

WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH A LIFE

1 Timothy 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

What can God do with a life that has been wholly devoted to sin, that has been so filled with bad things that it seems no good can come from it? Ask the author of 1 Timothy that question. He described himself as one who "was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor" (1 Timothy 1:13). God had changed that man's life so completely that he spent the rest of his life as an Apostle and a great missionary.

What made the difference in Paul's life? He always attributed the great change to the grace of God. It was Jesus who strengthened him (1 Timothy 1:12). It was the Lord who strengthened him. While he might describe himself as the foremost of all sinners, he knew that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Never think that your life is beyond redemption or that you have passed a spiritual "point of no return." If you are willing to submit to God, He can take your life and completely change it. The power to effect a change like that does not lie within you. It is found in God. It's the type of power that can take one who was a blasphemer and a persecutor and turn him into one of the greatest servants of Christ who ever lived.

That's what God can do with a life.

--Ron Harper--

The Pearly Whites

Proverbs 15:13

“A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.”

What is it about a smile that is so attractive to people? It is the language that is understood by all races and nationalities all over the world. It is the universal symbol of a positive attitude, happiness, and a good spirit. We smile simply because we have something to smile about. We have a savior who came to the Earth from Heaven and lived as we live and died a sacrificial death to provide us with a way of getting on his level since he came down to ours.

I have been blessed to grow up in the Lord's church. Ever since I can remember, I was sitting in the pew with my parents and associating myself with people who were members of the body of Christ. However, many of the Christians I knew seemed to have been weaned on a dill pickle. They wore an awful scowl and could only speak negatively of the church and the present world times. As a Christian, how can we not smile?! We know that we have a promise of eternal life! So also, we must share that with others!

I am reminded of what Paul told the Philippian church in Philippians 1:21. “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Wow! What a statement! How awesome would it be if we could make that statement for ourselves? As we live in this world, we can be the embodiment of Christ on Earth. That is a reason to smile! If we die, we can die smiling knowing that we have a home prepared with him and the Father.

What has us down and discouraged? As the proverb writer says, “...by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.” Jesus is the prince of peace and brings joy to our lives. Therefore, our challenge is to show our pearly whites to the world and let them know that true happiness is found in Jesus Christ, Son of God!

Joshua Houston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

AT HOME

Clyde Bowman, Ernestine Taylor, Dan Stephens

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, 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.

Congratulations!

There were 229 that met at MTCS for bible bowl competition this past Monday night. We want to recognize our bible bowl team members Talen Borden, Parker Hoover, Michael McGee, Mikaela McGee, Taylor McGee, Addison Melton, Drew Melton, Ashtyn Patterson, Isabella Patterson, Kaylee Phifer, Mattie Webb and Tyler Webb. The team finished tied for 2nd place on the written test and 4th place overall. Congratulations, we are proud of you and keep up the good work.

Jeff Glidden and Robert McKnight

BUILDING FUND

We have received *Building Fund* donations In Memory of **Clyde Jones & Betty Shoemaker** by the following:
*Denise Morrison *Ron Meers
*Carmen Shuler

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.

***Men's Breakfast @ IHOP** Tuesday, February 9th – 8 a.m.

***Meeting** - all parents with children in the youth group on February 21st at 4 p.m.

***Senior Saints luncheon** Saturday, February 27th at Bell Buckle Café.

There will be a **basket baby shower** for the Hernandez family, who recently had a new baby girl. The basket is located near the kitchen.



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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
Michael Bowman
Craig Buckner
Bob Hoover

Andy Melton
Brian Melton
Alan Pepper
Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

January 31, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	211
	Bible classes	167
	PM worship	157
	Contribution	\$6,244.50

Wednesday PM Bible classes 122

Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) 18

**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!



February 7

Jim & Pat Davidson
Bobby & Jackie Sims

February 14

Jeff & Karen Milstead
Keith & Margaret Short

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!