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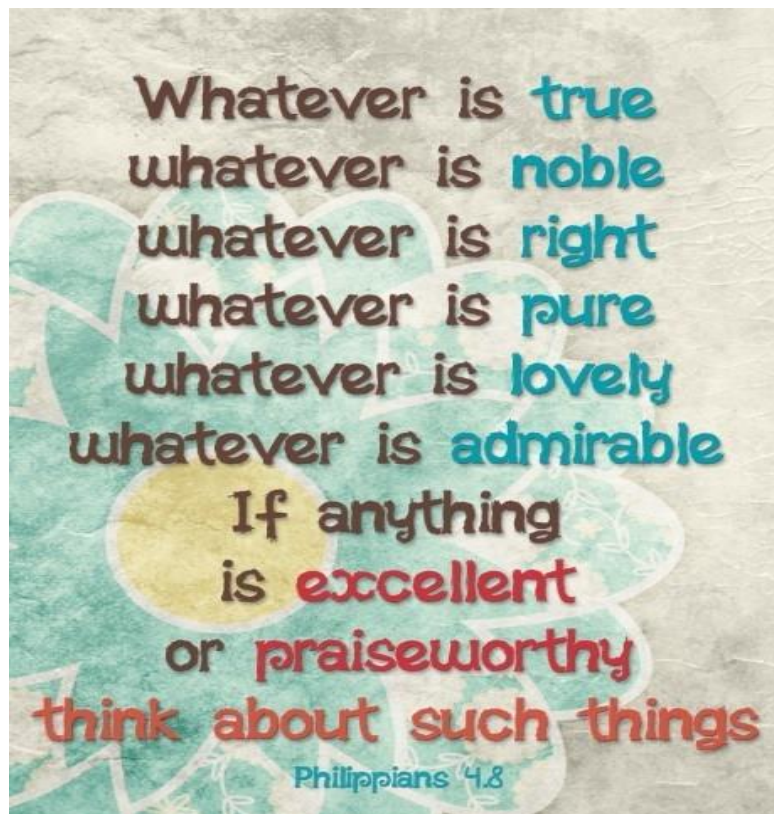
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Theme for 2018

Focused

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Focusing on Worship



Philippians 4:8 is one of our Focus verses for this Sunday, February 25.



February 11, 2018

Bible Study	432
Sunday a.m.	603
Sunday p.m.	498
Wednesday	333
Contribution	\$16,691

February 18, 2018

Bible Study	453
Sunday a.m.	655
Sunday p.m.	561
Wednesday	731
Contribution	\$16,387

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January 2018**

Book Balance 12/31/17	\$46,283.42
January Deposits	88,504.93
January Disbursements.....	(64,595.86)
Balance 1/31/18	\$70,192.49

Funds Used:

Benevolence	\$1,139.25
Buildings & Grounds.....	14,850.73
Missions.....	23,516.00
General Miscellaneous.....	1,977.24
Salaries	18,489.41
Office Supplies.....	196.95
Payroll Taxes.....	2,461.46
Youth	14.49
Evangelism.....	727.26
University	1,006.14
Seniors	100.00
Band-Aid Brigade.....	11.98
Technology.....	104.95
Total.....	\$64,595.86



BIRTHDAY LIST

KNOWN MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Riley Hopkins	11	Michael Sewell	21	Dorothy Mitchell
2	Jan Moore	12	Graham Poston	23	Becky Gardner
2	David Willis	12	Milton Sewell	24	Lieh Brumback
3	Hayden Dugger	12	Nora Smith	24	Carrie Burns
3	Wayne Scott	12	Corine Taylor	24	Jenette Segerson
3	Joan Smith	12	Gentry White	25	Sofie Hueter
4	Cindy Blackwell	13	Luke Battle	25	Christy Moody
4	Kermit Lofton	13	Vincent Meninno	25	Presley Rhodes
5	Evan Allen	14	Mary Grace Bolton	26	Nicole Breeding
5	Bridget Lamb	15	Bradley Holloway	26	Annsley Poston
5	Jerry Lowe	16	Richard England	27	Bob Brown
6	Lance Beshires	16	Tommy Karnes	27	Kelby Clark
6	Joan Swift	17	Titus Drieling	27	Joyce Ann Phinnessee
7	Bo Miller	18	Stormie Gray	27	Katy Scott
8	Janice Mount	18	Josh Hooker	28	Ken Golson
9	Brinxton Barham	18	Monty McNeal	29	Michael Burton Jr.
9	Matt Barker	20	Chelsea Culberson	30	Lilly Kate Buckley
10	Britton Breeding	20	Bobby Leek	30	Laura Beth Welch
11	Leanne Black	20	Jewell Trice	31	Lois Rhodes



