

THE VISITOR

Salem Creek church of Christ

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THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

John 18:36

My Kingdom is not of this world. If My Kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My Kingdom is not of this realm.

Pilate had little interest in Jesus. In fact, he really didn't want to be bothered with Jewish politics. When Jesus was brought before him, it didn't take long for him to say to our Lord's accusers "take Him yourselves and judge Him according to your laws" (John 18:31).

When the accusers persisted, Pilate asked Jesus a simple question. "Are you the King of the Jews" (John 18:33)? Jesus answered words very familiar to us; "My Kingdom is not of this world."

The Kingdom of Christ is not in competition with worldly empires. Jesus never equipped an army with swords and spears and never led an armed rebellion against Rome. Jesus, who fought Satan at every turn, never advanced His cause with weapons of the flesh. It follows, then, that we cannot advance His cause with methods He never employed. A spiritual Kingdom cannot be advanced with carnal means.

It also means that we must look to the right source for our direction. It seems tempting, at least for some, to allow the church to be shaped by culture and its dictates. This may well become an even greater trend as we rush headlong into a secular future. At all costs, the church must never allow itself to be shaped by the world. When we allow that to happen, we will cease to exist as the body of Christ.

--Ron Harper--

First, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude for the kind welcome I have received as I begin working for the Salem Creek family. This congregation truly is a family and I am blessed to be a small part of it.

While my roles as Associate Minister are not limited to the youth, I do have very specific goals that I need parents and kids to help me with involving the youth. It takes all of us to be successful. MYM's (Monday Youth Meetings) are kicking off to a great start! This coming Monday's devotional will be held at East Main church of Christ at 7:00 P.M. Please come if are physically able! It is a great time of worship and praise and I know attending will uplift you. You won't regret it!

Also, VBS season is upon us! While we won't have our own, Kingwood's VBS is June 28-July 2. You can see all the details at kingwoodcoc.net/kaio (yes that is spelled correctly). The way they are doing it is a little different than most so if you have questions, contact me and I will try to clarify the confusion.

Those of you who are going to Nicaragua (virtually the whole congregation) please be safe and do amazing things spreading the love and saving mercy of God! Don't forget your purpose, but have fun and make new, long lasting relationships!

I am excited and eager to know all of you better and to labor with you in the work of our Lord. I beg forgiveness for forgetting names! If there is something I can do for you, please don't hesitate to tell me. I know everyone says this but I sincerely mean it. My door is always open, even when it might be physically shut.

Joshua Houston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SICK

Ann Clark, Ralph Gilbert (Northside Health Care)

TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold, Carolyn Thomas, Betty Smith

SHUT INS

Rita Reed, Mable Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Clyde & Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Wayne Mobbs, Lorene Maddox, Imogene Bozeman, Charles & Ruthe Burton, Louis & Betty Wilson, Martha DeVore, Doris Mobbs, Selma Boyd, Wilburn Laws, Marie Fleming, Larry & Geri Melton, Lester & Ann Clark, Betty Shoemaker, Ralph Gilbert

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

McARTHUR MANOR: (Manchester) Ruth Baskin

MAYFIELD REHAB: Jean Nickens*

MORNING POINT: (Brentwood) Betty Shoemaker

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

NORTHSIDE: Ralph Gilbert*

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

MILITARY

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

Please keep **James Krueger** in your prayers while he is serving in Afghanistan. He is the son-in-law of Keith & Margaret Short.

THANK YOU CARDS

We have received Thank You cards from the following:

*Hazel Carey

*Louis Wilson

*Pat Davidson

*Joshua Houston

NEWS & NOTES

Youth Devo- tonight after service at the building site. See Mike Bowman for more information.

Deacon's Meeting today at 4 pm.

Men's Breakfast at IHOP Tuesday, June 9th at 8 am.

Men's Devo – Monday, June 15th at 7 pm. Keith Short will host with Larry Benson leading the devotional.

Mission Trip cards can be placed in the box located on the counter. Please, have all cards in by Sunday, June 14th.

The graduate video is now on the Activities & Picture page of the website. It is available to view at this link <http://mdcoc.net/Churchactivitypg.html>

Senior Saints Survey forms are on the back counter. Please return completed forms within 2 weeks to be studied by the transportation committee.

Summer Series Second Sunday, June 14th – Kevin Dye.

We need **greeters** at each door to welcome members & guests to our services. If you can help with this, please sign the list on the counter.

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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

May 31, 2015

Sunday	AM worship	163
	Bible classes	132
	PM worship	114
	Contribution	\$5,047.16

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	118
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	----

GREETERS

Please be at the door 15
minutes prior to services!



June 7
Regenia Grissom
Steve & Martha Hill

June 14
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!