



THE MESSENGER

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OUR FOCUS FOR AUGUST IS FORGIVENESS



July 29, 2018

Bible Study	439
Sunday a.m.	547
Sunday p.m.	418
Wednesday	343
Contribution.....	\$18,148

August 5, 2018

Bible Study	461
Sunday a.m.	678
Sunday p.m.	357
Wednesday	483
Contribution	\$17,370



Sunday, August 12

- **New Members' Pictures taken in the room across from the office immediately after Bible class & AM worship. If you would like to have your picture taken again, this is a great time to do it.**
- **Ladies Day Steering Committee Meeting in the Commons Classroom @4pm**
- **TN Children's Home Coin Boxes due**
- **Lads to Leaders Registration tables will be set up before and after the evening service. Please remember to stop by and register.**

Tuesday, August 14

- **Sew Sisters @9-noon**

Wednesday, August 15

- **Summer Series with Jared Gott @7pm**

Sunday, August 19

- **New Members' Pictures taken in the room across from office immediately after Bible class & AM worship**

- **TWEENS meet @ building at 2:45pm to go to nursing home. Also, year-round Lads to Leaders Boys' Song Leaders please come & lead singing. Bring money for Dairy Queen.**
- **Pew Packers class resumes (front of the auditorium @4:40pm)**
- **Lads to Leaders Bible Bowl meet & greet/pizza dinner in the Fellowship Hall after PM service**

Wednesday, August 22

- **5:45 University-led Service Resumes; Bible Classes for all ages @7pm**

Saturday, August 25

- **Senior OASIS trip to Booneville Church of Christ - bus leaves @8am & returns @3pm**

Sunday, August 26

- **Henderson Campus Ministry Kick-Off after PM worship in the Fellowship Hall**

Thursday, August 30

- **Apologetics Press Benefit Dinner in the Activity Center @6:30pm - Details at Welcome Center**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 2018**

Book Deposits	\$62,887.86
July Deposits.....	92,633.39
July Disbursements.....	(136,139.83)
Balance 7/31/18	\$19,381.42

Funds Used:

Benevolence	\$559.76
Buildings & Grounds	5,599.83
Missions	44,436.74
General Miscellaneous.....	466.63
Salaries	19,593.13
Office Supplies	1,517.24
Payroll Taxes.....	2,501.01
Youth	9,606.42
Ladies Day	67.96
Transfer to Building Account.....	50,000.00
Education.....	1,791.11

Total..... \$136,139.83

Roy's Sidelines

Roy Sharp

Honor To Whom Honor

We have just gone through a period of determining by election who will serve Henderson and Chester County in many offices. God's word teaches us that we should consider our leaders in governmental positions as ministers of God himself because they are ordained by God (Romans 13). Our community is blessed in many ways. We have a great school system for our children. We have a Christian university that offers much to the community. We are blessed with many capable leaders in our city and county government who give our community a good name and make Chester County and Henderson a great place to live. I am grateful to live in this community and want to suggest honor to two of our community agencies that deserve praise and honor for the jobs they have to do for each of us. First, please give thought to the honor our county fire fighters deserve. They are often called to work diligently in emergency situations to help save lives and property. They work at all hours of the day and night and are at our beck and call. Danger is inherent in the work they are asked to do. They are trained to work in every season of the year - hot, cold, holidays, and perhaps sometimes even during a vacation period. Amazingly, most of these people who do this difficult job are unpaid volunteers. The work they do is very demanding physically, mentally, and emotionally. I have personally witnessed the hard work of getting hoses and other equipment hooked up and set in place to fight fires. When the demanding job of getting a fire under control is done, I witness the "onlookers" who have been watching all the action going on leave the scene but the fire fighters are left with the job of getting everything put back in place on the trucks and be ready for the next fire. Some of the firefighters must stay on the scene to make sure the fire does not reignite. When you enter a building where a fire has been put out, there is still danger. You can still feel the heat and care must be taken due to the damage done to the structure of the building. The Henderson church has experienced the blessings that come as firefighters have been called to help our members who have experienced the awesome difficulty of a house fire. Many of you have witnessed the hard work done to do everything possible to do an excellent professional job of controlling very difficult situations. I am especially proud that some of our members choose to work in this way to serve our community and in this way offer service to God as well. Thank you, Henderson and Chester County firefighters.

Another group of community servants that deserves our praise and honor are the city and county law enforcement officials. We live in a relatively safe and peaceful community. However, we recognize that we are not without difficulties being faced by these officers on a regular basis. The average citizen does not see and often does not think about the difficulties or dangers these individuals face almost daily. An example of the inherent difficulties of this job occurred when I was serving as a vice-president at FHU. One night I was driving a bus load of campers on our campus and one of the counselors came to me and said that a young man sitting in a truck parked on our campus had pointed a gun at the bus. The counselor gave the name of the young man in the truck and a description of the truck and the police stopped the truck. When the policeman came to the truck at 1:00 am, the windows were rolled up and were tinted so that the policeman could not see inside the truck. He had been told the young man had a gun. In this case, the gun turned out to be a toy but looked so very real. Imagine yourself in the position of walking up to that truck in the middle of the night to check out that situation. Most of us do not think of these kinds of situation because we mostly see individuals pulled over for speeding and we think that is about all these servants are asked to do. Without these law enforcement officials, our community would not be as safe and as peaceful as it is. A very special thanks to our city and county law enforcement officials. May we all give honor and praise to whom honor and praise is due.

