



# THE MESSENGER

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## welcome home



*Join us for a 3-day  
homecoming gospel meeting  
April 29 - May 1, 2018*

**invite  
friends,  
neighbors,  
former  
members**

*Henderson  
Church of Christ  
240 White Ave  
Henderson, TN  
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With guest speakers:  
**David Lipe (Sunday)**  
**Jason Beard (Monday)**  
**David Powell (Tuesday)**

Join us Sunday at 9am, 10am & 12:30pm  
(potluck lunch @ 11:15am)  
Monday & Tuesday at 7pm



**March 11, 2018**

Bible Study .....	472
Sunday a.m. ....	633
Sunday p.m. ....	581
Wednesday .....	815
Contribution .....	\$16,097

**March 18, 2018**

Bible Study .....	478
Sunday a.m. ....	703
Sunday p.m. ....	573
Wednesday .....	834
Contribution .....	\$15,919



<b>Saturday March 24</b>	<b>Senior Adult Rally - Registration @ 9:30am/Program 10am - 1:30pm/Brunch provided Sign up at the Welcome Center</b>
<b>Fri - Sun Mar 30 -April 1</b>	<b>Lads to Leaders - Nashville</b>
<b>Tuesday April 10</b>	<b>Sew Sisters, 9-noon</b>
<b>Thursday April 12</b>	<b>Senior OASIS lunch @ noon</b>
<b>Fri - Sun April 13-15</b>	<b>Youth Spring Retreat</b>
<b>Sunday April 15</b>	<b>Baby Shower for Nadia &amp; Harrison Graham in the Commons, 1:30-3pm</b>
<b>Sunday April 22</b>	<b>Bridal Shower for Jamie Moody (and Logan Cain) in the Commons, 1:30-3pm</b>
<b>Sun - Tues April 30 - May 1</b>	<b>Homecoming Gospel Meeting with David Lipe, Jason Beard and David Powell</b>



## KNOWN APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Hallie Hickman	11	Kelley Hickman	21	Estelle Maxwell
2	Trina Greer	13	Johnny Garner	22	Clay Carpenter
2	Joshua Wade	14	Anna Bolton	22	Dee Richardson
3	Greg Hollamon	15	Spring McCutchen	22	Clara Shull
3	Jordan Phelps	15	Ryder White	22	Kim Vickery
3	Laurel Sewell	15	Paul Whitehead	23	Jana Dugger
4	Andy Blackwell	17	Byron Breeding	23	Jaelyn Leek
4	David Chasteen	17	Stefanie Hueter-Mead	24	Sylvia Arnold
5	Adley Maness	17	Sherry Thomas	24	Patsy Barber
7	Crystal Hart	18	Melody Tollerson	24	Adam Cyr
7	Bonnie King	19	Tyler Atkins	26	Larry Gilliam
7	Randy Mead	19	Dylan Atkins	28	William Meadows
7	Sharon Miller	19	Kim Roberts	29	LeAnn Davis
8	Clint Kea	20	Dylan Blackwell	29	Bill Harris
10	Taylor Hodges	21	Bryan Black	29	Kathy Neal
10	Neal Smith	21	Grant Burns	30	Casey Dugger
11	Micah Barber	21	Spence Lofton		

## KNOWN APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1	Clay & Lindley Carpenter	20	Ethan & Ashley Hardin
3	Michael & Crystal Hart	25	Charles & Nancy Smith
4	Anthony & Laura Drieling	27	Anthony & Christy Moody
6	Donald & Chris Smith	28	Tyrone & Molly Hopper
10	Larry & Carol Oldham	28	Jim & Jill Sanderson
19	Jerry & Sheila Hesselrode	29	Shane & Ashley Buckley

# *Billy's Bylines*

By Billy Smith

## **Focused on Faithfulness**

This is our congregational theme for the beautiful Spring month of April. When we describe someone as being faithful, we are using some of the strongest words in our language: *loyal, conscientious, reliable, complete trust and confidence*. Therefore, we do not use the word lightly. And neither does the Lord. The intent of our emphasis this month is to help all of us grow in being more faithful to the Lord, His word, and to each other.

One of the amazing features of the church is that we get to see and experience faithfulness in every age group. First, our *children* show great faithfulness by being raised in our Bible School program, by their sweet presence in worship, by the encouragement of their smiles and hugs, and in watching them holding their Bibles and "take home papers." If we could suggest a hymn for this precious age group, it would be "Jesus Loves Me."

