

## **BOASTING**

***Jeremiah 9:23, 24***

***Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in those things,” declares the Lord.***

Very few of us never engage in any kind of boasting; grandparents are especially prone to engage in this exercise when it comes to our grandchildren.

Wise people take pride in their wisdom, mighty men in their strength, rich men in their wealth; some people boast about their humility. Some people feign humility but are quick to let you know how much they know.

We need to be careful about boasting. After all, pride does go before destruction (Proverbs 16:18). The fact that we are all sinners leaves absolutely no room for pride and boasting.

In what, then, should we boast? Jeremiah was addressing a sinful nation when he issued his warning. It was in that context that he wrote “let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me.”

Do I know the Lord and that He exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness? Not only does He exercise those virtues, He takes delight in them. In this world that prizes strength and wealth, esteem the things are important to God. Nothing else really matters.

**--Ron Harper--**

## ***Five Common Misconceptions About Preachers***

***“As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” 2 Timothy 4:5***

- 1)** Preachers are always happy. I'll admit; most of the time preachers seem like they are always laughing and smiling. However, ministers have their share of heartaches as well. When Jesus lost a dear friend, John says that Jesus wept. In the same way, ministers struggle with the good, the bad, and the ugly. If you still think preachers are always happy, take a trip to Houston Livestock. I can show you first hand just how mad a preacher can get...
- 2)** Preachers only own suits and ties. When I was interning, I had a three-year-old girl ask me if I was the President of the United States. I politely said no and asked why she thought such a thing. She replied, “Well, the President wears suits and ties.” Contrary to popular belief, we do enjoy our t-shirts.
- 3)** Preachers run and oversee the congregation. No. Just no. That is not scriptural and it pains me that people think this. The preacher's job is to preach. It is the job of the elders to oversee the church.
- 4)** Preachers are boring. Ok, some of us (like myself) are boring. However, 99.9% of preachers have interest aside from preaching. Even Peter liked to fish.
- 5)** Preachers don't care about the members individually. Sadly, people think preachers only care about speaking to the group and condemning everyone in the audience. Preachers love people. Even if we don't get around to speaking to you on Sunday morning, you are always in our prayers. We truly love all of you.

I am writing this article to remind us all that we are ministers in some way or another. We care for people, pray for people, and teach people the word of God. The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus can sympathize with the pain we have because he had pain, too. People are people and we all are just people.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Sue Reeves(No Visitors), Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Louis Wilson, Carolyn Thomas, Kenneth Tucker, Edward Tucker, Lester Clark, Ernie Colvin, Danny Webb, Dean Thompson, Laura Wiser, Virgie Leonard, Ruth McDonald, Kay Jennings, Allie Owens, Evelyn Leeman, Charles & Shirley Craig

## 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\*  
(Rehab)

**NHC:** Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves\*, Ernestine Taylor\*

**STONES RIVER MANOR:** Laura Wiser\*, Virgie Leonard\*

**SMYRNA:** Geri Melton\*

**WOODBURY:** Jeweldean Hall\*

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

**COMMUNITY CARE OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY:**  
Margaret Davidson\*

Bridal Shower

In honor of

*Mallory Bowman*

Today from 1:30-3:00pm. She is  
registered at Target and Bed,  
Bath & Beyond



## NEWS & NOTES

- Our sympathy to the family of **Harry Summer**; he passed away on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. He was the father of Alice Clinton. Funeral services will be held at Forest Hill East in Memphis on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm.
- **Dean Thompson** is now back at home.
- There will be a **Scholarship Committee meeting** today before Bible classes.
- **MYM** at Salem Creek, tomorrow at 7pm. Sign-up sheet for desserts is in the foyer.
- **TNT** - July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please eat before you come.
- For our Sunday evening service there will be a **presentation by the Nicaragua Mission team**.
- **The Salem Creek youth group** will be going to the Moon-lite Drive-In on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Check with Joshua Houston for more details.
- **Visitation Team #2** will have their meeting and meal on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. A sign-up sheet for food is in the foyer.
- **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.
- 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](http://www.MTCScougars.org)
- **Gospel Meeting at Walter Hill church of Christ** on July 21-23<sup>rd</sup> with guest speaker, Phil Sanders. More information posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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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

*July 9, 2017*

Sunday	AM worship	263
	Bible classes	167
	PM worship (VBS)	191
	Contribution	\$6,395.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes (VBS)	185
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	

### *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*

#### July 16

Jeff & Karen Milstead

#### July 23

Jim & Pat Davidson