ANNIVERSARIES

KNOWN MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2	Lynn & Sarah Canaday	12	Mark & Dani Morrison
5	Randy & Joyce Bloomingburg	15	Chris & Joy Simmons
7	Patrick & Melissa Bolton	16	Brandon & Spencer Barham
11	Richy & Jacquita Butler	26	Larry & Debbie Bloomingburg



Friday – Sunday February 23-25	Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) in Pigeon Forge
Sunday February 25	Shepherding Groups 4 & 8 (McCutchen & B. Smith) Potluck Lunch Members with last names between Phelps – Roeder and Hardin & Holder Fusion Family Get-Together in the Fellowship Hall, 6pm



Sunday March 4	New Quarter Begins Shepherding Groups 2 & 9 (Bolton & Charlie Smith) Potluck lunch Members with last names between Stockard - Waller and between Ellis -Haltom
Thursday March 8	Senior OASIS luncheon, noon
Sunday March 11	Daylight Saving Time begins Baby Girl Shower for Elwen & Shane Hesselrode in the Commons, 1-3:30pm
Tuesday March 13	Sew Sisters, 9-noon
Saturday March 17	Senior Trip to Atwood Church of Christ for Ladies Day. Details at Welcome Center Senior Adult Appreciation Dinner, 5pm
Sunday March 18	Shepherding Groups 3 & 12 (England & Sweeney) Finger Food Fellowship after AM service (last names between Roland & Stewart and Adams & Brown)
Saturday March 24	Senior Adult Rally - Registration @ 9:30am/Program 10am - 1:30pm/Brunch provided

Billy's Bylines

Billy Smith

Truth, Our Theme for March

We are two months into our 2018 theme of *Focused*, with January's focus on God and February's emphasis on worship. Now, we look forward to our focus for March, the eternal *truth* of God's word for every question, problem, and circumstance of life. It is a critical study, as we reaffirm our commitment to Scripture as the basis of everything we believe and everything we practice.

We live in a culture that is increasingly secular, among people who believe in *relativism*, the belief that nothing is always right or wrong, nothing is absolutely right or wrong, and nothing is absolutely true or false. Others are practicing *pluralism*, the belief that no one should condemn anyone for what they believe or for how they behave. These feed off of the philosophy of *emotionalism*, where feelings are more important than reason and emotion is more important than truth. The natural consequence of all this is the philosophy of *individualism*, which expresses itself in attitudes like these: "I am the measure of life; I have a right to be happy. No one can tell me what to do; anything, including the Bible, only means what I say it means. It's my life!"

In seeking to save the lost, we find ourselves trying to reach people who have little or no interest in listening to a message of absolute truth with eternal consequences, who are more likely to adopt worldly lifestyles, who will condemn no one for any belief or behavior, whose feelings are the standard for every judgment, and whose focus is on their own interest and not the Lord's.

In response to the false philosophies mentioned here, we must accept the challenge of relativism by maintaining a firm stand on Scripture as our *absolute standard* in everything we believe and do. We accept the challenge of pluralism by remembering Christianity was born in a time of pluralism, but the early church refused to consider all views as equally good, and neither can we. We accept the challenge of emotionalism by practicing the proper balance of worship in *spirit and truth* (John 4:24) and speaking the *truth in love* (Ephesians 4:15). And, we accept the challenge of individualism by developing the *mind of Christ* (Philippians 2:5), remembering always, it's never about us; rather, it is always about Him!

