

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School is off to a great start. There were 15 in the Nursery, 11 in Teen class and over 60 in auditorium. We have classes for all ages. All the green shirts on Sunday night were a wonderful sight to see. John Anderson did a great job in teaching us about Joshua in the adult class. I am sure the others teachers did a great job as well. Hopefully you will have time to visit before we finish on Thursday night.

Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp will be conducted next week (16-22). If I counted correctly we have four campers and five staff workers going from Montrose. We have a few on the waiting list for this year and had to turn away some who volunteered to be counselors because we simply did not have room. Visitor's night is always on Friday night of camp. The following message was found in the Carthage bulletin concerning visitor's night. "*You are invited to come for Visitor's Night on Friday night (July 21). Please be aware that, as much as we would like, we are unable to provide a meal for the overflow crowd.*" This year the Run4Don committee decided to award scholarships on Friday night of camp. Most of the recipients attend camp and we thought this would give us greater exposure for what we are trying to do. I believe with these scholarships, we will surpass \$100,000.00 that we have been able to award to young Christians. Thanks for all the support.

—L. Cole

CONSTANT IN PRAYER

There is no question that we as Christians are to be identified by prayer. James reminds us, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" (5:16). We should "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Timothy 2:1-2). In prayer, we offer praise to God as our Creator, Sustainer and Father. We can pour the needs of our hearts before Him, knowing He cares for us and will do what is right for us.

Not only should we be concerned about our individual needs, but also as part of the body, we ought to have concern for the church. With each of us joining in prayer for one's congregation, what can God accomplish through us? As you offer your personal prayers on behalf of the church, here are some things that would be appropriate to include in your petitions.

Pray for our elders, deacons, preachers and their families, as well as for the work they perform on behalf of this flock. Pray for our various church programs of work, such as Leadership Training for Christ, World Bible School, the Prison Ministry, the Visitation Program, our Bible Classes, our Building Program, etc., as well as those involved in these various good works. Pray the Lord will provide us more opportunities for service

and growth. Pray you will seek, according to your talents and abilities, to serve more fervently, more effectively.

There is much that competes for our time and attention. By spending time in prayer, we can sift through it all and devote ourselves to what deserves our time. Being constant in prayer, we can draw closer to our Heavenly Father. When we draw closer to God, we also draw closer to each other. Those who are constant in prayer reveal hearts open to God and open to receive His blessings. What can the congregation be when we join in prayer? The prayer of the righteous can accomplish much.

Robert Johnson, gospelgazette.com 6/17

HANDS AND HEART

Have you ever noticed how some people use their hands? Of course, the deaf would be lost if they did not use their hands for sign language. The hands are their key to communication with the rest of the world.

Then there are the people who speak and gesture constantly. It has been said that if you hold their hands they would be unable to speak. In truth, their hand language is rather poetic. The hands are more eloquent than our words because the action of the hands comes from the heart.

The Bible often speaks of “dirty hands”. Cain’s hand shed the blood of his brother Abel (Gen. 4:11). When a wicked man kills a righteous man, “*Shall I not now require his blood from your hand and destroy you from the earth.*” (II Samuel 4:11). Ezekiel 23:37 criticizes Israel and Judah, “*For they have committed adultery and blood is on their hands.*”

Clean hands are mentioned in connection with innocence “*Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.*” (Psa. 24:4). Pilate thought that he could wash his hands and be completely free of guilt in regard to the death of Jesus (Matt. 27:24)

But in the mind of Jesus hands can become an agent of sin. “*And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.*” (Matt. 5:30) This was a hyperbole. I hope!

One thing for sure is that we should come to God with clean hands. “*Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*” (James 4:8)

Have you checked your hands lately?

—Bill Goodpasture

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

July 16, 2017

Coordinator Steve Anderson
Announcements Kaleb Bush
Scriptures Reading.. James 5:19,20. . Dallas Eddie

Song Leader Jacky Carver, Jr.
Opening Prayer. George Clay

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard
Ethan Leonard, Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— Reclaiming Lost Sheep
PM Sermon— Adam Jolley will be speaking.

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Scripture Reading...II Tim. 2:1-2 Dallas Eddie

Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Lord’s Supper Roger Draper
. Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer George Clay

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement..... George Clay
Song Leader Dallas Eddie

First Prayer. Billy Halliburton
Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Closing Prayer Jacky Carver Sr.

Prepare Communion for July
Mel Smith

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your assignment listed above, **please notify the coordinator** so that he can find a replacement

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

	<u>05/14/17</u>
Wednesday.	41
Worship Sunday AM	68
Bible Study Sunday AM	55
Daily Bible Readers	30
Worship Sunday PM	107

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 16-22 JSCYC in Holland Ky.
July 30th. Fifth Sunday contribution will go toward digging well for the brethren in India. Justin Draper will speak.
Aug. 5th. Elders, Deacons, Preacher Seminar at East Main in Murfreesboro
Aug. 6th. Men’s business meeting.
July 23rd. Begin collecting school supplies for DES.

READING SCHEDULE FOR JULY

01 Psa. 116-120	12 Prov. 3-5	22 Eccle. 4-8
02 Psa. 121-123	13 Prov. 6-8	23 Eccle. 9-11
03 Psa. 124-126	14 Prov. 9-11	24 Eccle. 12; S. of S. 1-2
04 Psa. 127-129	15 Prov. 12-16	
05 Psa. 130-132	16 Prov. 17-19	25 S of Sol. 3-5
06 Psa. 133-135	17 Prov. 20-22	26 S of Sol. 6-8
07 Psa. 136-138	18 Prov. 23-25	27 Isaiah1-3
08 Psa. 139-143	19 Prov. 26-28	28 Isa. 4-6
09 Psa. 144-146	20 Prov. 29-31	29 Isa. 7-11
10 Psa. 147-149	21 Eccle, 1-3	30 Isa. 12-14
11 Psa. 150; Prov. 1,2		31 Isa. 15-17