



THE MESSENGER

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Summer Quarter begins Sunday, June 3





STATISTICS

April 29, 2018

Bible Study	447
Sunday a.m.	688
Sunday p.m.	434
Wednesday	827
Contribution	\$17,254

May 6, 2018

Bible Study	528
Sunday a.m.	750
Sunday p.m.	688
Wednesday	744
Contribution	\$17,494

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 2018

Book Balance 2/28/18	\$65,637.62
March Deposits	88,918.92
March Disbursements.....	(136,527.17)
Balance 3/31/18	\$18,029.37

Funds Used:

Benevolence	\$3109.47
Buildings & Grounds.....	10,934.98
Missions.....	21,977.00
General Miscellaneous.....	611.34
Salaries	17,767.88
Office Supplies.....	3000.38
Payroll Taxes.....	2216.25
Transfer to Building Account.....	50,000.00
Youth	24,302.68
Evangelism.....	511.97
University	671.07
Seniors	1255.25
Education.....	69.90
Technology.....	99.00
Total	136,527.17

April 2018

Book Balance 3/31/18	\$18,029.37
April Deposits	80,350.02
April Disbursements.....	(64,947.72)
Balance 4/30/18.....	\$33,431.67

Funds Used:

Benevolence	\$595.00
Buildings & Grounds.....	5,448.81
Missions	20,808.67
General Miscellaneous.....	1134.75
Salaries	18,161.48
Office Supplies.....	1508.71
Payroll Taxes.....	5820.87
Youth	7864.24
Evangelism.....	1300.00
University	376.59
Seniors	1059.40
Men's Retreat/Breakfast	300.00
Education.....	569.20
Total	\$64,947.72



Save These Dates for May!

- MAY 13:** TWEENS event at the home of Tim & Belinda Anderson @6pm
Mother's Day
- MAY 14-15:** FHU Rummage Sale Drop-Off Days
- MAY 16-19:** FHU Rummage Sale Days @National Guard Armory
- May 20:** Baby Girl Shower for Melissa & Josh Hooker @2pm
Shepherding Group meeting (Morris & Steele) @6pm
- May 22:** Senior OASIS Trip to Tupelo

Roy's Sidelines

By Roy Sharp

To Be Accepted, I Must Accept

There are so many great needs each of us has for a great life. One of the greatest is the need of acceptance. Abraham Maslow developed a hierarchy of needs to help us understand ourselves better. One of those needs is stated as follows: ***Belongingness and the Need for Love*** - *Once basic and safety needs are met, human needs become social and involve a need for acceptance and to love and be loved. If these elements are absent, social anxiety and depression can arise.*

God meets this need for us in the proper relationship with God. Paul saw himself as the "chief of sinners" yet he writes in Ephesians 1:3-6 the following wonderful statement. *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.* The Bible plainly teaches that all men sin and fall short of the glory of God and that the wages of sin is death. Death would be our lot if we were not accepted by God. Thank God that "the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Every faithful Christian who worships at the Henderson Church of Christ is accepted by God. Is any of us perfect, that is without sin? Obviously not. However, we can feel great about the relationship each of us has with our God because He has made us accepted in Christ.

Since God accepts us with all our mistakes and consistently forgives us as we are faithful to him, we must accept one another. Paul states in Romans 15:5-7 the following: *Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.* This principle is so hard to practice when we look at the sin in the lives of other people. However, since God has accepted all of us in Christ, we need to receive and accept each other in Christ.

May God bless us with the will to feel accepted by God in Christ, when we have obeyed and may we also possess the will to accept all who are in Christ as we work and worship together in God's kingdom here in the church at Henderson.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

This is James 1:12. I had a chat with a young man recently who is struggling on several fronts. His recent decisions have led him to feel lost, without a sense of where to go or what to do next. We discussed the fact that he hasn't entered a church in almost 2 years. He asked me what books in the Bible I enjoy reading. I immediately said, "Read the Book of James." When asked why that book, I told him that it reminds Christians how we are to live.

Though this young man is struggling right now, I know that he can get back to where he once has been by making better decisions, accepting help and encouragement from his family and by yielding himself to the will of God and accepting the forgiveness that can only come from Jesus Christ.

