# Salem Creek church of Christ

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## Torpedoes That Sink Our Fellowship Part 4: Small-mindedness

"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'"

As many of you know, I have not been in ministry long. I began preaching when I was ten years old and held my first gospel meeting when I was sixteen. My first job as a minister was for a congregation of twelve people. Each Sunday I would do most every aspect of leading the worship because the men who were there were not able-bodied enough to stand and serve. They only met on Sunday morning for an hour of worship. I've been involved in ministry for approximately ten years in some form or another, which is not a long time. However, there is one sentence that I have learned that will ruin a congregation and has been the downfall of many: we've never done it that way.

It is no wonder the apostles were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on water. That had never been done before! Yet, Peter said, "If it is you, let me come to you." (I apologize for using the Joshua Houston Standard Revised Version.) Jesus then said, "Come." Even though it had never been done before, Peter had enough faith to step out of the boat.

Stepping out of the boat feels dangerous and unsettling. We immediately feel like we should sink, but with faith we will walk. When Peter became distracted by the dangers and negative situations around him, he did begin to sink, but even in that moment, Peter had enough faith to call for Jesus rather than swim back to the boat.

Small-mindedness keeps us in our boat and afraid of what might be. What would the church look like if the apostles were too small-minded to take a stand on the day of Pentecost? Let's increase in our faith and trust that God will provide us a path, even if it seems like we are being asked to walk on water.

Joshua Houston

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Our Mission Team, Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Sue Reeves (No Visitors) Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Louis Wilson, Marvin Miller, Harry Summer, Larry Melton, Carolyn Thomas, Kenneth Tucker, Lester Clark, Dean Thompson, Laura Wiser, Ruth McDonald, Kay Jennings, Allie Owens, Evelyn Leeman, Danny Webb

### <u>SHUT INS:</u>

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\*, Dean Thompson\* (Rehab)

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves\*

**STONES RIVER MANOR**: Margaret Davidson\*, Laura Wiser\*

SMYRNA: Geri Melton\*

**WOODBURY:** Jeweldean Hall\*, Ernestine Taylor\*(No Visitors)

TN STATE VETERAN'S HOME: Edna Vance\* COMMUNITY CARE OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY: Virgie Leonard\*



## **NEWS & NOTES**

- We have received Thank You notes from Mallory Bowman and Marvin Miller.
- Visitation Team 2 will meet today in the large classroom after Bible classes.
- MYM at East Main tomorrow at 7pm. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- **TNT's** will be July 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please eat before you come.
- Fosterville Church of Christ invites you to their VBS starting Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Classes for all ages. More information posted on the bulletin board.
- Bethlehem church of Christ invites you to their VBS starting Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> classes for all ages. More information posted on the bulletin board.
- Youth/College Fall Retreat will be September 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Meribah. See the flyer in the foyer or Joshua Houston for more information.
- Mark your calendars VBS will be Sunday, July 9th 5:30 - 7PM and Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8PM.
- New to our website, click on the SC Family Info tab and go to the link Salem Creek calendar events – it is a calendar that will allow you to see all the scheduled events for the month.
- Middle Tennessee Christian School is currently seeking a dynamic leader to fill its open Elementary Principal position. Job description and the information regarding qualifications are available at www.MTCScougars.org

The Visitor

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Salem Creek church of Christ 2525 Salem Creek Drive	SCHEDULE OF SERVIC	<u>ES</u>
Murfreesboro, TN 37128	Sunday	
~	Morning Worship9:00 amBible Classes10:15 amEvening Worship5:30 pm	
P.O. Box 332067		5:30 pm
Murfreesboro, TN 37133-2067	Wednesday	
Email: office@salemcreekcoc.org	Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May) 10:00 am Evening Bible Classes 6:30 pm	
We're on the web! www.salemcreekcoc.org		

<u>ELDERS</u> <u>MINISTER</u> B.K. Ham Ron Harper Jim Hatfield	FOR THE RECORD June 18, 2017
Jon Holland <u>ASSOCIATE MINISTER</u> Andy Mitchell Joshua Houston Randall Phifer Keith Short	SundayAM worship241Bible classes163PM worship146Contribution\$6,800.00
DEACONSRick AcklinRick CorumLarry BensonAndy MeltonMichael BowmanBrian MeltonCraig BucknerAlan PepperJoe ByarsWendell Wilson	Wednesday PM Bible classes 165 Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) 0
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 konored by your presence!	GREETERS Please be at the door 30 minutes prior to serviceImage: Comparison of the serviceJune 25 Jim & Gayle GloverJuly 2 Regenia GrissomDorothy Stroop