



THE MESSENGER

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Thursday, October 27
6 – 7:30 P.M. Activity Center
Decorate a table –
have treats for the little ones.
Dress up for the occasion!



Marek Dawidow,
speaker
9 & 10 a.m.

11:15 a.m. Potluck Lunch

12:30 p.m.
Our Missions Updates
Tony Allen, Chad Thompson

MISSIONS EMPHASIS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

STATISTICS

September 25

Bible Study	472
Sunday a.m.	660
Sunday p.m.	386
Wednesday	955
Contribution	\$15,608

October 2

Bible Study	468
Sunday a.m.	664
Sunday p.m.	615
Wednesday	860
Contribution	\$16,382


October 9

Bible Study	343
Sunday a.m.	481
Sunday p.m.	513
Wednesday	887
Contribution	\$14,079



Paul and Tricia Johnson come to us from the Washington, D.C. area where General Johnson retired from the USAF. They are the parents of 3 children - all graduates of FHU, & they have 6 grandchildren. The Johnsons are the Great Aunt and Uncle of Naomi and Michael Hendrix.

Welcome Johnson family!



Alan and Judy Urda are no strangers to our Henderson family. The parents of Ashley Deffenbaugh, they have visited with us for many years but have now retired & moved here from Tampa, FL. The Urdas have a son, as well, but Henderson is where the grandchildren live!

We're glad you are now here on a permanent basis!

LADS TO LEADERS 2016-2017 REGISTRATION

L2L Participants -
Second Deposit Is Due!



See Vicky Barber

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Get involved

We want you to be involved!

www.hendersoncoc.com
→ Ministries
→ Student Info Form



October 16 Sunday	FHU Lectureship, 5 p.m.
October 21 Friday	Fifth Quarter, activity center, 9 p.m. - midnight
October 27 Thursday	Trunk or Treat, activity center, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
October 30 Sunday	Mission Emphasis Sunday with Marek Dawidow 9 A.M. University and all adult classes meet in AUD for Bible Class 10 A.M. Worship Service 11:15 A.M. Church Wide Potluck Lunch 12:30 A.M. Worship Service Tithing for Tunica Funds will be collected.

Roy's Sidelines

Roy Sharp

For What Should I Campaign?

Far too often in our efforts to bring about good in political campaigns, we often cause pain, hurt, and make enemies of people because of the way we "campaign" for our issue or candidate. Personally, I cannot feel comfortable bringing politics into the pulpit. I also believe I should preach against any topic that I believe to be opposed to the gospel message, i.e. abortion, improper use of alcohol, homosexuality, etc. I also believe I should preach about topics that I believe could advance Christianity such as religious freedom. However, when my favor and zeal for a particular political campaign or candidate becomes the focal point of my life around election time, I have probably missed the mark Jesus has set up for me in my life (Matthew 28:19-20). Does this mean I should not vote or have personal conversations about my understanding of what would make life better for us as Christians? No! What I am saying can be seen in the following quotes from articles presented in *Christians and Politics*.

We must reject all that is ungodly and false and never compromise God's standards of righteousness. We can do that in part by desiring the improvement of society's moral standards and by approving of measures that would conform government more toward righteousness. We do grieve over the rampant indecency, vulgarity, lack of courtesy and respect for others, deceitfulness, self-indulgent materialism, and violence that is corroding society. But in our efforts to support what is good and wholesome, reject what is evil and corrupt, and make a profoundly positive impact on our culture, we must use God's methods and maintain scriptural priorities.

A politicized faith not only blurs our priorities, but weakens our loyalties. Our primary citizenship is not on earth but in heaven. ... Though few evangelicals would deny this truth in theory, the language of our spiritual citizenship frequently gets wrapped in the red, white and blue. Rather than acting as resident aliens of a heavenly kingdom, too often we sound [and act] like resident apologists for a Christian America. ... Unless we reject the false reliance on the illusion of Christian America, evangelicalism will continue to distort the gospel and thwart a genuine biblical identity.... " Still, as beneficial and appreciated as His ministry was to others' physical needs, it was not Jesus' first priority. His divine calling was to speak to the hearts and souls of individual men and women. He proclaimed the good news of redemption that could reconcile them to the Father and grant them eternal life. That message far surpasses any agenda for political, social, or economic reform that can preoccupy us. Christ did not come to promote some new social agenda or establish a new moral order. He did come to establish a new spiritual order, the body of believers from throughout the ages that constitutes His church. He did not come to earth to make the old creation moral through social and governmental reform, but to make new creatures holy through the saving power of the gospel and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. And our Lord and Savior has commanded us to continue His ministry, with His supreme priorities in view, with the goal that we might advance His kingdom: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

