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THE SONSHINE NEWS

"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."
1 Thessalonians 5:24

FROM PREACHER JEFF

⁶As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: ⁷Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. -Colossians 2:6-7

Are you taking advantage of the opportunity to be taught so that you might be "rooted and built up in him [meaning Jesus]"? How long has it been since you participated in Bible Fellowship (Sunday School) class or another small group Bible Study? Do you discuss the Word of God with others allowing the Holy Spirit to bring illumination to your life? Bible Fellowship is not only the best time to *grow in the Scriptures* but also to *gather with the saints*. Everyone needs a Bible Fellowship class.

Christians are directed, according to the Word of God, to *walk* in the Lord just as we were won to the Lord. That is, we must walk by faith and not by sight. However, we are not to walk casually in our faith but to be firmly planted in the teachings of Christ. Christians are to be alert to the ungodly, philosophical, empty, deceptive teachings of the world. The church must beware of the enticements of man's ways and man's traditions.

Our society lives without standards and declares that Christians are intolerant when we take a stand upon the Word of God. We must stand to defend our faith and not deny our faith; however, this requires teaching from the Word of God. Paul says, "Be established in your faith, as you have been taught." We must grow beyond simply stating that we are a "Christian." It is vital to know *what* we believe and *why* we believe it. We must be taught.

Most students return to school for a new year of classes to be taught. Let's all become students and get back to school, that is Sunday School, to be taught. We call it Bible Fellowship.

Bible + Fellowship = Bible Fellowship

There is a class for all ages. Don't be absent!
God loves you, and I love you, -Pastor Jeff

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

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The church received "Thank you's" this month from the Yankee family and the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. Welcome new member Bob Childress.

REACH!

We are so excited to begin Reach! on Wednesday, August 6th, from 6:30-8:15 p.m. This is for ages 2 through 5th grade. Register your kids online today!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Anthony Richardson	10 Brittni Brown	18 Jeremy Hurd
2 Richard Decker	11 Judy Maddux	21 Julia Flegel
2 Greg Feathers	11 James Salyer	21 Troy Shipley
3 Isaac Crawford	12 Stephanie Cox	21 Olivia Tallent
3 Shirley Harless	12 D.J. Robertson	23 June Carter
3 Courtney Shipley	13 Grace Bowery	23 Michael Horne
4 Miranda Clevenger	13 Layla Cox	23 Dwight Ingram
5 Brenda Brown	13 Lisa Hensley	25 Nancy Cole
5 Leland English	14 Jonathan Brown	25 Kobe Percy
6 Amanda Jarrett	14 Linda Crouch	26 Carl Davenport
6 Evelyn Taylor	14 Sandra Williams	27 Jett Davis
7 Frances Cook	15 Devyn Barger	28 Al Larkin
7 Nannie Cox	15 Joe Bragg	29 Mary Birdwell
8 Henry Jones	16 Zac Birch	29 Jerry Vicars
8 Wyatt Thornton	17 Laney Douglass	30 Shirley Harper
9 Randall Anderson	18 Kim Dean	30 Josh Jackson
9 Hannah Clevenger	18 Rhonda Depew	31 Ashlee Jones

Deacon Ministry for August:

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