**July 10:** 10 a.m. Lauren White & Kelly Hickman; 5 p.m. Donna Farris & Shannon Chasteen

**July 17:** 10 a.m. Nadia Graham & Lauren White; 5 p.m. Trina & Cameron Greer

**July 24:** 10 a.m. Stacey & Kelby Clark; 5 p.m. Ally Rogers & Ashley Hardin

**July 31:** 10 a.m. Jennifer Vega & Amy Smith; 5 p.m. Melissa & Anna Bolton

## THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board from the family of Jack Malone.

## SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to Curtis and Cindy Steelman and the Steelman family and friends of Mr. Bill Steelman since his death.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Darryl and Chelsea Culberson** on the birth of daughter Landree Rae, June 10, 8 lbs. 4 oz. Lennox is the proud big brother.

## 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](http://MaritalSpirituality.com) for more information.

## NEW ADDRESSES

### Jackson & Missy Ellis

327 E Third Street

### Luke & Carissa Battle

172 Casey Road

Pinson, TN 38366

### Tim & Belinda Anderson

1470 Plainview Road



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*Lord, Help My Unbelief*  
*Wednesday Summer Series*  
*thru August 31, 2016*

June 29 Vacation Bible School  
July 6 Tim Parish  
July 13 Singing  
July 20: Ricky Burse  
July 27: Adam Faughn



**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 this week!**



We welcome Lehman  
and Maureen McKnight  
to our  
Henderson family.

The parents of  
Gary McKnight,  
the McKnights have  
moved here to  
be nearer family.

We're glad you're here!



*YOU ARE INVITED  
TO THE MARRIAGE OF*

*ANNA SHEPHERD  
&  
BRANDON LEEK*

*SATURDAY, JULY 2  
4:30 P.M.*

*FIRST CUMBERLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OLIVE BRANCH, MS*

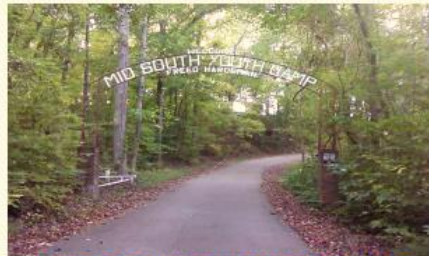
# FEAR.LESS

Isaiah 43:1-2

## Horizons

### July 3-8

[fhu.edu/horizons](http://fhu.edu/horizons)



### MID SOUTH YOUTH CAMP

Weeks of June 5 - July 24  
Register online at [fhu.edu/msyc](http://fhu.edu/msyc)



## 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  
Barry Smith

Ron Butterfield  
Charlie Smith

Larry Gilliam  
Keith Smith

Mike McCutchen  
John Sweeney

Gary McKnight  
David Willis

## Our Deacons

Tony Allen  
Patrick Bolton  
Anthony Buttrum  
Jason Elliott  
Jerry Hesselrode  
Ronald Johnson  
Dee Richardson  
Donald Shull  
Joe Trice

Tim Anderson  
Shawn Bolton  
Richard Cave  
Richard England  
Tyrone Hopper  
Scott Kimpel  
Wayne Roberts  
Algene Steele  
Tom Vickery

Mark Barber  
Dexel Burns  
Darryl Culberson  
Paul Fader  
Todd Humphry  
Stephen Morris  
Scott Rogers  
David Sweeney  
Damon Welch

Bryan Black  
Bobby Bush  
Larry Cyr  
Kerry Gott  
Bobby Hysmith  
Larry Oldham  
Tony Rush  
J. D. Thomas  
Richard West

Mike Bolton  
Brian Butterfield  
Jason Deffenbaugh  
Michael Green  
David Jackson  
Donald Parchman  
Wayne Scott  
Chad Thompson  
Clay Young