My point is not that Christians should remain totally uninvolved in politics or civic activities and causes. They ought to express their political beliefs in the voting booth, and it is appropriate to support legitimate measures designed to correct a glaring social or political wrong. Complete noninvolvement would be contrary to what God's Word says about doing good in society: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10; cf. Titus 3:1-2). It would also display a lack of gratitude for whatever amount of religious freedom the government allows us to enjoy. Furthermore, such pious apathy toward government and politics would reveal a lack of appreciation for the many appropriate legal remedies believers in democracies have for maintaining or improving the civil order. A certain amount of healthy and balanced concern with current trends in government and the community is acceptable, as long as we realize that that interest is not vital to our spiritual growth, our righteous testimony, or the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. Above all, the believer's political involvement should never displace the priority of preaching and teaching the gospel.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

I enjoy looking back at history, not necessarily American history or World history, but church history. When I started working with the church at Henderson on a fulltime basis, I got to spend a little time with Ben Flatt, who utilized the office that I do now for 17 or so years. One of the things that he shared with me was a box full of every church newsletter that had been published since he became the minister here, and some even before that time. I have learned a lot and have grown to appreciate the work of this church so much more by reading these newsletters. Shay and I were listed in the January 13, 2000 Messenger as having placed our membership with this congregation. What a great decision that was for us. We came here from the Bethel Springs congregation mainly because Mary Beth was starting school, and there weren't many children her age at Bethel Springs. Not only have we raised her in this church, but Josh also came along in 2003. This is a wonderful church in which to bring up your children. I am very thankful to every teacher, helper, mentor, etc. who has helped to shape my children into who they are today. And yes, I know that we are still shaping Josh.

Why share this with you? I'm quite certain that all of us who love this church and this church family have a similar story with our own circumstances that we could share. I'm sharing this with you because I believe it is important to remember where we have come from and what we have accomplished since then. It's important to remember why we chose this church to call our home. It's important to remember special people who left a lasting impression on us that may or may not be with us today. It's important to appreciate what we have and not take it for granted. It's important for us to build off of our past, tackle challenges with grace and humility in the present and look forward to what is going to happen in the future. October 30th will be our Mission Emphasis Day. We have been partnering with the Tunica congregation in Mississippi this year in a domestic mission. Several of you have gone to the Tunica church through the year and have helped in various ways. We are trying to help them with a building project and have asked our youth to collect coins for this project. It is going to take all of us contributing to make this mission successful. I'd like to encourage us all to consider giving towards this mission. The people that gather together in Tunica are some wonderful people and we certainly have the ability to help them, and we should be glad to do so.

Youth Notes

October is a very full month.

So far, we started off the month with an AWESOME fall retreat at Reelfoot Youth Camp. It was a very packed weekend with a lot of fun and a lot of Bible and I don't know that it could have gone any better.

Currently, we are in the middle of fall break. Our prayer is that you enjoyed the time out of school and will be re-energized when school resumes.

Friday, October 14 – We have a joint 5th Quarter with the Savannah youth group after the ballgame in Savannah. Bring \$\$ for the ticket and a hotdog at the game. You will need to bring a neon shirt to play black light dodgeball at the 5th quarter.

Friday, October 21 – We have a haunted 5th quarter. More details about that will be discussed in class and will be posted on our Facebook page.

Saturday, October 22 – We have a Halloween party at the home of Tony Moody.

Sunday, October 23 – We have a devotional scheduled after the 5PM worship service.

Thursday, October 27 – Trick or Trunk in the gym from 6-7:30PM.

Saturday, October 29 – We are doing a Trunk or Trick for the Tunica Church of Christ in Mississippi from 3-5PM. We will need to leave Henderson by 12:30PM and we will be back around 8PM.

Obviously, there are lots of opportunities to be involved. Take advantage of those opportunities.

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Members: Sylvia Harris, Patsy Barber, Melissa Bolton, Dorothy Redden, Casey Dugger, Rhonda Thompson, Jan Sharp, Danny Jones, Sherry Taylor, Linda Gover, Joanna Cearley, Glenda Wiley, Janis McCall, Margaret Record, Lynne Golson, Jason Elliott, James Webb, Jim Cartwright, Tina Florida, Dorothy Mitchell, Barbara Bell, Trent Rhodes, Dorothy Berzett, Weldon Hendrix

Relatives: Kaylin Leek (Bobby Leek), Mary Crosswhite (Joyce Morris), Carolyn Coleman (Kevin Coleman), Jimmy & Virginia Ellis (Jackson Ellis), Shane Hesselrode, Ashley Gary (Hardins), Abigail Feters (Bob & Betty Bush), John R. Barham (Sylvia Arnold), Frank Sarver (Sandy Cotter), James Weeks (Randall Hendrix), Deborah O'Neel (Rebecca Richardson), Patricia Young (Dee Richardson), Lois Yates (Joy Maness), 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), 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 Padgetts (Ramona Burns), Evelyn Brigman (Buddy Parsons)

