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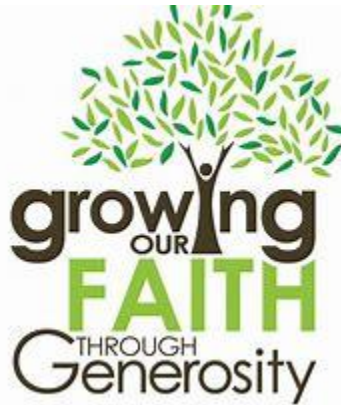
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*4th annual
Thank Singing*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @7PM

at Estes Church of Christ

Please plan to attend this area-wide singing at Estes Church of Christ. We will not have services in our building on November 21.



October 14, 2018

Bible Study.....	432
Sunday a.m.	556
Sunday p.m.	445
Wednesday	919
Contribution.....	\$15,662

October 21, 2018

Bible Study	411
Sunday a.m.	708
Sunday p.m.	454
Wednesday	834
Contribution	\$16,049

November EVENTS

Saturday November 3	90th Birthday party for Jean Starkey 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall (no gifts, please)
Saturday November 3	Daylight Saving Time ends (Nov 4) so turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed.
Thursday November 8	Senior OASIS lunch noon
Tuesday November 13	Sew Sisters 9-noon
Saturday November 17	Men's Breakfast Breakfast starts @8am/Come @6am if you want to help cook.
Monday November 19	Deadline to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one to display during the holiday season in the auditorium. Prices: 6 ½ " - \$10.00/10" - \$25.50
Wednesday November 21	4th Annual ThankSinging held at Estes Church of Christ 7pm (no services in our building)



Birthdays

1	Emmett Buckley	9	Hallie Hardin	18	Penny Williams
1	Joy Simmons	9	Billie Noles	19	Debbie Lofton
1	Ella Smith	9	Kim Poston	20	Riley Barker
2	Shelbie Cross	9	Chris Simmons	20	Lydia Jones
2	Colin Turner	10	Randy Bloomingburg	21	Joey Butterfield
3	Rick Brumback	11	Vera Cole	21	Susan Humphry
3	Kendra Mills	11	Cameron Greer	22	Scott Rogers
4	Jonah Smith	11	Larry Oldham	22	Tony Rush
5	Becca Evans	13	Phyllis Culver	23	Andrew Black
5	Sylvia Harris	13	Caileigh Irwin	24	Sharon Kea
5	Katie Maxwell	14	Brett Welch	25	Barbara Hodges
5	Billy Smith	15	Paige Lofton	26	Keith Smith
5	Jean Starkey	16	Jacquita Butler	27	Lona Bolton
6	Nina Mims	16	Seth Smotherman	27	Joey Smith
7	Bobbye Bradley	17	Philip Brumback	28	Ryan Hodges
7	David Florida II	17	Adelae Gott	29	Loretta Cave
7	Diana Hesselrode	17	Brody Maness	29	Mary Collins
7	Nancy Smith	17	Sherry Taylor	30	Rachel Hibbett
8	Dane Burns	18	Jasper Cross	30	Spencer Lofton
8	Kaylan Stewart	18	Greg Poston		

Anniversaries

1	Clint & Sharon Kea	18	Wayne & Penny Williams
7	Bobby & Betty Bush	19	Anthony & Katelyn Ashton
8	Jeremy & Kristen Hicks	19	Kyle & Bridget Lamb
9	Kevin & Bridget Allen	22	Jackson & Melissa Ellis
9	Mark & Vicky Barber	26	Ronald & Caroline Johnson
14	Buddy & Margaret Record	27	Terry & Debbie Cone
18	Matt & Lauren Barker	29	Keith & Diane Smith

Billy's Bylines

Billy Smith

Focused on Heaven

The greatest of all themes is our congregational focus for the thanksgiving month of November. The hope of living eternally with God our Father and Jesus our Savior in the celestial city of Heaven fills us with joyful living on earth and helps us endure the trials and troubles that life can bring. The New Testament provides the following characteristics of our future home.

Reserved: Jesus first promised the apostles, "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2b), a promise that applies to all who are His faithful disciples. One who heard that promise, Peter, later described that place as "an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, *reserved in heaven for you*" (1 Peter 1:4).

Rest: How often are we encouraged by these words, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, so that they may *rest from their labors*, for their deeds follow with them" (Revelation 14:13). The late Bro. H. A. Dixon would conclude his prayers, "Father, wear us out in Thy service." Since his passing in November of 1969, he has indeed enjoyed rest from his labors.

Reward: As Paul came to the triumphant end of his life, he said to Timothy, "There is laid up for me a *crown of righteousness*, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:8).

Reunion: When we lose those we love, we know because of their faithful obedience to the Lord, and our desire to walk in their steps, we will see them again someday: "Then we who are alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17).

Recognition: To the question, "Will we know each other in Heaven?", the Bible answers with a resounding yes! At the Mount of Transfiguration, "Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him" (Matthew 17:3). Both Moses and Elijah had been dead physically for centuries, yet they were recognizable as Moses and Elijah spiritually in their special meeting with the Lord! So yes, we look forward to knowing each other for eternity.

Reign: In an amazing promise, Paul stated, "If we died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also *reign* with Him (2 Tim. 2:11-12a). Ours will not be just a reserved place of rest, reward, reunion, and recognition in Heaven, we will also reign with Him from Heaven! Such promises are too much for our comprehension, but in them we believe, trust, work, and worship as we look forward to His glorious appearing (Titus 2:3).

