



THE MESSENGER

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We are helping CC Middle School teachers with school supplies.

Please bring your monetary donation to the office or give to any of the elders.



TITHING for TUNICA

Kids collect coins or folded money for new kitchen area at Tunica Church of Christ

- *Draw pictures of the project
- *\$5,000 Goal
- *October 30 end date



STATISTICS

June 26

Bible Study	496
Sunday a.m.	538
Sunday p.m.	482
Wednesday	358
Contribution	\$14,373

July 3

Bible Study	736
Sunday a.m.	757
Sunday p.m.	326
Wednesday	439
Contribution	\$16,584

July 10

Bible Study	432
Sunday a.m.	600
Sunday p.m.	332
Wednesday	368
Contribution	\$17,796

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 2016

Book Balance.....	\$54,418.89
May Deposits.....	71,327.80
May Disbursements	(85,304.14)
Balance 5/31/16	\$40,442.55

Funds Used:

Benevolence	\$615.52
Buildings & Grounds.....	4728.59
Missions.....	15,040.00
General Miscellaneous	1212.15
Salaries	17,281.31
Office Supplies	1154.12
Payroll Taxes.....	2459.39
Education.....	911.68
Transfer to Building Acct.....	40,000.00
Youth	1040.05
Evangelism	119.42
University	228.51
Seniors	283.86
Technology.....	29.54
Men's Breakfast	200.00

Total..... \$85,304.14

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 2016

Book Balance	\$40,442.55
June Deposits	75,140.05
June Disbursements.....	(52,858.96)
Balance 6/30/16.....	\$62,723.64

Funds Used:

Benevolence	\$1241.07
Buildings & Grounds.....	7402.69
Missions	16,131.67
General Miscellaneous	740.80
Salaries	17,414.68
Office Supplies.....	733.07
Payroll Taxes.....	2473.19
Education.....	1539.90
Youth	1683.27
Evangelism.....	1200.98
University	40.65
Technology	1815.49
Men's Retreat/Young Professionals	441.50

Total..... \$52,858.96

Roy's Sidelines

Roy Sharp

Reasons Why Reading the Bible with Your Child Is a Habit Worth Developing

Our elders have given us a great opportunity to become more acquainted with the God of heaven and his son, who gives us the only hope for eternal life. This reference is to the daily Bible reading schedule we have available to us. Hopefully, many are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to read the Bible daily. I would like to challenge those of us who have children to take advantage of another great opportunity that will have great significance in another important area of our children's lives.

Adriana Sifakis, an author, stated, "I recently picked up a habit worth keeping — reading a chapter book with my child every single day! Thanks to Mrs. O'Rourke, the extraordinary school librarian at my children's school, she introduced a program to our school called "one school, one book", which is a program that is designed to create a shared reading experience with your child. The idea is to choose a chapter book to read with your child over the course of a single month and gain some of the benefits featured below."

I would like to challenge us to not only take up the habit of reading the Bible every day to keep up with the schedule we have, but to involve our children in reading together, at least from time to time. This would have several benefits that need to be available to us in our families such as time together, but would have the additional benefit of sharing the reading of and gaining knowledge of God's word together. Perhaps those of us who are around our grandchildren often could involve our grandchildren as well. Benefits listed by Sifakis for reading together with your child are:

1. Students who read 20 minutes per day score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests vs. students who read for 1 minute per day score in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.
2. Reading with your child, or alongside your child, models a love of reading for your child.
3. Students and children listen better and longer and develop a wider vocabulary.
4. Reading together promotes social and emotional interactions among family members.
5. Reading together engages children and parents in a nurturing way.

These are great blessings but they could be multiplied in fantastic ways if the reading done is from the Bible. May we work together with our children to know more fully God and God's will.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

How do you explain? How do you describe a love that goes from east to west and runs as deep as it is wide? You know all our hopes. Lord, you know all our fears. And words cannot express the love we feel, but we long for you to hear.

So, listen to our hearts and hear our spirits sing a song of praise that flows from those you have redeemed. We will use the words we know to tell you what an awesome God you are, but words are not enough to tell you of our love so listen to our hearts.

I love to sing songs with our young people. Their voices blend so beautifully. The words above are the first verse and chorus of a song we sing, "Listen to Our Hearts." I used to want to be a songwriter. I wanted to write a devotional song that would be used for years and years. I never told anyone about it, mainly because I never thought it was something I could really do. Mainly though, I just didn't have the words.

Songs are special. When you think of the stories behind the song, you understand the meaning, the intent so much stronger. I am thankful for all of the songwriters over the years who have put their thoughts onto paper because it allows us all an opportunity to sing them to God and express our thankfulness for and praise to Him.

The next time you have an opportunity to sing with a congregation of other Christians (that will be this Sunday), take advantage of that opportunity. Sing instead of not singing. Worship instead of just being present. Think about the words you are singing instead of just reading words on a page. Sing. Glorify. Praise.

