

CAN WE BE SURE?

1 Thessalonians 4:14

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

In a time of deep suffering, Job asked the question. "If a man dies, will he live again" (Job 14:14)? It is doubtful that Job was the first to ask that question. It is certain that he was not the last.

If human beings were only physical beings, the answer might be no. The physical body dies and immediately begins to decay. Yet there is more to us than a physical body. The Lord God formed a man from dust. When He breathed into that body the breath of life, the man became a "living being" (Gn. 2:7). The King James Version used the word "soul."

Human beings are living beings; they are "souls." They also have spirits. In Exodus 35, Moses took up a contribution in order to make the tabernacle. Verse 21 says that "everyone whose heart stirred him and everyone whose spirit moved him" brought something to help with this work. We have something within us that gives us the capacity to be emotionally moved.

There comes a time when the "spirit will return to God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The spirit and soul are separated from the physical body which dies. While the body decays, the spirit and soul live on. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, we are reminded that one day that body will be raised. That will happen when our Lord appears. Of that, we may be absolutely certain. If God could raise His Son, He can and will raise us from the dead. Take comfort in that.

--Ron Harper--

At The Cross

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

This past weekend, twenty-six of us loaded up for a retreat at Camp Meribah in Centerville, TN. I think everyone who went had this resonating feeling that God was going to use that time together for something incredibly special—we just had no idea how. Friday presented its problems. We almost did not have enough seats for everyone to have a ride and the weather was not being cooperative. We left later than scheduled, which caused me to panic over our evening speaker's schedule considering he was driving from Knoxville. Eventually we arrived with no problems. We unloaded the food and luggage and headed for the first of four lessons about the cross of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the weekend, we all grew closer to each other and to God. I firmly believe life-long relationships were made at this retreat, though you may need to ask the kids instead. I saw our young men and young ladies really step up and fulfill their roles as Christian leaders. From seeing Michael McGee read scripture in our worship service to hearing about the girl's devotional (that wasn't even a scheduled event) lead by Kaylee Phifer and Shayna King, each one who went excelled at everything placed before them.

I could not have done this retreat without the help of Jeff and Tammy Glidden, Jon and Judy Holland, and Robert McKnight. Also, I would like to thank those who supported us, though they were unable to attend like Randall and Cindy Phifer. Of course, I must thank our Elders for allowing this trip to take place. However, none of this would have been possible without the cross of Jesus. It is through him, his death and resurrection that we have such fellowship and hope together.

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Charles & Sue Reeves, Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Kenneth Tucker, Lester & Ann Clark, Jeanie Young, Dean Thompson, Pat Davidson, Laura Wiser, Louise Smithson, Margaret Taylor, Carolyn Thomas, Betty Jones, Ann Jenkins

SHUT INS:

Louis Wilson, Dan Stephens, Houston Henry, Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Mabel Robertson, Rita Reed, Oleta Bullard, Melba & Jeanie Young

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

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*



TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

*Mallory Bowman
and
Jake Wilbanks*

REQUEST YOUR COMPANY
AT THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR UNION

SATURDAY, THE SEVENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
AT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

SALEM CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reception to follow

NEWS & NOTES

- We have received **Thank You cards** from Louise Smithson, Regenia Grissom and The Pedigo family.
- **Visitation Team #1** will meet today after Bible classes.
- **Disaster Relief of Nashville** will be loading 1500 food boxes for families in Texas and Florida on Monday, September 11th at 10am. Volunteers are needed.
- **Men's Breakfast at IHOP** Tuesday, September 12th at 8am.
- **Christmas boxes** for students at the Nicaragua Christian School are available in the foyer along with a provided list of items and instructions. All completed boxes are due September 17th.
- **Rutherford County Bible Bowl** will be on September 25th. If you would like to make a donation to purchase the pizza and drinks, please give your money to Robert McKnight or Jeff Glidden by September 17th.
- The **Fall Food and Supply drive** for the Tennessee Children's Home has begun; supply list is in the foyer. The truck will be here on Thursday, September 28th. Please see Mike Bowman if you would like to donate money.
- The **Nicaragua Christian School** will have a **benefit dinner** on Saturday, September 30th at 5:30pm on the campus of the Jackson Christian School. There is no charge for the meal. If you are interested in attending, please see Ron Harper.

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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

September 3, 2017

Sunday	AM worship	223
	Bible classes	155
	PM worship	141
	Contribution	\$7,546.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	110
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	19

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be canceled

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*



September 10

Dianne Stroop Joyce Jenkins

September 17

Robert & Mary Ann McKnight