

TEACHING AND ADMONISHING

Colossians 3:16

Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to the Lord.

Singing is a vital part of our worship assemblies. It connects us both with God and our fellow Christians. During that time, we are "singing with thankfulness in our hearts to the Lord." We are also "teaching and admonishing one another."

Worship is directed toward the Father and through that worship, we are extremely mindful of one another. At least that is the way it is supposed to be; "teaching and admonishing one another." There is reciprocal action in that as we are "speaking to one another" (Ephesians 5:19).

As a repository of theological content, the hymnal is second only to the Bible and has played a very important role in our spiritual education. Before I knew very much of what the Bible said about the "Trinity," I had learned something through the words of a hymn that has a recurring refrain; "God in three persons, blessed Trinity." I was taught by singing a song.

Nothing against songbooks in electronic format, but there are some things that they just cannot do. During our memorial to the Lord's death, I can open a hymnal and meditate on the words of a song that say

"O sacred head now wounded with grief and shame weighed down.
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown."

"Teaching and admonishing," those are important words. What is being taught by a psalm, hymn or spiritual song? Am I reflecting on the words, allowing myself to be taught and encouraged? Do I sincerely praise God through the poetry that I sing? Am I mindful of my brothers and sisters who are a part of the worship assembly? Words have meaning; they teach, even when they are sung.

--Ron Harper--

Updates and So Forth

Fall is upon us! Yes, that means time for school, homework, sports (thank goodness for football), bonfires, and yes more activities for our beloved congregation! I understand it is difficult or nearly impossible to do every event that we can come up with and THAT'S PERFECTLY FINE! I cannot brag enough about how amazing our parents and young people are! Here is a simple update for the things we have going on in September and some of October.

- 1) *Youth Devotional at the Glidden's on September 6 following services*
- 2) *RUSH is September 18-20—we will have another meeting for those going to RUSH at a later date*
- 3) *Bible Bowl is September 28*
- 4) *Youth devotional for October will be on Oct. 24 at my house! More details coming soon!*
- 5) *Tbh2015 is on October 17 at Boyd Christian School*

When we are constantly swamped with work, school, church, and life in general, I try to remember what the Bible says in 2 Deuteronomus 12:42, "Thou shalt attend every single activity that Salem Creek has to offer." Okay, yes, I know that is not in the Bible! And no, I am not trying to add to the word of God. I am, however, hoping that we can be greatly encouraged and be just as greatly involved in all the activities that the Lord's church has to offer.

In an attempt to redeem myself, here is a real Bible verse that does pertain to this topic. The verse is taken from Proverbs 16:3. It says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." If you are working, going to school, playing sports, etc., remember to put God first and He will take care of you. If you have any questions about the events we have planned for the near future, please see me!

Joshua Houston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SICK

Bessie Bowman – surgery
Lynda Houston - surgery
Gladys Davidson – fall
Wilburn Laws – fall, health declining

TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold, Carolyn Thomas, Janneil Brown

SHUT INS

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry,
Oleta Bullard

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Clyde & Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Wayne Mobbs, Lorene Maddox, Imogene Bozeman, Martha DeVore, Doris Mobbs, Selma Boyd, Wilburn Laws, Larry & Geri Melton, Betty Shoemaker, Rosalie Phifer, Janneil Brown, Jeanie Young, Bessie Bowman, Lynda Houston, Gladys Davidson, Mabel Robertson

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*, Opal Jones*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

NHC: Sue Reeves*, Lizzie Bush, Geri Melton*

MORNING POINTE: (Brentwood) Betty Shoemaker

STONES RIVER MANOR: Edna Vance*, Virgie Leonard*, Margaret Davidson*, Jeweldean Hall*, Laura Wiser*, Lillian Whitworth, Louise McKnight*, Martha DeVore

MILITARY

Please keep **Tony Berry** in your prayers, while he is stationed in California at Camp Pendleton.

NEWS & NOTES

Stones River Manor is hosting A End of Summer Celebration on Thursday, Sept. 10th. Flyers are available on the counter with more details.

Pictures for the pictorial directory will be in the gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter. For your dress planning, our back drop will be a medium gray color. Please see Rick Corum or Larry Benson if you have any questions.

Men's Breakfast at IHOP Tuesday, September 8th at 8 a.m.

Ladies Bible class at Stones River Manor will resume Wednesday, September 9th at 10 a.m.

Inner City fall semester begins Thursday, September 10th.

Tennessee Children's Home fall food and supply drive has begun; please have all donated items at the school by Thursday, September 24th. See Mike Bowman if you have any questions.

Christmas boxes for the Nicaragua Christian School are due Thursday, October 1st. See Fred Rogers for any questions.

tbh2015 "Youth Living in Today's World" will be on Saturday, October 17th. See Joshua Houston if you want to go.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Currently meeting at
 Middle Tennessee Christian School
 100 E. MTCS Rd.
 Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Sunday	
Morning Worship	8:30 am
Bible Classes	9:45 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm
Wednesday	
Morning Bible Class	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
 Jim Hatfield
 Jon Holland
 Andy Mitchell
 Randall Phifer
 Fred Rogers
 Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Bob Hoover	Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

August 30, 2015

Sunday	AM worship	154
	Bible classes	137
	PM worship	120
	Contribution	\$4,837.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	113
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	----

GREETERS

Please be at the door 15
 minutes prior to services!



September 6

Andy & Lisa Mitchell
 Drew & Amanda Mitchell

September 13

Louise Smithson
 Dean Thompson

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back to Middle Tennessee Christian School while our new building is under construction.

We were honored by your presence!