Second, our *youth* show their faithfulness to the church by their attendance and involvement in classes, worship, and the work of the congregation. They take their place in the Youth Group, Lads-to-Leaders, youth rallies, campaigns, VBS, summer Bible camp, evangelism, service projects, not the least of which is the Senior Appreciation Dinner. A hymn that describes this stage of life is "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?"

Third, our *University students* also contribute their faithfulness to the life of the church. They are being trained for lifelong careers, but with all that is involved in that quest, they remain faithful to the Lord and His church, growing in their knowledge of Scripture and its application to their lives. They are ready to serve, but they are also ready to provide leadership in classes, worship, and numerous activities. They encourage all of us when they blend their voices for the most beautiful singing this side of Heaven. A hymn that applies to this age group is "Listen to Our Hearts."

Fourth, in the world of our *adults*, from the *young, middle-age, and senior saints*, faith and faithfulness is demonstrated in every aspect of life, not only Sundays, but Monday through Saturday Christianity. They are Bible-based, God-committed, and Christ-centered. They have experienced the joys and sorrows life brings, and they accept the blessings, opportunities, and challenges the Lord sends with faith and confidence in His promises.

May the Lord bless our growth in faithfulness. We look forward to this month long emphasis with the people we love, our Henderson church family.

# *Koinonia*

Bill Wade

Copy and paste. Copy and paste. That's easy to do, right? You find something you like that has been hashed out by another person or persons and you submit it as your own. In writing, it would be plagiarism if you didn't site the source from which the information you copied and pasted came from. But it's easy to do and takes absolutely no effort or thought.

I wonder if we don't approach our faith in this way. We have great examples of faith in the Bible that we can read about in Hebrews 11 and all throughout Scripture. We have examples at church that we can see and learn from. We have grandparents and parents and even siblings that we can look to as an example. We can copy what they do and paste it into our lives.

But that is not our faith. It's theirs. We copied it. We pasted it. We claimed it as our own.

I am not discounting the value of an example. There is absolutely nothing wrong with looking up to a person, including that person's faith, and wanting to be like them. Didn't Paul write in 1 Corinthians 11:1, "Imitate me as I also imitate Christ?"

But your faith has to develop and be your own. It has to grow deep roots within you, otherwise, when the storms come, it'll waiver. My faith, my belief in God and my obedience to the commandments of God is what will get me to heaven. My father's faith will not get me to heaven. It is his faith, not mine.

Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please God for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Faith in God must be your own. You can't just copy and paste from someone else. It must be your own.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Salvation is dependent on our faith. Do you believe or are you just repeating what someone else has said?

Our faith can take years to develop by studying, praying, asking questions, learning from others that we trust to be sound in the Scriptures. By doing so, we are taking ownership of our beliefs, our faith and are not simply copying and pasting someone else's faith and claiming it as our own.

## **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, Richy & Jacquita Butler, Jim Cartwright, Joanna Cearley, Phyllis Culver, Debby Flatt, Don & Linda Sue Gover, Sylvia Harris, Joe Jett, Danny Jones, Sharon Kea, James Koronka, Steven Marise, Janis McCall, 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:** Jon & Julie Adams (Ed & Ella Adams), 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), Justin DeFrees (Sandy 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), Charlotte Peters (Damon Welch), 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**

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

**April 1: 10AM** Kim Henry & Amanda Sherman; **5PM** Kelby Clark & Emily Thomason

**April 8: 10AM** Jennifer Varner & Arika Young; **5PM** Joan Smith & Meg Sharp

**April 15: 10AM** Nancy Smith & Ashley Hardin; **5PM** Cathy & Macy Maples

**April 22: 10AM** Jana & LeighAnne Dugger; **5PM** Donna Farris & Shannon Chasteen

**April 29: 10AM** Candice Barber & Mia Carter; **5PM** Lauren White & Shila England

#### **BAPTISMS**

We rejoice with **Ashton Burton and Sydney Smith** (FHU student) who were both baptized into Christ recently!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Dale Neal** was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame! Also, the FHU girls' basketball team won the NAIA championship.

#### **THANK YOU NOTES**

Notes are posted on the bulletin board from **Janis McCall, Sherry & David Thomas and Clea Sisk**.

**BIBLE READING CARDS** for March & April 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 MEMBER**

We want to welcome **Kim Smith** to our church family. Kim's address is 24 Gideon Cove, Jackson, TN 38305.

#### **REQUESTED PRAYERS**

**Jacob Sewell & Weston Stone** requested the prayers of the congregation.



**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  |                   |                   |                |

