

**SICK PEOPLE**

**Matthew 9:12**

***But when Jesus heard this, He said, "it is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick."***

"You need to see the doctor." I can't tell you how many times I've heard those words or said them to someone else. Far more often than not, they are spoken during a time of illness. Sick people need to see the doctor.

Jesus was criticized for "eating with the tax collectors and sinners" (Matthew 9:11). His response to that criticism is found in verse 12, "it's the sick people who need the doctor." Sin is the sickness and Jesus is the doctor. There are two points to be made.

I sin. Therefore, I need the Doctor. Jesus is the only one who has the solution for the disease. His blood is the cure and I need a transfusion. His blood will take away my sin, I can be cured. That's the good news we want to hear.

The second point is also important. To those who criticized Him, Jesus said "go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matthew 9:13).

You do not criticize sick people for going to the doctor and you certainly do not criticize the doctor for taking care of the sick. In reality, we all have to deal with the same disease. It is often said that the church is like a hospital. That's true. Hospitals are places where sick people are welcome. We need to be sure that those who need to see Jesus are welcome among us. God help me to be less critical and more welcoming.

***--Ron Harper--***

## **I Need Your Help!**

I love writing. Always have. When I was in college I strongly considered double-majoring in English and Bible with the goal of writing professionally. Fortunately, that did not come to pass. Even so, I love writing these bulletin articles every week. I hope you enjoy reading them half as much as I enjoy writing them.

However, I struggle with what to write about as the weeks pass. I want to write something informative as well as inspirational. Sometimes I feel redundant in my articles to the point where they are not serving their purpose. Sometimes it just seems like words on a page rather than words with a message. Therefore, I am coming to you for help.

For the next few weeks (or however often I receive suggestions), I would like you to submit your own questions/topics to me and I will address them in these articles. You will remain anonymous and any biblically based question is welcomed. My goal is to use this avenue to explore certain things in which you may have interest. Here's how you can submit your suggestions/questions.

First, you can email me. My email address is [jsethouston@gmail.com](mailto:jsethouston@gmail.com). Please include in the subject area that this is a bulletin article suggestion/question. Second, you can submit questions via social media. Private message me on Facebook or use the hashtag #askJSHouston on Twitter. You can also tag me in your post with the Twitter handle @jsethouston. Lastly, you can submit a written suggestion to me by way of pen and paper. Please don't just verbally tell me a suggestion. Y'all know me. I'll forget it just as soon as you say it. Please write it down and personally hand it to me.

My prayer is that these articles are beneficial to you. Thank you for helping me make this avenue informational and inspirational. I look forward to studying and addressing your questions!

Joshua Houston

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ken & Barbara McPeak, Selma Boyd, Odell Grissom, Sue Reeves, Ernestine Taylor, Laura Wiser, Nell Jernigan, Narene Davidson, Shirley Bibb, Gladys Davidson, Glenda Stiles, Theresa Mears (Glenda Stile's sister)

### BATTLING CANCER:

Carolyn Thomas, Vance Benson, Cal Seccombe, and Tonya Pearson, friends of the Glovers

### SHUT INS:

Oleta Bullard, Houston Henry, Dan Stephens, Richard Jones, Wayne Mobbs, Carolyn Thomas, Louis Wilson, Melba Young

### NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

#### **\*MEMBERS**

**NHC:** Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves\*, Ernestine Taylor\*, Jeanie Young(Rehab)

**STONES RIVER MANOR:** Laura Wiser\*, Virgie Leonard\*, Margaret Davidson\*, Lillian Whitworth

**SMYRNA:** Geri Melton\*

**WOODBURY:** Jeweldean Hall\*

**TN VETERAN'S HOME:** Edna Vance\*

#### ADAMS PLACE

Shirley Bibb, Nell Jernigan

We are happy **Charles & Ruthe Burton** and **Kelly Smotherman** have moved back to the Salem Creek family. Welcome home! Please add their new information to your directory.

223 Mandella Way  
Murfreesboro, TN 37127  
Home: 615-203-6693  
Kelly: 615-631-1142

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Mabel Robertson**. Her funeral was Saturday at Woodfins.

**Wayne Mobbs** in now home following rehab.

### NEWS & NOTES

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Evan and Madison Wisdom** on the birth of their son, **Xavier Evan**. He was born on Tuesday weighing 7lbs 5oz and is 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are Alan and Agnes Pepper.

- **Rick Acklin's visitation team 2** meets today for lunch immediately following classes.
- There is a brief meeting of VBS teachers in the big classroom today at 4:45.
- Today is the last day for the **basket shower** for **Madison Wisdom**, daughter of Alan and Agnes Pepper.
- **Next Sunday, April 22** we will have a **special contribution** to assist with raising funds for this year's **Nicaragua Mission Trip**. Money raised for this year's trip will be utilized to assist with covering a portion of the trip expenses as well as assist with providing needed goods for both the **Nicaragua Christian School** and the **Nicaragua Special Needs School**. Your planning and assistance is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Ron Harper or Jon Holland.
- Haden Phifer is collecting **donations** for the **MTSU Student Food Pantry**. The deadline for donations has been extended until April 22. Any help is appreciated. Please see the flyer in the foyer for details and a list of items needed.
- **Pictures** will be made on **April 22** to update the directory. Anyone who has not had a picture made or wishes to update pictures may meet in the front of the auditorium immediately following classes.
- **A handgun carry permit class** is planned for **May 5**. Please see the sign-up sheet and pick up an information sheet in the foyer. Please see Robert McKnight or Russell Wright if you have any questions.

**Isabella Patterson** is scheduled to have knee surgery on Wednesday, April 18 at the Shriner's Hospital in Greenville, SC. Please keep her in prayers.

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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	Rick Corum
Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Joe Byars	Wendell Wilson

### FOR THE RECORD

*April 8, 2018*

Sunday	AM worship	278
	Bible classes	196
	PM worship	139
	Contribution	\$6941.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	143
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Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	11
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\*When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be canceled\*

### *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 15

Robert & Mary Ann McKnight

### April 22

Jerald & Peggy Hill