

# life lines

Jefferson Avenue  
Church of Christ



## 100% Night JAYouth

**TONIGHT** — is **100% Night** at **5:30pm**. We want all teens and families here. We will be going over the summer calendar, having several sign up sheets, watching our music video and meeting our summer interns Morgan Belew and Seth Farmer!

It's going to be a great night.  
Make plans to be here for it!

## Manna Mission June 4—11

Keep these in your daily prayers as they prepare for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic, leaving June 4.

Jesse Allen	Cooper Gilbert
Morgan Belew (Intern)	Grant Mainord
Audrey Birdwell	Adeline Mayes
Ben Brown	Sonia Mayes
Summer Brown	Leah Milton
Brooks Burr	Seth Milton
Matt Collins	Kate Simpson
Seth Farmer (Intern)	Kaige Whitaker
Ali Jane Gilbert	

## EXCITING NEWS

I have some exciting news to share with you this week! Two of our college students will be serving as youth ministry interns this summer. **Mallory Mackie** has already started her summer internship with Mount Juliet Church of Christ. Mallory will be such a blessing to the girls at Mount Juliet. **Jesse Bates** will start his summer internship with Madison Church of Christ (Madison, AL) this week. Jesse plans to be a youth minister when he graduates from FHU. We are proud of Mallory and Jesse. Please pray for them this summer.

## FOCUS ON THE GOSPEL

This world is full of distractions. We have multiple voices and social media competing for our attention. It is easy to lose our focus. In the midst of these distractions, we must continue to challenge ourselves not to lose focus on the gospel. Paul helps us regain our focus in 1 Corinthians 15:1-5: "Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve."

Our mission at Jefferson Avenue is to get this message to every person in the Upper Cumberland and around the world. The gospel is about making disciples. People need the hope of the gospel. Remember: the gospel has the power to change a person's life! The gospel is not just about information, but transformation. The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing - and the main thing is the gospel.

What about you? Are you distracted? Or are you focused on the gospel? May we never forget the power and simplicity of the good news about Jesus Christ!

**Buddy Johnson**

## SUNDAY LESSONS

Morning Sermon  
Evan Burns Preaching

Evening Sermon  
Bo Perez Preaching





# Collins' Corner

EXODUS 17:8-13

*Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.*

## WHEN OBSTACLES ARE PLACED IN FRONT OF ME, I NEED HELP TO TAKE THEM ON IN A WAY THAT HONORS GOD.

There is no doubt, when this battle is over, who the real hero of the battle was. It was God. Moses couldn't take on this challenge on his own. He didn't have the strength to fight this fight alone. Neither did Joshua. They needed each other, and they needed Aaron and Hur. And, with the help of each other, they were all able to take on this challenge in a way that resulted in the people that saw it honoring God.

Now, think for a second about the obstacles that we will face in life. Those that seem insurmountable. Those that seem impossible. How is it that we respond to an obstacle or a challenge that we face in our life? How do I function when I've been hit with grief? How do I deal with disappointment? How is it that I have that tough conversation? How do I get the strength to make that decision that I've been putting off?

All of us will face moments in our lives that are big, obvious obstacles. Some of them will seem like a detriment to our faith — and it will be if we allow it to be. The best possible outcome for the tough moments in our lives is for us to overcome them in a way that honors God and gives him the glory. How do we do this? We rely on each other, on fellow believers. The Lord did not design this life for us to go about it alone, and we need to humble ourselves to the point where we understand that we need to be supported by other people — and in turn, support other people. **Matt**



# Earful from Evan

Unity in the early church is a challenge Paul continually addressed in his letters. Various backgrounds, opinions, and beliefs lead to a lot of disagreements in the Corinthian church. Paul addresses them in 1 Corinthians: *I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.* (1 Corinthians 1:10). Their issue was focused on in vs 12: *What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Peter, or "I belong to Christ."* (1 Corinthians 1:12)

These were not splits yet but there were four factions within the congregation. Many of the other problems facing the church in Corinth were flowing out of this division. Due to space let's just focus on Paul's solution instead of their specific unity problem. In verse 10 He gives them all the ground of unity they need. The ground, of course, is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. "I appeal to you," he says, "by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Their relationship to Christ was the unifying factor of the church. One commentator put it this way: *There is no other name big enough, great enough, glorious enough, and powerful enough to gather everybody together, despite the diversity of viewpoint and the differences of background or status in life, than the name of Jesus.*

Jews and Gentiles didn't have a lot in common but what they shared was the most important: Christ. That is why the apostle appeals to it. We are a family made up of brothers and sisters because we have His life in us. Paul calls them back to this fundamental issue. When we get married a lot of times people come into it with two different blueprints of what marriage should look like. How blessed is a relationship between two very different people when their common ground is Christ. What better of a foundation can a relationship have than Christ.

And if you are thinking: Evan, faith isn't really the bedrock of my relationship. I want my marriage to be good without God. I've seen plenty of other couples even ones that I am related have a successful marriage. I don't think Jesus is needed. Then I'd say marriage can be successful in a lot of ways without Jesus. But I don't see how it can be successful in accomplishing God's plan for man without Him at the core. How can our relationships be based more on Christ will be our next focus. **Evan**

# News & Announcements

## Remember in Daily Prayer!

**Paul McLendon** is at Cookeville Regional.

**Mary Dyer** requests prayers for health issues she is dealing with.

**Mary Alice Kinslow** had hip replacement surgery at Centennial Hospital Tuesday.

**Ken Matheney** will have knee surgery at Cookeville Regional today.

**Carol Hart's** surgery has been postponed.

**Katherine Stafford** is now home but remains in a lot of pain from the small fracture in the base of her vertebrae.

**Those who are dealing with cancer:** Linda Alcorn, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Barbara Brown, Walter Fitzpatrick, Von Fortner, Jan Immel, Rhett Massey, Chuck Morgan, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd, Lester Sparks, Tana Taylor