As I remember all of the things that were said in our last conversation, I am specifically thinking about the fact that we are all possibly struggling in some way. We all have trials that we face. We all have to make decisions and have to accept the consequences that come from those decisions. We all have to ask for forgiveness.

Consider the words to a new chorus to an old familiar hymn:

I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued,
I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned,
By the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms,
Praise God, Just As I Am.

If you are struggling, please know that you are not alone. There are numbers of people who love you and will be willing to help you. But also know this, God loves you and is willing and able to help you with all of your struggles.

Read the Book of James. Read the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Accept the forgiveness that Jesus offers and forgive yourself, which is a harder task sometimes. Develop or strengthen your prayer life. Put Jesus first and others before yourself. As James writes, you will be blessed.

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, Barbara Bell, Bob Brown, Ramona Burns, Richy Butler, Joanna Cearley, Bob Day, Debby Flatt, Joe Jett, Danny Jones, James Koronka, Debbie Lofton, Steven Marise, Janis McCall, Billie Noles, Margaret Record, Dorothy Redden, Joan Rhea, Trent Rhodes, David Thomas, Helen Wade, James Webb, Anslee West

Shut-in Members: Bill Benson, Mary Jones, Stephen Lancin, Virginia McAdams, Lois Rhodes, 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), Elizabeth Music (Julia Bolton), Martel & Doris Pace (Lehman & Maurene McKnight), 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, Brice Thompson, Mark Thompson, Hunter Miller

In Iraq: Matthew Smith

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May 13: 10AM Nicole Breeding & Amanda Smotherman; **5PM** Melissa & Anna Bolton

May 20: 10AM Amy & Ella Smith; **5PM** Cindy & Mallory Blackwell

May 27: 10AM Molly & Maggie Hopper; **5PM** Nina Mims & Katie Maxwell

REQUESTED PRAYERS

Elizabeth Ulmer (FHU student) requested prayers of the congregation.

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to **Cindy Blackwell** since the death of her uncle, Roger Anderson, to **Loretta Cave** since the death of her brother, **Woodrow Efaw**; to **Margaret Ridings** since the death of her husband, Ron; to **Joel McCall** since the death of his aunt, Clyde Butler; and to **Jean Marilyn Hogan** since the death of her nephew, Pat Hogan.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Shane & Elwen Hesselrode** since the birth of their daughter, Terin Rose, born May 4, 8 lbs & 15 in. Grandparents are **Jerry & Sheila Hesselrode**.

CONGRATULATIONS to **David Kea** upon his graduation from FHU with a Masters in Ministry!

THANK YOU NOTE is posted on the bulletin board from **Joanna Cearley**.

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP!

TWEENS EVENT

**MAY 13
6PM
\$3**

HOME OF TIM & BELINDA ANDERSON

PARENTS: PICK UP @BUILDING AT 8PM

FHU Rummage Sale
COMING UP SOON!

Drop-off Dates: May 14-15
Sale Dates: May 16-19
National Guard Armory

A Little Princess is on her way!


Join us for a baby shower in honor of
Melissa & Josh Hooker

May 20, 2018 | 2 - 3:30pm | Commons
Registered at Amazon

Sunday, May 20
Shepherding Groups
6 & 11
Morris & Steele
@ 6pm
Fellowship



SENIOR OASIS TRIP
Birthplace of Elvis Presley
Tupelo
Tuesday, May 22



Sarah Couser

SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT
OF GRAHAM POSTON
JUNE 3, 2018
1:30-3PM

Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond

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

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

Our Deacons

Tony Allen
Patrick Bolton
Darryl Culberson
Kerry Gott
Bobby Hysmith
Wayne Roberts
David Sweeney
Damon Welch

Tim Anderson
Dexel Burns
Larry Cyr
Michael Green
David Jackson
Scott Rogers
J. D. Thomas

Mark Barber
Bobby Bush
Jason Deffenbaugh
Jerry Hesselrode
Ronald Johnson
Tony Rush
Chad Thompson

Bryan Black
Brian Butterfield
Jason Elliott
Tyrone Hopper
Scott Kimpel
Wayne Scott
Joe Trice

Richard West
Richard Cave
Paul Fader
Todd Humphry
Dee Richardson
Donald Shull
Tom Vickery