Koinonia

Bill Wade

The following was shared with me:

The longest book in the Bible, Psalms, is a book of prayer. The longest psalm in this book of prayer is a psalm celebrating the law, the Word of God. There is a strong, though implicit, message in this fact: In the heart of the Bible is a book about the life of prayer, and Scripture is critical to the life of prayer.

There are two reasons Scripture is so important to prayer. One, Scripture emphasizes God's side of the prayer conversation. It is not the only way God speaks, but it is the norm by which we know He is speaking. God speaks through His Spirit into our hearts, for example. But if what we think we hear the Spirit saying conflicts with Scripture, we can be sure it is not the Spirit speaking.

Two, Scripture teaches us how to better hold up our end of the prayer conversation. The psalms, for instance, may not always express what we feel, nor should they. But more often than not, they are models of prayer.

What follows are some highlights from Psalm 119 of the Word of God.

1. Don't worship the book, but the God of the book. By reading the book, "I seek (God) with all my heart" (verse 10).
2. The Word of God will keep you from sin. "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (verse 11).
3. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give you understanding when you read. "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law" (verse 18).
4. The Word of God shows the way to freedom. "I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free...I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts" (verses 32,45).
5. The Word of God provides wisdom and develops character. "I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore, I hate every wrong path" (verse 104).
6. The Word of God gives guidance in life. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (verse 105).
7. The Word of God is absolutely faithful. "Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them" (verse 140).

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, Joanna Cearley, Hannah Chasteen, Tommie Faulkner, Debby Flatt, John Hartman, Kelley Hickman, Joe Jett, Danny Jones, James Koronka, Dale Neal, Billie Noles, Margaret Record, Dorothy Redden, Trent Rhodes, James Webb, Donna Witten

Henderson Health & Rehab: Bill Benson, Stephen Lancin, Ermer McNeil, Robbie Stanfill, Peggy Whitman

Henderson Villa: Murdell Barker, Minnie Gray

Southern Oaks: Ramona Burns, Dot Williams

West TN Transitional Care: Richy Butler, David Thomas, Jane Miller

Spire Rehabilitation Center: Bob Brown

Shut-in @ Home: Virginia McAdams, Mary Jones, Bobbie Newman, Lois Rhodes, Molly Young

Relatives: Jon & Julie Adams (Ed & Ella Adams), Betty Barber (Adam Cross/Mark Barber), Annette & William Barham (Brandon Barham/Annetta Burton), Taryn Bolton (Mike & Julia Bolton), Evelyn Brigman (Buddy Parsons), Holly Brock (Linda Gover), Joe Neil Brown (Kay Tignor), Joe T. Burton (Joe Burton), 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), David & Mary Lee Hardin (June Roland & Joe Hardin), 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), Bob Mims (Clay Mims), Elizabeth Music (Julia Bolton), Martel & Doris Pace (Lehman & Maurene McKnight), Charlotte Peters (Damon Welch), Dennis Plunk (Amy Smith), Barbara Ray (Carol Webb), Amy Reed (Joe & Sandy Cotter), Jurilee Rouse (Donna Witten), Frank Sarver (Sandy Cotter), Bruce & Gene Smith (Don Smith), David Smith (Charlie Smith), Micke Smith (Micah Smith), Faye Stevens (Emily Marise), Jerry Steele (Algene Steele), Louise Tilley (Jean Smith), Vincent Todaro (Linda Hodges), Micah Trice (Jewell Trice) 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

August 12: 10AM Jana & LeighAnne Dugger; **5PM** Ashley Sims & Erin McEarl

August 19: 10AM Candice Barber & Mia Carter; **5PM** Donna Farris & Shannon Chasteen

August 26: 10AM Marah Collins & Arika Young; **5PM** Lauren White & Shila England

BAPTISM

We rejoice in the baptism of **Sydney White**, granddaughter of Jeff & Toni Hardin. Her address is 243 Shannon Drive in Henderson.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome **Montana Boyd**, granddaughter of **Bobbye Jean Bradley**, to our church family! Montana will be a freshman at Freed-Hardeman this fall. Montana receives her mail at Bobbye's address for now: 310 E University Street #401 in Henderson.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Brandon Barham requested prayers of the church.

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to **John & Debbie Sweeney and family** since the death of John's sister, Joyce Luther.

PEW PACKERS

Resumes
August 19



Henderson Campus Ministry

Kick-Off
Sunday, August 26
Barbecue after PM service

RUNNING IN OUR FAITH
University Day
w/ Tim Alsup

Sunday, September 9
Potluck Lunch



SENIOR OASIS GROUP BOONEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST SENIOR ADULT RALLY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
BUS LEAVES @8AM – RETURNS @3PM



Apologetics Press Benefit Dinner

Thursday, August 30 at 6:30
Henderson church of Christ
Speaker: Kyle Butt



Please sign up at welcome center or contact Chad Thompson.

Buffet Meal ★ Free to attend; donations appreciated

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10am Bible Classes for Ladies & Men

Resumes September 12

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