

THE CHOICES WE MAKE

Joshua 24:15

If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Why does someone go to prison? Why does someone become a drunkard? Why does someone destroy their life with bad habits? Why does a multi-talented person fail to achieve success? In most cases the answer is found in the choices they make.

Joshua reminded Israel that they had a choice to make; they could choose to serve the Lord or they could serve the idols of the Ammonites. Judges 6:10 reveals that they made the wrong choice. That choice led to bitter consequences.

The book of Judges tells of the vicious cycle that ensnared God's people. They would choose to serve idols, other nations would oppress them, the people would cry out to the Lord who would send a judge to deliver them. Then the circle began all over with their worship of false gods. They continued to make the wrong choice and paid the price.

Making wise choices begins with listening to God, loving Him, and obeying His will. This day you can choose to love Him. You can choose to have a good attitude. You can choose to walk in obedience. Nothing impacts our lives more than the choices we make. What are you choosing?

--Ron Harper--

Youth Activity Update

A new year is in full swing! This means new opportunities for activities and events that our young people can be involved in! I have tried to compile a list of *possible* activities that we will be doing throughout the year. **Please note that this list is subject to change with additions and subtractions of events.** Also, there will be a meeting for all parents with children in the youth group on February 21 at 4:00 PM. Please be here if you can as we discuss events and activities for your children. Thanks for your willingness to serve God and make 2016 a successful year! (1 Timothy 4:12)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
CYC (Challenge Youth Conference)	Feb. 26
Youth/College Retreat	April 1-3
MTFMC (Mid. TN Future Minister's Camp)	June 1-5
MYM (Monday Youth Meetings)	June 6-July 25
SMBC (Short Mountain Bible Camp)	TBA
Horizons at FHU	July 3-8
Nicaragua Mission Trip	June 24-July 1
B2SB (Back 2 School Bash)	July 30
RUSH at FHU	TBH (September?)
Diana Singing	September 9-10
Other:	
Young men lead services at Westbrook Towers	Every 5 th Sunday
Devotionals	1 st Sunday of every month after services
TNT's	2 nd and 4 th Thursdays of the summer (June 2-July 29)
Visitation Teams	Every Friday at 9:00 AM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

AT HOME

Ron Bowersock, Clyde Bowman, Ernestine Taylor
Hazel Carey

TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold, Carolyn Thomas, Janneil Brown

SHUT INS

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta
Bullard

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene Stephens,
Wayne Mobbs, Marie Fleming, Lorene Maddox,
Imogene Bozeman, Selma Boyd, Janneil Brown,
Gerald Wiseman, Ron Bowersock, Melba Young,
Jeanie Young, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

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

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 *Building Fund* and
Mission fund donations In Memory of
Betty Shoemaker by the following:

*Gordon Wilken

*Bill & Brenda Hayes

*Becky Croft

*Gary & Betty Hodgkin

*Amy Hodgkin

*Melissa Smith & family

NEWS & NOTES

Visitors - We are happy you chose to
worship with us today! Please fill out a
visitor's card and place it in the
collection plate.

If you have a name for the **Barnabas** list,
please fill out a Barnabas card and
place it in the collection plate.

There will be a **young adult class** starting
today, January 31st. It will meet in the
conference room.

**Visitation Team #1 meeting - Sunday,
February 7th.**

Couples Retreat in Pigeon Forge – March
18 – 20, 2016

CYC - February 26 – 28, 2016.

Greeters - Sign- up list is in the foyer.

Youth and Men's Devotional sign-up lists
are in the foyer.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday	
Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm
Wednesday	
Ladies 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

January 24, 2016

Sunday	AM worship
	Bible classes
	PM worship	170
	Contribution	\$4,976.00

Wednesday PM Bible classes 113

Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) 14

**When county schools are closed due to inclement weather
AM Ladies Class will be cancelled**

GREETERS

Please be at the door 15
minutes prior to services!



January 31

Dorothy Stroop
Andy & Lisa Mitchell

February 7

Jim & Pat Davidson
Bobby & Jackie Sims

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 as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!