

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

1 Timothy 2:1, 2

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, and petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all goodness and dignity.

The man who wrote those words lived during the days of an oppressive dictator. The world was rapidly approaching the time when Christians would be killed as a matter of government policy. In spite of all of that, he still instructed Christians to be subject to "be in subjection to governing authorities" and acknowledged that no authority exists "except from God, and those which exist are established by God (Romans 13:1).

So far, then, as I can tell, the Bible lays upon me two responsibilities in regard to being a citizen. One is to submit to the law so long as it does not dictate that I personally violate the Word of God. The other is to pray for those who are in authority.

Therefore, in the words of Scripture, "I urge that entreaties and prayers, and petitions and thanksgivings, be made . . . for kings all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all goodness and dignity."

COMING EVENTS

As is our custom, we will have a special service in the auditorium on Wednesday evening, November 23. Also, our annual couples retreat will be March 10-12, 2017 in Pigeon Forge. Our speaker will be Wayne Miller.

--Ron Harper--

***Women Are from Venus, Men Are from Mars,
But Children Are a Gift from The Lord***
“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.”
Psalm 127:3

The Friday before Halloween, I was sitting at home with my brother and his fiancé conversing about various things like cattle, fence work, and diesel trucks. (Well, my brother and I were...His fiancé didn't really care about any of that.) In the course of our conversation, I realized our Fall Festival was the very next day, and I had done nothing to prepare for it. I immediately jumped in the truck and headed for Dollar General.

When I entered the store, a grandfather and his two grandchildren entered with me. However, these children were anything but “grand.” They would run up and down the isles screaming and knocking things over, grab items and put them in the cart after being told “No” multiple times and even curse at their grandfather. The grandfather would say, “You better stop that or I'm gonna whip ya!” “I'm gonna wear you out when we get to the truck!” But the children dismissed the threat and continued to act in a terrible way.

Now I realize I am not a parent and this is in no way an example of me telling parents how to raise their children. I am simply conveying a Biblical idea for our benefit.

Parents, stop lying to your children. If they deserve a punishment of any kind and you threaten it, follow through with your promise. Children today (and even farther back past my generation) are being taught that words are just that...words. They carry no weight without action. Think about God's words to his children. One day all of his promises, both good and bad, will be done.

Parents love your children enough to punish them when they have done wrong. Doing wrong and receiving no negative consequences for these actions is the main reason millennials do all the stupid junk they do today. No one loved them enough to tell them it is wrong, or they thought they were showing love by letting them off the hook. That is not love!

Children are an inheritance from the Lord. Children are a gift and a treasured blessing from God. Nothing could be more innocent and sinless than a new born baby. Let's not neglect our children and raise them in the admonition of the Lord.

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Edna Vance, Rick & Jeannetta Acklin, Lester & Ann Clark, Mary Williams, Louise McKnight, Wayne Mobbs

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

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

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

COMMUNITY CARE: Louise McKnight*

MILITARY:

Tony Berry

NEWS & NOTES

- We extend sympathy to family of **Mary Katherine Warrick**; she passed away on Wednesday, November 2nd. Funeral service and visitation was held at Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna. She was the sister of Ann Clark.
- **Visitation Team 1** will meet today.
- Salem Creek is hosting a **shoe drive for the homeless**; please donate gently used shoes now - November 30th.
- **Men's Breakfast at IHOP** Tuesday, November 8th at 8 a.m.
- Our annual **Senior Saints Banquet** is planned for Friday, November 11th at 6 pm at our church building. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- A **Ladies brunch and ornament exchange** will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 10:30. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.
- **MTCs** invites you to **Admissions Open House** on Tuesday, November 15th. Register at mtcscougars.org or call 615-893-0601 for more information.
- There is a sign – up sheet in the foyer for **Reaching Rutherford**, a two day evangelism workshop for junior high and high schoolers. **The dates are November 18th 6p.m. – 10 p.m. and November 19th 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.** More details to come!
- **Youth Devo** – Sunday, November 27th at the home of Wendell and Carol Wilson.
- In preparation of the **2017 Membership Directory**, please check your information for any corrections. A printed copy of this list is in the foyer.
 - ***check out the bulletin board for activities and weekly updates.**

Food Box Program and Building Fund

We have received a donation to the Food Box Program in memory of **Bob Hoover** by the following:

***Gil and Melanie Hoover**

We have received a donation to the Building Fund in memory of **Lois Arnold** and **Opal Jones** by the following:

***Regenia Grissom**

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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

October 30, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	210
	Bible classes	155
	PM worship	125
	Contribution	\$5,563.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	110
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	16

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. ladies class will be cancelled

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*

November 6

Regenia Grissom
 Dean Thompson

November 13

Jeff & Karen Milstead

