

PRAYERS REQUESTED

On Friday, June 24, our group will be leaving for Nicaragua. If I count years correctly, this will be our eighth trip to that beautiful place. If you count the fifteen years we went to Jamaica, this will be mission trip number twenty-three. That adds up to a lot of children who have been taught the Word of God. We thank God and the Salem Creek congregation for this wonderful opportunity.

This year our group includes twenty-eight people. Those people are Dylan Bowman, Holly Bowman, LaNita Bowman, Abby Buckner, Beth Buckner, Craig Buckner, Candice Byars, Tyler Byars, Jared Glidden, Tammy Glidden, Janice Ham, Janie Harper, Ron Harper, Anna Holland, Jon Holland, Jonathan Holland, Judy Holland, Ashlyn Melton, Melaine Melton, Fred Rogers, Rin Takada, and Joey Trevathan from the Salem Creek church. In addition to these, Erin Mullins, Gene Nickell, Estrela Shear, Leah Stinson, Mandy Stinson, and Randall Wille will be going with us. These last six are members of other congregations. We feel blessed to have them in our group.

It is wonderful to know that you will be praying for us. We request prayers for a safe trip, for success in Bible School as well as other projects we will undertake, and that we will all grow closer to each other and to God.

--Ron Harper--

Love Wins

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

In light of the recent attack on our nation, I feel compelled to write this article not as a response to the evil in the world but as a message of hope to those who are both in and out of the body of Christ. On June 12, 2016, our nation experienced the deadliest massacre in its history. Fifty people were murdered and fifty-three were injured. It is no secret that this tragedy took place at a gay nightclub where people had been carelessly partying the night away. After the massacre, the gay community proudly waved their slogan; “Love wins” on virtually every social media outlet expressing that hatred would never stop the gay community from thriving.

You know what? They’re right. Love does win. Love has won. Love will continue to win, but not in the way they advertise. What many people don’t understand is that love won over 2000 years ago when Jesus Christ gave himself for all of humanity. Love won when God raised him from the dead. Love won when the apostles preached for repentance and obedience to the gospel of Jesus. Yes, love wins. If it doesn’t, then we are in a mess.

Isn’t it great to know that sin is sin and no sin is better or worse than the other?! Sin separates us from God and separation from God is spiritual death just like the soul separated from the body is physical death. At first thought, it is confusing to think that the “sin is sin is sin” mentality is a blessing, but think about it. Jesus is willing to take us back and forgive those sins as long as we are repentant and obedient. He was willing to go after that one sheep in Luke 15. We could be involved with drugs, alcohol, homosexuality, lying, or even being disrespectful to our parents. All these are sinful and none is worse than the other, but Jesus wants us to return to him.

Love won over 2000 years ago when Jesus said, “It is finished.” God loved the world so much that he sent his son to be that sacrifice for the entire world. Here is the message. God doesn’t not approve of the sins we commit, but he loves us enough to offer us the gift of salvation and the ability to walk in a new life if we are obedient to him. Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins! That is the call of love that Jesus has called us to obey.

Joshua Houston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SICK:

Willis Clark, Mary Creech

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, Gerald Wiseman, Jeanie Young, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson, Janneil Brown, Kinley Mobbs, Jackie Sims, Sue Reeves, Melanie Martin, John Houston, Cody Pepper, our Mission Group

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann* Nell Jernigan*

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*

MILITARY:

Tony Berry

NEWS & NOTES

***Pew Packers** today @ 5:15 p.m.

***VBS meeting** today at 4:45 in the large classroom.

***TNT's** (Thursday nights together) will be June 23rd, July 14th and 28th. Each TNT will have a guest speaker. The theme for this year's TNT's is "True Story".

***MYM** – tomorrow, June 20th @ 7p.m. will be at Rockvale. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

***Men's Devo** – tomorrow, June 20th, 7 p.m. at the home of Keith Short.

***Elders and Deacons meeting** on Wednesday, June 22nd after services.

*We have **28 people** going to Nicaragua and they would love to receive cards of encouragement. Cards are due today.

***The Middle Tennessee Christian School Golf Classic** will be held at Champions Run Golf Course on Friday, June 24th. The cost is \$100 per player, \$400 per team. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Go to mtscouagrs.org for all the details or call 615-893-0601 ext. 114

***Senior Saints** – A Senior Saints pot luck meal is planned for Saturday, June 25th, 5 p.m. at the church building. If you are planning to attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer and a space for you to put what you plan to bring. Reminder, that Senior Saints are those members age 60 or over. Younger spouses of Senior Saints are welcome. If you have any questions, please see Keith Short or Larry Benson.

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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

Larry Benson Andy Melton
 Michael Bowman Brian Melton
 Craig Buckner Alan Pepper
 Bob Hoover Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

June 12, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	205
	Bible classes	164
	PM worship	127
	Contribution	\$4,983.30

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	131
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
 15 minutes prior to services!*



June 19

Keith & Margaret Short

June 26

Drew & Amanda 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!