

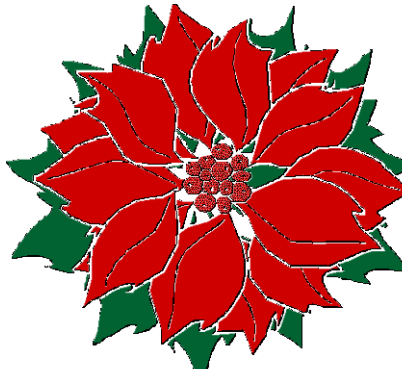
*Wishing you & your family a
blessed & happy holiday season!*

*From the staff of
Salem Creek church of Christ*

Ron Harper

Joshua Houston

Debbie Corum



Is There A Need For God?

Recently, I was listening to a debate between Dan Barker, a leading authority for atheism, and Kyle Butt, a leading authority for apologetics. In his opening statement, Dan Barker made a comment that I wish to address in the few paragraphs that I have here. The statement was this: "There's no need for a belief in a god. You can live a really happy, joyful, wonderful, meaningful life without that religious baggage."

It is true. A person can live a happy, meaningful life without believing in God or even a god. People do it every day. Does that mean there is no **need** for God? Absolutely not! We do not believe in and worship God because it adds to the quality of our earthly lives, although that is a gift we receive (see Philippians 4:19; James 1:17; Matthew 6:30-33). We do not serve God for our care in this life but rather for our care in the next. Life is not easy with God. Remember, James tells us to consider it joy when we encounter trials (James 1:2).

So why do we need God? First, we cannot save ourselves. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit offer salvation and forgiveness of sin (Acts 2; Ephesians 2; 1 Peter 3:21). This is something we cannot get anywhere else in the world! Second, without God, life has no meaning. Even atheists will admit they feel a sense of purpose and superiority to nature. That is because God allows us to rule over nature (Psalm 8) and our purpose is to serve him (Colossians 3:23-24). Lastly, although there are several other reasons we don't have the time to get into, we cannot live forever in glory with him if there is no need for God. Perhaps this is redundant since the atheist would say there is no Heaven. However, if we believe there is life after this, we need God to get there.

The truth is we simply need God. We need him for the care of our souls. This should make us all think about what condition our souls are in. If we are not willing and ready to meet the God we so desperately need, we need to make a change. We need God!

Joshua Houston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ron Bowersock – at home
Mary Jo Rogers - at home
Janie Harper
Andy Melton – surgery
Brayden Melton – car accident
Addison Melton – surgery on Tuesday

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, Marie Fleming, 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, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson, Janie Harper

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*, Opal Jones*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

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

HOSIPCE CARE: 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.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have received a donation to the Scholarship Fund in memory of **Daniel Whitworth** by the following:

*Ron & Janie Harper

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A donation has been made to the TN. Children's Home in memory of **Carl Smith** by Salem Creek church of Christ.

NEWS & NOTES

We extend sympathy to **Michael & Sara Whitworth**, for the loss of the son, **Daniel**; he passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 8th. Michael was an intern for Minerva Drive in 2005. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

We extend sympathy to **Melissa Hostetter and family**. Her father, **Carl Smith**, passed away on Tuesday, December 8th.

Shut-in boxes – Please deliver your box by December 19th. If unable to deliver your box, please contact Larry Benson.

2016 Membership Directory - please check your information for any corrections or additions. The directory copy is on the counter.

CYC - meeting tonight after evening services.

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

FOR THE RECORD

December 6, 2015

Sunday	AM worship	172
	Bible classes	134
	PM worship	121
	Contribution	\$4,963.50

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	104
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	15

GREETERS

Please be at the door 15
minutes prior to services!



December 13

Dorothy Stroop
Jim & Pat Davidson

December 20

Louise Smithson
Robert & Mary Ann McKnight

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!