

NOW WHAT?

John 13:14

If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Today is the day we honor our graduates. Congratulations are due to our high school graduates: Christopher Hoover, Rachel Malone, and Brayden Melton. We also congratulate Andrew Hoover for graduating from Georgia Career Institute. Our university graduates are Ashley Corum Beasley, Brooklyn Cauthen, and Justin Hoover. We congratulate them as well.

The question is "now what?" You have graduated but now what are you going to do? Will it be university? Will it be technical training or just entering the work force? None of those options ought to be valued any more highly than any other. Our university grads have pursued education in the fields of music, art, and nursing. You might think that, for them, the question "now what?" has already been answered.

"Now what?" must be asked in regard to things besides career choices. Our encouragement to you is to live out the words of Jesus. The Son of God, the Lord and the Teacher, the one who should have been served, took a basin of water and a towel and washed the feet of his apostles. That was intended to be an object lesson, not a religious practice. The lesson was simple; never think you are too good to wash someone's feet. In other words, make your life all about serving others. If you can look back fifty years from now and say that is the way you lived your life, it will have been well lived.

--Ron Harper--

What I Wish People Knew...

“And to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:19

As a minister, I am constantly on edge about what I say in a sermon or Bible class. While I don't want my lessons to be so light that there is no meat, I also don't want my lessons to be overwhelmed with facts that there is no practical value. However, I do believe there is value in knowledge and learning. I asked a few friends of mine, who are ministers, what they wished their respective congregations knew before they got up to speak each Sunday. Here are my top five favorite responses (in no particular order):

1. I wish my congregation knew the books of the Bible in order.
2. I wish my congregation knew that I have social media and can see everything they post, share, and like.
3. I wish my congregation understood that I am not perfect.
4. I wish my congregation understood that I get discouraged.
5. I wish my congregation understood that I am not an elder and have no power in such matters.

Okay. I can't lie. I wish people knew these things also. However, that is *not* what I wish people knew the most. My number one wish is that people truly knew how much Jesus loved them and still continues to love them. There's only one problem with that. We cannot possibly know that love. Perhaps “know” is not a good word to use here. Let me rephrase. There is no way we can “understand” that great love. Paul writes in Ephesians 3:19 that the love of Christ surpasses knowledge!

We have the great blessing of being able to experience his love without fully understanding that love. We cannot understand why, as sinful as we are, God would love us enough to send his unique, one-of-a-kind, sinless son to this Earth to live and die so we can have hope of living forever with him in a place of no pain and no fear (John 3:16). We experience this love when we are obedient to his word and become a child of God through baptism (aka the new birth). Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). He loved us enough to die for us. How much do we love him?

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SICK

Ann Clark – fell Wednesday, has some bruising
Jackie Sims – hip replacement surgery
Kinley Mobbs – brain surgery due to seizures

TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold

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,
Selma Boyd, Janneil Brown, Gerald Wiseman,
Jeanie Young, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson,
Wayne Dodd, Ernestine Taylor, Brittany Bullard,
Janneil Brown, Kinley Mobbs

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

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

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.

NEWS & NOTES

*CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015-2016 GRADUATES!

***Pew Packers** next Sunday @ 5:15 p.m.

***Men's Devo** tomorrow, May 16th at 7
p.m. Bryan Wilson hosting and Ron Harper
leading the devotional.

***Salem Creek** will be hosting one more
day of training for men of all ages-
emphasis on all leading acts of worship,
lesson preparation and public speaking
skills on Saturday, May 21st from 10-3 p.m.

***Ladies Wednesday a.m. class** on May
18th will be the final class for the month,
will resume in September.

***Concord Road Church of Christ** will host
an **Area-Wide singing** for College Age
and Young Professionals on Saturday,
June 11th.

*There will be a **4-man Golf Scramble** in
conjunction with East Main church of
Christ on June 18th at Champions Run
Golf Course. It will start at 1:30 and the
cost will be \$45 per person. See Robert
McKnight for more information. Payment
due to Robert McKnight by June 5th.
Space is limited, so sign up early!



A Bridal Shower is planned in
honor of *Tanya Grissom* on
Sunday, May 22nd from 2-4 p.m.
at the church building. Tanya is
registered at Dillard's, Bed, Bath
& Beyond, JC Penney and
Kohl's.

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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
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 8, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	234
	Bible classes	171
	PM worship	110
	Contribution	\$6,488.12

Wednesday PM Bible classes 116

Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) 15

**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!



May 15

Louise Smithson
Regenia Grissom

May 22

Andy & Lisa Mitchell

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!