

RUNNING THE RACE

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Yesterday was the day for the annual "Special Kids Race." This event is held annually and is a fund raiser for "Special Kids." Our family, for obvious reasons, has supported it for a number of years. Some of us ran in the 15K race while others participated in the 5K run. One took part in the 1 mile "fun run." We want to say "thank you" to all of the Salem Creek family who helped man our water station.

Since Hebrews 12:1 reminds us that the Christian life is like a distance race, there are some lessons to learn from such an event. To run a long race, one has to prepare; conditioning is essential. That requires sacrifice. We must give up certain things. It is also necessary to have the right attitude. Understand that it is going to be a long race, it isn't going to be easy and it is not going to feel good at times. You must be willing to keep on running.

The Christian life is like that. It's a long race. We have to give up some things. Sin must be laid aside. Above all, we MUST have a willingness to endure. Hebrews 12:2 urges us to fix our eyes on Jesus "the author and perfecter of our faith." He endured things that we cannot believe so that we could be saved. The race is not easy but compared to what Jesus endured, it's a piece of cake. Keep on running until you cross the finish line.

--Ron Harper--

Duct Tape or Nails?

“Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4

A man dies and goes to Heaven. Peter meets him at the pearly gates and says, “Here’s how it works. You need 100 points to get into Heaven. You tell me all the good things you’ve done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.”

“Okay,” the man replied, “I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never once cheated on her and loved her with all my heart.”

“That’s wonderful!” says Peter, “that’s a good two points.”

“Two points??” the man asks. “Well, I’ve attended church all my life and have supported the local ministry ever since I’ve had my own income.”

“Terrific!” said Peter. “That’s worth about three points.”

“Only three??!! Let’s see... I began my own soup kitchen and started a shelter for homeless men, women, and children. I provided them with food and clothing and even set up jobs for them.”

“That’s wonderful! Two more points.”

“Just two!! At this rate the only way I’ll get in is by the grace of God!”

“Exactly right!” said Peter. “100 points! Come on in!”

We often try to fix our problems with duct tape or WD-40.
God solved our problem of sin with three nails.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Sue Reeves, Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Virgie Leonard, Kaylie Joy Pendgrast, Carolyn Dunnivant, Louis Wilson, Kay Jennings, Nancy Scott

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard, Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Melba & Jeanie Young

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Margaret Davidson*, Virgie Leonard*, Ernestine Taylor*, Laura Wisner*, Lillian Whitworth

SMYRNA: Geri Melton*

WOODBURY: Jeweldean Hall*

TN VETERAN'S HOME: Edna Vance*

MILITARY:

Tony Berry

NEWS & NOTES

- **Chris Martin** will be our evening speaker.
- **Nicaragua meeting today.**
- **MTCS** invites you to **Admissions Open House today.** More information on the bulletin board in foyer.
- **Men's Breakfast at IHOP** on Tuesday, April 11th at 8 AM.
- There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 15th at 2pm here at Salem Creek. Volunteers needed.
- **Pictures** – Anyone wanting to update their **Pictorial Directory picture** can do so on **Sunday, April 16th** after Sunday school in the right front of the auditorium. See Rick Corum or Larry Benson if you have any questions.
- **All December & May graduates** please submit 20-25 photos or digital pictures on disc to **Tammy Berry** or **Jan Ham** by Sunday, April 16th. **When submitting a disc please include 20-25 prints.** Photos and prints that are submitted will be returned to you in May. **Graduation meal** is planned for Sunday, May 7th.
- Salem Creek purchased an AED defibrillator for emergency situations and will be installing it in the coming weeks. We do have to go through training before that device is installed and the training is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. We want to open the training up to all members who wish to attend and there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The cost is \$35.00 per person and that will include AED training as well as being certified in CPR. It is possible that cost could be reduced based on the number of people that sign up for the training. See Craig Buckner if you have any questions.
- **Be sure to check the bulletin board for area activities and updates.**

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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 (Sept-May)

10:00 am

Evening Bible Classes

6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
Jim Hatfield
Jon Holland
Andy Mitchell
Randall Phifer
Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Rick Acklin
Larry Benson
Michael Bowman
Craig Buckner
Joe Byars

Rick Corum
Andy Melton
Brian Melton
Alan Pepper
Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

April 2, 2017

Sunday	AM worship	242
	Bible classes	191
	PM worship	139
	Contribution	\$6,815.00

Wednesday PM Bible classes 128

Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) 18

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be cancelled

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!

GREETERS

Please be at the door

30 minutes prior to service



April 9

Regenia Grissom Dorothy Stroop

April 16

Robert & Mary Ann McKnight