Worship. You will be blessed.

Youth Notes

Preparation is important. It takes time, effort, energy and a lot of determination. Recently, the Chester County Independent put out a list of students who either had all A's or all A's and B's through the past school year. As is usual, we had several from our group that was listed. We should all be proud of them and congratulate them on this accomplishment. Their preparation paid off.

Those who had all A's were: **Tucker Allen, Sofie Hueter, Caraline Rogers, Cade Thompson, Carter Welch, Ava Cox, Andrew Black, Christopher Canaday, Leighanne Dugger, Madlyn Maples, Abbey Allen, Peyton Anderson, Bradley Holloway, Kendra Mills, Tony Moody, Joseph Egros, Nathan Greer, Conner Rogers, Anslee West, Eden Jones, Aubrey Buttrum, Kelby Clark, Ben Ellis, Houston Holdren, Drew Lofton and Autumn McDaniel.**

Those who had all A's and B's were: **Alex Bolton, Stephen Green, Katelyn Phillips, Jacob Rush, Lawson Young, Mary Grace Bolton, Mya Clayton, Presley Rhodes, Trenton Sweeney, Dylan**

Blackwell, Laura Beth Welch, Micah Barber, Seth Frye, Shianne Green, Allie Humphry, Cora Sharp, Madison Trice, Tyler Butler, Max Maples, Candice Barber, Grant Burns, Baylee Smith, Jonathan Sweeney, Jon Michael Thompson, Brett Welch, Garret Cook and Alyssa Showers.

School preparation is obviously important. The upcoming school year begins the first week in August. All of our students have an opportunity to do their best and everyone begins with straight A's.

More important than school is the preparations we make to go to heaven. Reading our Bibles, attending Bible class, taking notes during sermons, attending youth devotionals, discussions with our families at home are just a few things a person can do to prepare.

As we grow in knowledge, we should also be looking for opportunities to share the Good News with others, including our friends, classmates and family members. Peter gives us all this challenge found in 1 Peter 3:15,16: *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.*

As the new school year rapidly approaches, my challenge to all of our students is this: **Prepare yourself to do your absolute best in your classes and extracurricular activities, but also prepare yourself to make a positive influence for Christ on your friends and fellow classmates.**

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Members: Sherry Taylor, Katrina Cook, James Burns, Joanna Cearley, Loretta Cave, Elbert Robinson, Larry Lancin, Janis McCall, Margaret Record, Lynne Golson, Debbie Lofton, J.D. Thomas, Jason Elliott, Ginger Young, James Webb, Jim Cartwright, Tina Florida, Dorothy Mitchell, Trent Rhodes, Dorothy Berzett

Relatives: Lois Yates (Joy Maness), Larry Koronka (James Koronka), 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 Barber/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: Joellen Tallent, LaTasha Phillips, Lonna 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: Ava Cox

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR JULY

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 Estelle Maxwell.

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to **Neal, Robin, and Stacy Smith and families and friends** since the death of Wanda Smith;

to **Conita and Paul Fader and family** since the death of Conita's mother, Alma McCoy;

and to **Lona Bolton and family** since the death of her aunt, Jessie Rowland.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Clay and Ginger Young** on the birth of granddaughter Ella Ford, July 6, 9 lbs. 11 oz. to Will and Andrea Young. **Bill and Deloris Harris** are the great-grandparents.

Congratulations to **Dee and Carla Richardson** on the birth of granddaughter Abigail Pearl, July 7, 9 lbs. 11 oz., to Reed and Melanie Richardson.

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.

NEW ADDRESSES

Charles & Nancy Smith
337 Crook Ave

Matt & Lauren Barker
410 Jacks Creek Street

Kevin & Tina Coleman
256 Cypress Ave
Selmer, TN 38375

ESTES CHURCH OF CHRIST

The incredible life of Jesus

2016 Vacation Bible School
July 17 - 20

Sunday @ 5PM
Monday - Wednesday @ 7PM

MID SOUTH YOUTH CAMP FISH FRY



Saturday, July 23

4 - 6 P.M.

MSYC, Kirk Dining Hall

\$10 plate

Pay at the door

Drive thru available

**To go orders may be placed
that day @989.2520**



MID SOUTH YOUTH CAMP

Weeks of June 5 - July 24

Register online at fhu.edu/msyc



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Lord, Help My Unbelief

Wednesday Summer Series
7 P.M.

- July 20 Ricky Burse
- July 27 Adam Faughn
- Aug 3 David Powell
- Aug 10 Matt Vega

Apologetics Press Benefit Dinner

Thursday, August 25 at 6:00
Henderson church of Christ

Kyle Butt, speaker

Free to attend
Buffet meal will be served

If attending please text, call, or email
Chad Thompson 731-879-0868
chad_thompson@hotmail.com



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