

**DON'T FORGET YOUR NEIGHBOR****Luke 10:36**

***Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robber's hands?***

"Which of these three was a neighbor?" We might find that to be a very convicting question if we could put ourselves in the position of one of the three men in the story. Of course, there are others in the story; men such as the thieves who beat and robbed the victim?

Which represents me? I have a hard time imagining that I would beat and rob a traveler on a dangerous road as those men did. So, if you don't mind, I'll quickly pass over thieves.

What about the priest or the Levite? They neither beat nor robbed the man so you might ask, why should they be rebuked? Let's let Jesus answer the question. There was a man lying on the side of the road; a man who had been robbed, beaten and left for dead. What did the priest and the Levite do? They did absolutely nothing. If the man died it would be, in part, due to their neglect. How many people go hungry because I simply pass by? I did not rob them nor did I beat them. I just neglected them.

Then there is the man who is the hero, the Samaritan. He was a true neighbor because he understood what it means to "love your neighbor as yourself." He saw a person in need and gave of himself to help. That is a simple yet powerful lesson. Who is my neighbor? Is there anyone who is not my neighbor? Not according to Jesus. Don't forget your neighbor.

**--Ron Harper--**

## **When We Reach For The Wrong Thing**

You and I both could very likely quote from memory the exact order of worship at a number of congregations. Announcements, two songs, scripture reading, prayer, song, Lord's Supper, collection, two more songs, sermon, invitation song, closing song, dismissal prayer—this is the order of the congregation where I grew up and to my knowledge is still the same today. Sermons likewise become predictable since we know there will be point one, two, three, invitation, and then we can go eat!

Sadly, because we are engaged in this cycle, we may not understand the fullness of our worship service and the impact it has on our soul. Permit me, briefly, to address two of the habits I am trying to break and perhaps you should as well.

First, for years I sang songs without even thinking about the words I was singing. Who was I singing to? Was it a song of encouragement to my brothers and sisters around me or was it a song of praise to God the creator? Was there a line in the song that went against what I believe as a born again Christian? (Yes, there are songs like that out there.) I simply was mindlessly engaged in a routine custom. So often, we sing the words and yet don't know what the message of the song is. Putting our hearts and souls into worship is key to being pleasing to God (John 4:24). So this morning, when we sing, let's sing with conviction and realization of the purpose and the words (Notice Paul and Silas and how they sang in prison—Acts 16:25).

Secondly, I used to reach for the songbook when I know the invitation was about to be given. I would completely ignore what is arguably the most important part of the sermon. Why is it that we reach for the songbook when we should be reaching out for Jesus? We all need him so why do we act like we don't? The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum of saints. Let's allow God's word to move us in such a way that we repent of our sinful lives and turn to following him! Oh, by the way, the invitation to be a child of his is being given to you even now! Remember, Peter reached for Jesus when he could have swam to the boat (Matt. 15:30). What are we reaching for?

**-Joshua Houston-**

## *PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER*

### SICK

Ron Bowersock, Mary Jo Rogers, Melba Young

### TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold, Carolyn Thomas, Janneil Brown  
Rosalie Phifer

### 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, Selma Boyd, Larry & Geri Melton, Betty Shoemaker, Rosalie Phifer, Janneil Brown, Gerald Wiseman, Ron Bowersock, Mary Jo Rogers, Melba Young, Nancy Hatton

### 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.

## *BUILDING FUND*

We have received donations to the Building Fund in memory of **Ralph Gilbert** and **Sue Davidson** by the following:

- \*Dean Thompson
- \*Regenia Grissom
- \*Andy & Lisa Mitchell

## *NEWS & NOTES*

We extend sympathy to the family of **Angela Maraschiello**, she was the daughter of Mike Jones. Please keep the Jones and Maraschiello families in your thoughts and prayers.

**Trunk or Treat** Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Soup or Chili get together following Trunk or Treat. Please bring a drink, soup or chili and enjoy some fellowship time with one another.

**Seniors** – Salem Creek will hold its annual **Senior Banquet** on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Barfield Park Wilderness Center. Please sign-up if you plan to attend and include if transportation is needed.

Remember to **Fall Back** on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## *THANK YOU CARDS*

We have received a Thank You cards from:

- \***Louis Wilson**
- \***Mrs. Frances Laws & family**

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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**

*October 18, 2015*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>AM worship</b>	<b>150</b>
	<b>Bible classes</b>	<b>114</b>
	<b>PM worship</b>	<b>122</b>
	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$5,478.00</b>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PM Bible classes</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)</b>	<b>15</b>

**GREETERS**

Please be at the door 15  
 minutes prior to services!



**October 25**

Andy & Lisa Mitchell  
 Drew & Amanda Mitchell

**November 1**

Dean Thompson  
 Regenia Grissom

*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!*