

FRIEND

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus has just spoken about His commandment; "that you love one another, just as I have loved you" (Jn. 15:12). We know that as "the greatest command." Love each other as Jesus has loved us.

Love is more than sentiment. It is actively seeking what is in the best interest of someone else. Jesus said that the ultimate expression of that is to lay down your life for your friends. There is absolutely no doubt that we are loved by Jesus. He laid down His life for us and, therefore, is the best friend any of us could have. What type of friend are we to Him?

Today is "Friends and Family Day" at Salem Creek. To our visitors we say, "thanks for being our friend." Our friends have done a lot to help this church reach this point in her existence.

As we work in the present to serve this community and build for the future, there are a number of people who have given so much. We build in the present and for the future. We also recognize that we are building on a foundation that has been laid by others. It is a foundation that was laid by people who gave so much of themselves to build for Christ.

This is a day to say thank you to those who have helped make the move to this location possible. Whatever you have done, however you have helped; we say thank you for being a friend to this church.

--Ron Harper--

It's A Family Tradition

Matthew 12:49-50

“And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.’”

Let's be honest here. Some family reunions are fun with games and great food and catching up on lost time. Others, however, not so much. In my experiences, I have encountered three things that have ALWAYS happened at a family reunion and likely will continue to happen.

1. Fried chicken. While this is nowhere near being considered a bad thing, it is something that I see on a regular basis. It adds to the traditional feel of family being brought together to sit and share a meal for the purpose of conversation and food coma. Personally, this is one of my favorite parts!
2. The distant aunt or uncle who knows everything about you, but you have no clue who they are. For me, this never was a huge problem because I have the curse of being able to talk to anyone. However, this is still one of the most awkward parts of a reunion.
3. Babies. Families are made because babies are born. At a family reunion, you are blessed to have the oldest grandmother and the youngest granddaughter all in the same place at the same time. It is a beautiful thing to witness and even more precious when the two interact with each other.

A worship service of the saints is no different. Perhaps we don't have fried chicken every Sunday (though it is popular in our own fellowship meals), but when we gather, we engage in conversation and catch up on the activities of the week.

Because our numbers are growing, we may or may not know everyone, but they know us. It is imperative that we meet and learn everyone in our family, that is, the church. How can we make lasting relationships if we don't grow in our bond together?

Each time a soul is added to the body of Christ in baptism, we have a new birth. Just like a family reunion, it is a precious thing to see a new Christian interact with one who has been a Christian for several years.

Every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night is a family reunion of the saints. We are children of God and fellow heirs to the promise with Christ.

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, Bob Hoover & family, Lois Arnold, Ashley Hurt

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

NEWS & NOTES

- We extend sympathy to the family of **Carlton Bratten Morris**; he passed away Tuesday, July 19th. He was a long time member of Minerva Drive. His funeral was held Friday, July 22nd at Woodbury Funeral Home.
- **MYM** – tomorrow, July 25th @ 7p.m. at Fairfield church of Christ (Bedford Co). Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- **TNT** – Thursday, July 28th will be held at Salem Creek. Guest speaker will be John Houston. Please eat before you come and invite your friends.
- The **youth and college groups** will have a “back to school bash” on Friday, July 29th at the Moonlite Drive-In in Woodbury. Bring money for your ticket and food if you wish to eat at the drive-in.
- Please notice on the bulletin board several activities hosted by area congregations.



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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 17, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	200
	Bible classes	149
	PM worship	129
	Contribution	\$4,952.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	129
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)

GREETERS

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



July 24

Drew & Amanda Mitchell

July 31

Robert & Mary Ann McKnight

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!