

## **FINISH STRONG**

### **1 Corinthians 15:58**

***Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.***

This past Thursday Janie and I enjoyed "Bluegrass Nights at the Ryman." We were blessed to hear some of the legendary first-generation bluegrass musicians. Bobby Osborne, Sonny Osborne, Jesse McReynolds, and Mac Wiseman easily qualify for senior discounts at Kroger with the youngest being 79 and the oldest being 91. At their stage in life, they still put on a great show. You might say that, in their chosen profession, they sure are finishing strong.

As one who also now qualifies for senior discounts, I do not want to coast to the finish line. I want to be much stronger at the finish of the Christian race than I have ever been. Paul said that I need to be steadfast and immovable. I plan to continue to abound in the work of the Lord.

We plan a strong finish for July. This coming weekend will give us two great opportunities. Our one-day VBS will be from 10:00 - 3:00 on Saturday. Our theme is "Jesus Rescues Us." Four lessons will be taught, lessons that show how God is able to rescue us from difficult situations. If you want to help, please let me know.

Sunday, July 24 is the date for our "Friends and Family Day." That will also serve as "Open House" for our new building. I am excited about seeing a number of old friends as we worship together. Extensive advertising has been done for these events. I encourage you to support them.

**--Ron Harper--**

## **Your Will Be Done**

### **Romans 12:2**

***“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”***

In life, there are times when we feel like a goldfish trapped in a plastic bag with holes poked on all sides. The water is slowly seeping out and we ultimately know our end, though there is nothing we can do about it. Medical professionals label this feeling “anxiety,” a common ailment among people everywhere from all walks of life. Christians, however, know what the Lord said about anxiety and worry in Philippians 4:6-7. (Please note I am not talking about a severe mental illness or discrediting medical professionals.) Christians must remember when life gets too hard to stand, fall on your knees.

Prayer is a wonderful gift. We have the opportunity to speak freely to God about our concerns, needs, thanks, and worries. The problem is we often pray for things we WANT. We let our desires get in the way of what God truly wants for our lives. One of the most difficult things we need to ask when we pray is for God's will to be done in our lives... and mean it. This means fully trusting that God will carry us through whatever storm or hurricane we come to. Faith is not a feeling; it is an action.

So when we pray sincerely for the will of God to be done in our lives, what does that entail? I'm not going to go so far as to say God has a plan for every individual person in this world. (Jeremiah 29:11 was said directly to Jeremiah, thus I cannot say it applies to all people given the context.) However, Paul does tell us what the will of God is: that which is good and acceptable and perfect. When we pray for God's will to be done in our lives, we are praying for him to strengthen us to be good, acceptable, and perfect. We must live in a way that shows those traits.

So what about anxiety and prayer? Sometimes prayer is the only thing that will get us through life's challenges. I encourage you to pray sincerely for God's will to be done in your life and grow in faith and trust every single day.

**Joshua Houston**

### 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, Sue Reeves, Laura Wiser, Willis Clark Prayers for the Hewn family they are friends of Matthew & Leigh Ann Brown and were involved in a serious car accident.

### TAKING TREATMENTS:

Lois Arnold

### SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

### NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

\*MEMBERS

**ADAMS PLACE:** Nora Fann\* Nell Jernigan\*

**DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA:** Jean Nickens\*

**NHC:** Lizzie Bush, Geri Melton\*, Sue Reeves\*

**STONES RIVER MANOR:** Margaret Davidson\*, Jeweldean Hall\*, Virgie Leonard\*, Louise McKnight\*, Ernestine Taylor\*, Laura Wiser\*, Lillian Whitworth, Edna Vance\*

### MILITARY:

Tony Berry

# VBS



When: Saturday, July 23

Time: 10-3

Theme: **RESCUED**

There will be classes for all ages and lunch will be provided; however, we will need lots of delicious cookies. Please invite all your friends and family to attend our first VBS at our new building.

*The Visitor*

## NEWS & NOTES

- We are so proud of the baptism of **Elizabeth Malone** on Tuesday evening at Short Mountain Bible Camp.
- Elder and Deacon meeting today at 4:45 p.m.
- **MYM** – tomorrow, July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7p.m. at Leanna church of Christ. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- If you plan on visiting **Short Mountain Bible Camp** on Wednesday night service **July 20<sup>th</sup>** and are planning on eating supper please text Buddy Baldwin @ 931-273-8163 by Tuesday afternoon.
- **TNT** – Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> will be held at Salem Creek. Please eat before you come and invite your friends.
- **FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY** will be held on **Sunday, July 24**. This will give your family and friends an opportunity to see our new building. Let's fill the building!!!
- Please notice on the bulletin board several activities hosted by area congregations.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grissom  
Invite you to join in the  
celebration of the recent  
marriage  
of

*Tanya & Casey Landis*

A reception honoring them will be  
held on

Saturday, July, 23 from 1 till 4 at

The Heritage Room

352 W. Northfield Suite B

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Refreshments will be served.

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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

*July 10, 2016*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>AM worship</b>	<b>218</b>
	<b>Bible classes</b>	<b>170</b>
	<b>PM worship</b>	<b>162</b>
	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$7,161.00</b>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PM Bible classes</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)</b>	<b>....</b>

### GREETERS

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



### July 17

Dean Thompson  
 Regenia Grissom

### July 24

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!*