Koinonia

Bill Wade

I really enjoy singing. I also enjoy leading singing, although I don't get the opportunity to do so as often as I would like. You might wonder why I love to sing. The answer is very simple. I am using my voice to lift praise up to our Father in heaven. I am using the voice that God blessed me with to offer up to him my worship. Why do I enjoy leading? Again, the answer is simple. I love congregational singing and when I am able to lead, I put a lot of thought into the songs I choose. Sometimes, the songs that I choose to lead are very familiar and sometimes the songs that I choose to lead are very unfamiliar. But both serve a purpose in my choosing them.

This past Sunday morning, I was blessed to lead singing for our worship service. I led a song that we have sung before, but it is still fairly new. Its title was *A Purple Robe*. I chose this song to sing before the Lord's Supper because the words of the song are very fitting for the purpose of gathering around the Lord's Table. Here are the words:

*A purple robe, a crown of thorn, a reed in His right hand:
Before the soldier's spite and scorn I see my Savior stand.
He bears between the Roman guard the weight of all our woe;
A stumbling figure bowed and scarred I see my Savior go.*

*He hangs, by Whom the world was made, beneath the darkened sky;
The everlasting ransom paid, I see my Savior die.
He shares on high His Father's throne, Who once in mercy came;
For all His love to sinners shown I sing my Savior's name.*

The Bible says in **Ephesians 5:19** that we are to "address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all our hearts." **Colossians 3:16** says that we are to sing with thankfulness in our hearts to God.

The Bible does not tell us to sing only songs that we know. The Bible also doesn't tell us to sing only songs that we don't know. The Bible tells us to sing.

I didn't realize it at the time, but at one point in my life I learned to sing the song *Amazing Grace*, as well as *How Great Thou Art*, *Mansions Over the Hilltop*, *It Is Well With My Soul* and so many others. And I love those songs. Why? Because I love to sing and they are songs that have an important meaning to think about.

So in worship, let's sing. If the song leader chooses a song that it seems like we sing all the time, sing it again. Why? Because you are praising God in song. If the song leader chooses a song that you don't know, do your best to sing along and learn the song. Why? Because you are praising God in song. And that is very important for all of us to remember.

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, Bobby Bush, Jacquita Butler, Loretta Cave, Joanna Cearley, Regina East, Tommie Faulkner, Debby Flatt, Sherry Jennette, Joe Jett, Danny Jones, James Koronka, Janis McCall, William Meadows, Billie Noles, Margaret Record, Dorothy Redden, Trent Rhodes, Chris Smith, David Thomas, James Webb

Henderson Health & Rehab: Bill Benson, Ermer McNeil, Robbie Stanfill, Peggy Whitman **Henderson Villa:** Murdell Barker, Bob Brown, Minnie Gray **Southern Oaks:** Ramona Burns, Dennis Plunk, Dot Williams **Shut-in @ Home:** Virginia McAdams, Richy Butler, 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), Wayne Bender (Louise Waggoner), 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), Tom Davis (Julia Bolton), Mary Crosswhite (Joyce Morris), Chris Davis (Mike & Julia Bolton), Jennifer Fetters (Bob & Betty Bush), Imogene Fitts (Julia Bolton), MaryAnn Golson (Ken Golson), Larry Gooseby (Scott & Susan Kimpel), Dewayne Gunnels (Jana Dugger), Randy Haltom (Imogene Haltom), 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), Ralph Mays, Marguerite McKnight (Ethan Hardin), Ermer McNeil (Debbie Lofton), Bob Mims (Clay Mims), Elizabeth Music (Julia Bolton), Martel & Doris Pace (Lehman & Maurene McKnight), Charlotte Peters (Damon Welch), Barbara Ray (Carol Webb), Jurilee Rouse (Donna Witten), Bruce & Gene Smith, Ann Weinberg (Don & Chris 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), Renee Wheatley (David & Dwina Willis), Mildred Wheeler (Sherry Thomas), Peggy Whitman (Lona Bolton), Erin Williams (Clay Carpenter)

Military: Alex Carpenter, Johnathan Cronan, Will Hodges, Brice Thompson, Mark Thompson, Hunter Miller; **In Iraq:** Matthew Smith

REQUESTED PRAYERS

Dylan Atkins requested the prayers of the church.

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to **Ramona Burns** since the death of her niece, Mary Loretta Mullinex; to **Jana Dugger** since the death of her grandfather, Ralph Wilson; to **Rhonda and Chad Thompson & family** since the death of Rhonda's dad, Weldon Hargrove; and to **Tula Taylor** since the death of her uncle, Orville Nunnally.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Aaron Adamaitus and Marol (Madison) Davis** (FHU students) since they were baptized into Christ!

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 4: 10am Amy & Ella Smith, Anna Beth Whirley; **5pm** Melissa & Anna Bolton, Hannah Sprouse

Nov 11: 10am Molly & Maggie Hopper, Avrie Weldon; **5pm** Cindy & Mallory Blackwell, Natalie Valentine

Nov 18: 10am Cristy Swope, Ashley Sims, Haley Johnston; **5pm** Kim Gott, Karen Sewell, Tori Browning

Nov 25: 10am Nina Mims, Katie Maxwell, Emory Perry; **5pm** Ally Rogers, Summer Judd, Brianna Parshall



**90th Birthday Party for
Jean Starkey**

You're Invited!

Saturday, Nov 3, 2-4pm, in the Fellowship Hall
Hosted by Jean's children & grandchildren
No gifts, please.



DAYLIGHT SAVING

Fall Back

DON'T FORGET TO TURN
YOUR CLOCKS BACK

SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 3

PLAYBACK MEDIA
WEB PREVIEW ONLY



MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 8AM

Saturday, November 17



Order a Poinsettia!

6.5" - \$10
10" - \$25.50

Deadline to order: November 19

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
 Dixel 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

