

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Summer is a time for many great things. One of them is our annual Vacation Bible School. This year it is going to be just a little bit different. In the past, VBS has lasted for a week. Last year we changed the routine by having a one day VBS on a Saturday. This year we are going to try a two-nights VBS.

VBS will be Sunday evening, July 9 and Wednesday evening, July 12. On Sunday evening, it will run from 5:30 – 7:00 and on Wednesday it will run from 6:30 – 8:00. We have the teaching positions covered but, if you would like to be a teacher's helper or if you would like to help in the kitchen, or help in any way, let me, Joshua Houston, or Jim Hatfield know.

I am excited about our theme for this year. It is "God the Builder." Our two lessons will be "God Builds My Family" and "God Builds His Church." Neither the family nor the church are here as a result of man's design. They are God's work.

When Jesus was asked about divorce, he said "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'" (Matthew 19:4, 5). If God is the author of the family, it needs to be built according to His will.

The same is true of the church. It is "the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). It is the culmination of God's "eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Ephesians 3:11).

As is always the case, VBS will have classes for all ages including an adult class in the auditorium. I trust that you will be here AND bring someone with you. I'll see you at VBS.

--Ron Harper--

Torpedoes That Sink Our Fellowship

Part 2: Envy

“For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.”

James 3:16

Green is such a beautiful color. I have always enjoyed looking out the kitchen window to the fields and see the beautiful green grass growing tall in the summer. Green is the color of one of my favorite clubs growing up, 4-H. Most all of us enjoy having green in our wallets and bank accounts. Green is a color that symbolizes life and vibrancy. It is a shame that so many Christians become green with envy.

It has been said that envy and jealousy refer to two different ideas; however, because they convey such synonymous definitions, they will be used interchangeably in this article. When we think of envy, perhaps we think of coveting a person's new shiny blue mustang. (I must confess, this happened to myself and several others thanks to our own B.K. Ham!) At any rate, we perceive envy to be the desire to obtain and own a tangible possession of someone else. Clearly the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, discuss this issue in a negative way (i.e. Exodus 20:17; James 4:2-3). But how could something such as this impact our fellowship?

Envy prompts competition. We see it in song leaders, ministers, elders, deacons, Bible class teachers, etc. These people resent others because they are no longer in the spotlight. They envy the abilities and attention of the other person while forgetting that the church is all one team. The same holds true with tangible possessions. Our friends get new clothes so we must get new clothes. Our friends live in a big house so we must live in a big house. Consequently, we become competitors with our own Christian brothers and sisters.

Green. We love it in our wallets. We perceive it as the color of creation. However, green can also be the color of illness. If we are green with envy, our hearts are ill. We are sinking our own fellowship.

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Louis Wilson, Marvin Miller, Harry Summer, Carolyn Thomas, Kenneth Tucker, Sue Reeves, Lester Clark, Dean Thompson, Melba Young, Laura Wiser, Evelyn Leeman, Kay Jennings, Ruth McDonald

SHUT INS:

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

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Margaret Davidson*, Ernestine Taylor*, Laura Wiser*

SMYRNA: Geri Melton*

WOODBURY: Jeweldean Hall*

TN STATE VETERAN'S HOME: Edna Vance*

COMMUNITY CARE OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY: Virgie Leonard*

NEWS & NOTES

- We have received **Thank You cards** from The Clark Family and Marie Patterson.
- **MYM at Leanna** tomorrow at 7pm. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- **Tonight** - Our **Youth** will be conducting the evening service.
- **Men's Breakfast at IHOP** on Tuesday, June 13th at 8am.
- **TNT's** will be June 15th, 22nd, July 13th, 27th at 7pm. Please eat before you come.
- There will be a **Work day** at Salem Creek on Saturday, June 17th starting at 8 am. Bring your wheel barrow, shovel, and rake to help spread mulch at the building. If you have any questions see Keith Short.
- There will be a **Devo** at the home of Chip Adkins on **June 18th** after PM services. Guys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.
- **Men's Devo** at the home of Jim and Gayle Glover with Ron Harper on June 19th at 7pm.
- **Fosterville Church of Christ** invites you to their **VBS** starting Monday, June 26th – Friday, June 30th. Classes for all ages. More information posted on the bulletin board.
- **Youth/College Fall Retreat** will be September 1st – 3rd at Camp Meribah. See the flyer in the foyer or Joshua Houston for more information.

There will be a baby shower for

Amanda Mitchell

Today at

1:30-3:00pm

She is registered at Target, Babies R Us,
and Amazon.com



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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

June 4, 2017

Sunday	AM worship	242
	Bible classes	185
	PM worship	151
	Contribution	\$7,332.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	127
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Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	0
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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*

June 11

Keith & Margaret Short

June 18

Jerald & Peggy Hill