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

Others: Ralph Gilmore, Joellen Tallent, LaTasha Phillips, Lonna Griffin, Buddy Baker, Jimmy Ruth, Bryan Britt, Jane Huffard, 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

Police Academy: Brandon Leek

Requested Prayers: Dylan Matthews

Placed Membership: Paul and Tricia Johnson

Baptized: Liam Hardin, Chandler Monajjem (FHU student), Kristen Rush

New Elders: We would like to recognize our five new elders: Shawn Bolton, Richard England, Stephen Morris, Larry Oldham and Algene Steele. Please remember them in your prayers.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR OCTOBER

October 16: 10 a.m. Cathy & Macy Maples; 5 p.m. Kim Gott & Kim Posten

October 23: Joyce Bloomingburg & Nicole Breeding; 5 p.m. Joan Smith & Jan Sharp

October 30: Donna Farris & Shannon Chasteen; 5 p.m. Summer Judd & Susan White

THANK YOU NOTE

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board from **Rickey, Carole, Ryan & Reece Cosby**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Weldon & Carol Hendrix** on the birth of a great granddaughter, Melanie Shea, 6 lbs & 13 oz, September 30 to Jonathan & Savannah Hubbard; **Rhonda Thompson** on the birth of a granddaughter, Nora Elise Thompson, 8 lbs & 1 oz, October 4 to Cody & Lauren Thompson; **John & Mary Collins** (and **Uncle Jared Collins**) on the birth of a grandson, Cameron David, 8lbs & 9oz, October 5 to Mark and Alicia Collins; and to **Bobby & Jerra Leek** on the birth of a grandson, Cason Howard Cole, 5 lbs & 2 oz, October 12 to Kaylin Leek.

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to **Joe and Sandy Cotter** since the death of their granddaughter, Londyn Reed; to **Paul Whitehead** since the death of his sister, Joanna Nelson; to **Johnny & Donna Farris** since the death of Johnny's sister, Linda Shepherd; to **Jimmy & Peggy Burton**, Linda Burton, Michael Burton and their families since the death of Jimmy Burton, Jr.; to **Sarah & Joe Ellis** and family since the death of Sarah's grandmother, Bobbye Finley; and to **Lisa & Robin Smith** since the death of Lisa's father, John David Presson.

NEW ADDRESSES

Paul and Patricia Johnson

245 Deerfield Loop
Henderson, TN 38340

Donald and Joan Parchman

1412 Saddlebrook Trail, Apt. 201
Cordova, TN 38016



TITHING for TUNICA

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

- *Draw pictures
- *\$5,000 Goal for kids
- *\$18,000 Congregational Goal
- *October 30 end date

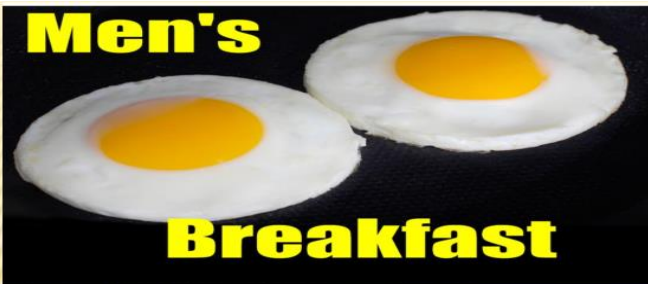


Make plans to join us for our
Annual TCH-West Benefit Dinner
on Nov 3rd at Campbell Street COC



Dr. Doug Burleson of the Estes Congregation will be our guest
For tickets or more information call 731-989-7335 or email
cdugger@tennesseechildrenshome.org

Men's



Breakfast

Saturday, November 5

8am

Cooks & helpers -come at 6am

Teacher Appreciation Meal
for our
Bible Teachers

*Thank You
for your service!*

Saturday, November 12
Activity Center
6 PM

RSVP to office
by November 7



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
Mike McCutchen
Charlie Smith

Shawn Bolton
Gary McKnight
Keith Smith

Ron Butterfield
Stephen Morris
Algene Steele

Richard England
Larry Oldham
John Sweeney

Larry Gilliam
Barry Smith
David Willis

Our Deacons

Tony Allen
Patrick Bolton
Richard Cave
Paul Fader
Todd Humphry
Dee Richardson
Donald Shull
Tom Vickery

Tim Anderson
Dexel Burns
Darryl Culberson
Kerry Gott
Bobby Hysmith
Wayne Roberts
David Sweeney
Damon Welch

Mark Barber
Bobby Bush
Larry Cyr
Michael Green
David Jackson
Scott Rogers
J. D. Thomas
Richard West

Bryan Black
Brian Butterfield
Jason Deffenbaugh
Jerry Hesselrode
Ronald Johnson
Tony Rush
Chad Thompson
Clay Young

Mike Bolton
Anthony Buttrum
Jason Elliott
Tyrone Hopper
Scott Kimpel
Wayne Scott
Joe Trice