From the upper room Jesus prayed for the apostles, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth" (John 17:17). That forever answers Pilate's question to Jesus, "What is truth" (John 18:38)? Truth, therefore, is our focus today, and every day.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

Jesus Christ is the light that came down from heaven to earth, which was filled with darkness. The impact and influence that His arrival has had on mankind cannot be matched. He was God in the flesh (John 1:14). He was the Son of God and His message was “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). His teachings opened the eyes of the spiritually blind. I hope that our eyes are opened to His message of truth.

His beauty was immense. It was not his physical beauty that brought people to Him, but His spiritual beauty. It was full of love, compassion, forgiveness, tenderness and peace. He spoke of heaven. He spoke of preparing a place for us (John 14:1-3). I hope that we are anticipating and longing to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

He was called a king. And earthly kings were jealous and sought to have Him destroyed before He had a chance to live. At His death, He was portrayed with a sign that said, “King of the Jews” and they were not pleased (John 19:21). They mocked Him and cursed Him and called for His crucifixion. An innocent man, without sin, cast away with thieves. As He hung on the cross, he prayed, “Father, forgive them for they don’t know what they’re doing” (Luke 23:34).

Our focus word for this month has been WORSHIP. When we gather together, we do so with the purpose of worshipping the one, true God. We worship God, the creator and the sustainer of all things. Jesus Christ is our Savior and our Redeemer. He was the perfect, once for all sacrifice that gives each of us the hope of heaven. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6).

God is spirit and we must worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We can certainly be blessed by our worship to God. But our worship is not about us; it is about God. He has given us all things. Our worship is what we give to Him. He deserves our best, our time and our attention because He is Holy and Mighty and Worthy of our praise.

May we all worship Him, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please help us keep the prayer list current by calling the office (989-5161) if you are aware of any updates.

Members: Ella Adams, Bill Baldy, Barbara Bell, Bob Brown, Ramona Burns, Donna Witten, Richy & Jacquita Butler, Jim Cartwright, Joanna Cearley, Phyllis Culver, Tommie Faulkner, Ben & Debby Flatt, Keith Frye, Don & Linda Sue Gover, Sylvia Harris, Joe Jett, Danny Jones, Sharon Kea, James Koronka, Steven Marise, Janis McCall, Stephen Morris, Margaret Record, Dorothy Redden, Trent Rhodes, Jan Sharp, David & Sherry Thomas, Louise Waggoner, James Webb

Shut-in Members: Bill Benson, Mary Jones, Stephen Lancin, Virginia McAdams, Lois Rhodes, Audra Rodden, Robbie Stanfill, Dot Williams, Molly Young

Relatives: Betty Barber (Adam Cross/Mark Barber), Annette & William Barham (Brandon Barham/Annetta Burton), Evelyn Brigman (Buddy Parsons), Holly Brock (Linda Gover), Joe Neil Brown (Kay Tignor), Carolyn Coleman (Kevin Coleman), Peggy Cotter (Joe Cotter) Mary Crosswhite (Joyce Morris), Chris Davis (Mike & Julia Bolton), Jade Embry (Brian & Brandi Welch), Jennifer Fetters (Bob & Betty Bush), Imogene Fitts (Julia Bolton), MaryAnn Golson (Ken Golson), Dewayne Gunnels (Jana Dugger), Randy Haltom (Imogene Haltom), Mark Harris (Sylvia Harris), Jackie Hibbett (Lee Hibbett), Roy Hickman (Kevin Hickman), Allison Hill (Margaret Record), Ever Johnson (Paul & Patricia Johnson), Ted Lingren (Michele Kammanee), Vickie Malone (Mike Hurst), Marguerite McKnight (Ethan Hardin), Ermer McNeil (Debbie Lofton), Jack Milligan (Ann Lowe), Barbara Ray (Carol Webb), Amy Reed (Joe & Sandy Cotter), Jurilee Rouse (Donna Witten), Frank Sarver (Sandy Cotter), Bruce & Gene Smith (Don Smith), Micke Smith (Micah Smith), Faye Stevens (Emily Marise), Jerry Steele (Algene Steele), Vincent Todaro (Linda Hodges), Mildred Wheeler (Sherry Thomas), Peggy Whitman (Lona Bolton), Erin Williams (Clay Carpenter), Ralph Wilson (Jana Dugger)