**Remember Our Shut-ins:** Hugh Adams, John Brown, Sue Clack, Katherine Clark, Peggy Cooper, Matlinda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Joyce Drake, Mary Dyer, Terry Edgington, Harold Gentry, Wilma Judd, Peggy Mackie, Pat McCanless, Ralph Medley, Gaylon Presley, Robert & Jean Reeves, Jan Shuster, Claudine Smith, Ed & Rosella Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith, Jimmy Stafford, Mae Stults, Stephen Stults, Sylvia Tackett, Lyda Taylor, Jordan Terry and Sue Wheeler



Thanks to my church family for an outpouring of love and kindness. I appreciate all the prayers, calls, texts, cards, visits, foot and on going encouragement I have received during my struggle with the autoimmune problems. God bless you for being so kind and thoughtful. **Sandy Eaves**



On **June 3rd**, Kids Avenue is renting out the Sparta Drive-In for a showing of the new **Aladdin** movie. The show will start at approximately **7:45pm**. Cost is **\$2/person** and includes a drink and popcorn.

**Young-at-Heart**—Check the YAH Bulletin Board to sign up for these two upcoming trips:

- 1) **June 7**—TN State Museum and Lovelace Café
- 2) **June 28**—Lookouts Baseball-Chattanooga

## **Young-at-Heart Motor Coach Trip: October 7-11**

Deadline to sign up and pay for the YAH Bus Tour to Savannah/Charleston is **June 15**. We must have 30 people paid by then to make the trip. See **JC or Anita Young**.



**VBS "Stranded"** is open online to register at [jacoc.org](http://jacoc.org). Sign up sheets are located on the VBS bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see **Courtney Norton or Matt Collins**.

<b>Sunday AM Class—9:00am</b>		
<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Topic</b>
College	Don Foy	1 John
Young Adult	Carter Ashby Evan Burns	Romans
30's & 40's	Chris Holloway	Journey Through Israel
Library	Charlie Moore William Birdwell	Survey of Acts
Fellowship Hall	John Rhodes	Romans
Small Auditori	David Whiteaker	Defending the Truth
Rm 114	Houston Bynum	Word Study
Rm 115 Ladies	Sandra Shepherd Kristy Cunningham	Minor Prophets

<b>Wednesday (Early Bird) Class—1:30pm</b> <b>Bill Flatt—1 Corinthians</b>		
<b>Wednesday Night Class—6:30pm</b>		
College	David Fox	Count it all Joy
Library	Jimmy Patterson	Prayer Warriors
Fellowship Hall	Buddy Johnson	Last Week of Jesus
Rm 114	Tony Kelly	Applying God's Word
Rm 115	Evan Burns	Biblical Romance

# BIRTHDAYS

*May 26–June 1*



**26—Mike Allen      29—Jane Lea Montgomery  
26—Christy Bandy      June 1—Davis Watts  
28—Patsy Standifer**



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<u>SHEPHERDS</u>	<u>DEACONS (cont.)</u>	<u>Sunday, May 19, 2019</u>
Glenn Binkley Doug Fowler Don Foy <b>Bobby Lane</b> *John Mason John Rhodes *Chairman of Month	Brian Carver Randy Chaffin Jim Dale Tim Farris Sean Flatt Jason Fowler Chad Gilbert Rick Gilbert Seth Gilbert Zach Henson Johnny Lane Chuck Lankford Bryan Liner Bob Mackie Ken Mayes Andy Milton Charlie Moore Courtney Norton Jimmy Patterson Dave Piggott Rob Porter Bud Simpson Pete Story Bo Perez Hispanic Ministry	Bible Class.....230 Sunday Morning.....481 Sunday Evening.....230 Wednesday Night.....305 Contribution (weekly budget \$21,272).....\$15,826  Church Office.....931-526-4605 Information Line.....931-528-1006 Fax Line.....931-520-8708 Mother's Day Out.....931-260-7861  Church Office.....info@jacoc.org Buddy Johnson.....buddy@jacoc.org Evan Burns.....evan@jacoc.org Matt Collins.....matt@jacoc.org Bo Perez.....bo@jacoc.org Mother's Day Out.....laura.fox@jacoc.org
<b>MINISTERS</b>		
<b>Buddy Johnson</b> <i>Pulpit Minister</i>		
<b>Evan Burns</b> <i>Associate Minister</i>		
<b>Matt Collins</b> <i>Youth Minister</i>		
<b>Bo Perez</b> <i>Hispanic Ministry</i>		
<b>DEACONS</b>		
Jason Bennett William Birdwell Sam Brown Philip Burr		
	<u>Service Schedule</u>	
	Sunday Bible Study.....	9:00 AM
	Sunday Morning.....	10:00 AM
	Sunday Evening.....	6:00 PM
	Wednesday Bible Study.....	6:30 PM

# *My Quiet Spaces*

## Daily Bible Reading 2019—May/June

26	Sunday	2 Chronicles 10-13
27	Monday	2 Chronicles 14-17
28	Tuesday	2 Chronicles 18-20
29	Wednesday	2 Chronicles 21-23
30	Thursday	2 Chronicles 24-25
31	Friday	2 Chronicles 26-28
June 1	Saturday	2 Chronicles 29-30



May

22–100% Night @ 5:30

June

**4-11—Manna Mission Trip  
16-21—Short Mountain Bible Camp**

July

## **7-10 Vacation Bible School**

[www.jayouth.org](http://www.jayouth.org)