

WORSHIP—SUNDAY—6:00 PM

Announcements.....Jacky Carver, Sr.
Song Leader.....Gavin Spurlin
Scripture Reading.....Austin Clay
First Prayer.....George Clay
PM Sermon.....Travis Thomas
Lord’s Supper.....Scott Cook & Taner Cook
Closing Prayer.....Steve Anderson

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY — 7:00 PM

Announcements.....Jacky Carver, Sr.
Song Leader.....Brian Smith
First Prayer.....Jeff Crockett
Opening Prayer.....Roger Draper
Invitation.....Sam Willcut
Closing Prayer.....Justin Draper

Prepare Communion for **MARCH**
Patsy Reece

Suggested Daily Bible Reading for March:
Read 7 chapters of **Genesis** each day
(with 8 chapters on the final day of the week)

PRAYER LIST

Opal Agee (Concordia Nursing and Rehabilitation of Smith County, Carthage, Room 705B), **Sawyer Cole** (grandson of Larry & Vickie Cole), **Billy Halliburton** (at St. Thomas—West and will be going to rehab soon), **Peggy Kemp** (having knee surgery on March 15), **Linda Phillips** (friend of Janice Pinckley, battling pancreatic cancer), **Charlie Pinckley**, **Ruby Mae West** (friend of many) is now living with her daughter, **Rhonda Whitaker** (friend of Janice Pinckley)

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

The week of 2/24/19
Worship Sunday AM.....59
Bible Study Sunday AM.....45
Daily Bible Readers.....26
Worship Sunday PM.....56
Wednesday (2/20/19).....58
Offering.....\$3,608.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 3—Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting

March 9—Youth Laser Tag Trip & Devotional, 3:00 PM

March 10—Instructor from SEIBS

March 22—Montrose Annual Singing

March 24—Timothy & Dorcas classes

March 31—Young Men conduct PM service

AREA EVENTS

March 3-6—Gospel Meeting, Celina, TN

March 7—Smith County Drug Prevention Coalition Meeting on Addiction, Smith County Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 6:00 PM

March 8—Mid-TN Friday Night Singing, Philippi, Castalian Springs, 7:00 PM

April 13—Ladies' Day, East Main, Murfreesboro

April 13—Ladies' Day, Charlotte Heights, Nashville

April 25—Smith County Drug Prevention Coalition Meeting on Addiction, Smith County Historic Courthouse, 6:00 PM

God Wants Our Youth to be Leaders, Too!

Although adults have the responsibility of leading, young people can be leaders, too. They are not just the church of tomorrow, but they can shine as leaders in the church of today. Notice a few biblical examples of godly youth who were leaders.

David was a leader among adults. When he obeyed his father to visit his brothers who were in the Israelite army, he witnessed a tragic situation. The Philistine enemies were ridiculing not only the Israelites themselves, but Jehovah God as well. Sure, their champion Goliath was more than nine feet tall, whose spear head alone weighed about 125 pounds, and was a ferocious bully. However, no one, not even King Saul (who was not as tall as Goliath, but was taller than any of the other Israelites [1 Samuel 9:2]) took the challenge from Goliath. The Israelites cowardly let him blaspheme Jehovah in fear. Being much younger than everyone else around him, David had enough faith in God, apparently more than the older ones who should have been seasoned in their faith, to take the challenge from Goliath. Through the help of God, David was victorious.

Joseph was a leader among strangers. As a young lad, his brothers sold him as a slave, and he became a servant in the house of Potiphar in Egypt. When the wife of Potiphar tempted Joseph to do wrong, his conviction in God helped to withstand the temptations. When she pressured, he ran! He did exactly what the Bible tells us to do as well: *"Flee fornication...Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry...But thou, O man of God, flee these things...Flee also youthful lusts"* (1 Corinthians 6:18; 10:14; 1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22). As a youth, Joseph could have reasoned that he was in a place with strangers, and that no one would find out. Nevertheless, he knew that God would know who was watching and caring for him.

Josiah was a leader in the kingdom. He was just eight years old when he became king of Judah. His father and grandfather, both kings before him, were evil kings. However, *"he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David, his father, and declined*

neither to the right hand, nor to the left" (2 Chronicles 34:2). When he was sixteen, he began to seek the Lord faithfully. When he was twenty, he began to exterminate idolatry that had plagued the country for many years. When he was twenty-six, he began to repair the temple of God. During the construction, the Law of Moses was found. He began to read the law of God, even before the elders of the country. He did what was right spiritually, and turned the kingdom of God around. He is an example for youth to search for the truth and put it into practice, even as a young person in the church.

I could have given many other examples: Vashti, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Esther, Jonathan, Timothy, Miriam, and Samuel. All these were leaders as youth. Young people, you can be a leader, too! *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity"* (1 Timothy 4:12).

—*Sam Willcut*

To Have a Winning Day...

- We must listen more than we talk.
- We must smile more than we frown.
- We must give more than we get.
- We must think of others more than we think of ourselves.
- We must agree more than we disagree.
- We must laugh more than we cry.
- We must clean up more than we mess up.
- We must be more positive than we are negative.
- We must be fascinated more than we are frustrated.
- We must walk the walk more than we talk the talk.
- We must accept more than we reject.
- We must see the cup half-full more than we see the cup half-empty.
- We must help more than we hinder.
- We must believe in ourselves more than we doubt ourselves.
- We must work more than we whine.
- We must do more than we do not.
- We must act more than we react.
- We must save more than we squander.
- We must care more than we ever have before.
- We must love more than we ever have before!

—Anonymous