Military: Alex Carpenter, Johnathan Cronan, Will Hodges, Blake Jaggars, Colton Jones, Brice Thompson, Mark Thompson, Hunter Miller

In Iraq: Matthew Smith

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Feb 25: 10AM Jana & LeighAnne Dugger; **5PM** Donna Farris & Shannon Chasteen

March 4: 10AM Melanie Shelton/Presley & Payton Rhodes; **5PM** Spring McCutchen & Anita Burton

March 11: 10AM Nicole Breeding & Amanda Smotherman; **5PM** Melissa & Anna Bolton

March 18: 10AM Amy & Ella Smith; **5PM** Cindy & Mallory Blackwell

March 25: 10AM Molly & Maggie Hopper; **5PM** Nina Mims & Marah Collins

THANK YOU NOTES posted on the bulletin board from **Paul & Patricia Johnson** and **Jim & Val Cartwright**.

SYMPATHY is extended to **Mitch & Staci Irwin** since the death of their grandmother, Roberta Irwin; to **Bill Benson & Weldon Hendrix** since the death of Juanita Benson; to **Brian & Brandi Welch** since the death of Brian's mother, Ruth Welch; and to **Lance Beshires** since the death of his grandfather, Clyde Beshires.

BIBLE READING CARDS for March are available at the Welcome Center. The scriptures that are read on Sunday mornings will be taken from the Focus verses on the front of the cards.

NEW MEMBERS

We want to welcome **Brandon Notgrass** (FHU Box 677), **Greg Puckett** (FHU Box 10061) and **Jason Stockard** to our church family!

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with **Amos Elliott** and **Kenneth Moore** (FHU student) who were baptized this week!

REQUESTED PRAYERS

Elliott Harris and **James Harris** (FHU student) requested the prayers of the church.

NEW ADDRESS

Paul & Patricia Johnson
750 Port Street #212
Alexandria, VA 22314



YOUTH
FEB 23-25
CYC
 Pigeon Forge



BABY GIRL
SHOWER FOR
ELWEN & SHANE
HESSLERODE
Sun, March 11
1:30-3pm
Commons



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUN, MARCH 11

Senior Adult Rally
 Henderson Church of Christ

There's Still Lots to Do!
 2 Corinthians 4

Speaker **David Powell**
 Song Leader **Richard England**

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Saturday | March 24, 2018
 10am – 1:30pm
 Registration | 9:30am
 Lunch Provided

Our Ministers

- Roy Sharp - *Pulpit/Involvement Minister*
- Billy Smith - *Pulpit Minister*
- Bill Wade - *Associate Minister*
- Jared Gott/Bill Wade - *Youth Ministers*
- Bruce Lewis - *Senior Minister*
- Lee Hibbett/Seth Stewart - *University Ministers*

Our Elders

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| Larry Bloomingburg | Shawn Bolton | Ron Butterfield | Richard England | Larry Gilliam |
| Mike McCutchen | Gary McKnight | Stephen Morris | Larry Oldham | Barry Smith |
| Charlie Smith | Keith Smith | Algene Steele | John Sweeney | |

Our Deacons

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| Tony Allen | Tim Anderson | Mark Barber | Bryan Black | Mike Bolton |
| Patrick Bolton | Dexel Burns | Bobby Bush | Brian Butterfield | Richard Cave |
| Darryl Culberson | Larry Cyr | Jason Deffenbaugh | Jason Elliott | Paul Fader |
| Kerry Gott | Michael Green | Jerry Hesselrode | Tyrone Hopper | Todd Humphry |
| Bobby Hysmith | David Jackson | Ronald Johnson | Scott Kimpel | Dee Richardson |
| Wayne Roberts | Scott Rogers | Tony Rush | Wayne Scott | Donald Shull |
| David Sweeney | J. D. Thomas | Chad Thompson | Joe Trice | Tom Vickery |
| Damon Welch | Richard West | | | |

