



# **SUNDAY SERVICES** January 21, 2024

**LEAD SINGING:** Gabe Orendorff **LEAD OPENING PRAYER:** Jay Wilkins

**PRESIDE**: Don Mosley

SERVE Communion Emblems in JAN: Butch Lee, Brant Sweat,

Daryl Daugherty, Wesley Burns **SERMON**: Brant Sweat

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Dean McKaskle **USHERS to Collect Contribution in JAN:** Brent Welch, James

Sellers, Dean McKaskle, Cameron Jones

**Sunday Evening Serving** 

**LEAD SINGING**: Gabe Orendorff

**LEAD OPENING PRAYER:** Martin Cauthen

**SERMON**: Doug Couch

**LEAD CLOSING PRAYER**: Cameron Jones PRESIDE FOR MONTH: David Karnes

**FOOD CALL IN JAN**: Ann Heath & Bessie Larkins

WASH LINENS IN JAN: Marilyn Wilkins

LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF JAN:

Brent Welch & Jeremy Petty

Jan. 14——Attendance—220

#### **Directory Updates, Prayer Request Notifications & Death Notices:**

Debbie Couch 615-957-7452 or at couchd25@hotmail.com If you have announcements to be put on the screen: send email to: whblchurch@gmail.com PLACE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT YOU HAVE FOR SUNDAY MORNING ON THE CLIPBOARD IN THE LOBBY.

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The Youth Group had a great time at Evangelism University this past weekend. Thanks to all the chaperones that went and to those that made snacks for the trip. Our job is to make disciples for Jesus.

# WBYG SPRING 2024





10: M2E @ 6:15 - Amy 12-14: Evangelism University (HS only) - Mandy 21: Area Wide @ Burns COC 28: Recharge - Ashlie



18: Recharge 22-25: CYC - Shamron and Joanna 28: M2E @ 6:15 **TBD: Dickson County Area Wide** 



# White Bluff **Church of Christ**

**January 21, 2024** 

#### **Elders:**

**Buddy Driver** Terry Gross Jay Wilkins Doug Couch Larry Osborne Brent Welch Shamron Jackson

#### Deacons:

Larry Cocke Gale Larkins Tim Godwin Butch Lee Mike Jones Jeremy Petty David Karnes Dean McKaskle Lee Marlow **Greg Morris** 

Evangelist: Doug Couch 973-9652 Associate Minister: Daniel Cauthen

Secretaries: Adelaide Butler 797-3380 Debbie Couch 957-7452 Julie McKaskle 308-8456

## Sunday:

**Bible Classes** 9:00am A.M. Worship 10:00am P.M. Worship 5:00pm Children's Bible Hour 5:00pm

#### Wednesday:

7 PM Classes for everyone

Thursday: Ladies Bible Class 10:00am "In Search of the Lord's Way" Sunday AM 7 – 7:30 "Gospel Broadcasting Network" (GBN) Sunday AM 7:30-8:00 "Good News Today" Sunday AM -8:00

All on Channel WUXP 30

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# Science, Snow and Scripture

At this writing (Jan. 16, Tues.), The Lord has blanketed Dickson County with snow and subfreezing temperatures. His work is beautiful, but it can also be terrifying (think of a skidding 18-wheeler coming across the highway toward you).

When the Lord created earth, He designed water (H<sub>2</sub>O) to exist in three forms: solid (ice and snow), liquid (water), and gas (water vapor). Hydrogen is a gas and the lightest element in the universe. Oxygen also exists as a gas. How is it that two elements that are gases can become liquid? The answer is found in hydrogen's capacity to bond with itself in the HOH (or H<sub>2</sub>O) molecule. If we could see liquid water molecules, they would look like this: HOHHOHHOHHOHHOH, etc. Then the Lord gave liquid water's capacity to become vapor with the sun's energy and expand 1,800 times in volume. Because it is lighter than the air, it rises upward and condenses on a dust particle ready to fall to earth as rain. Thus we have the water cycle invented by God who is infinitely wise (Romans 16:27).

There are 25 references in Bible to snow. Only a handful refer to literal snow. Most references involve comparisons to snow.

2 Sam. 23:20 tells of one of David's bodyguards, Benaiah was so skilled that he killed 2 lions of Moab (2 Sam. 23:20). The lions are thought to have been warriors who were lion-like, e.g. like Navy Seals. Then he killed a lion that was in a pit on a snowy day.

The book of Job has several references to snow. Job 9:30 refers to one washing in snow water to make himself clean. Young Elihu said to Job that he needed to acknowledge God's greatness because God commanded weather patterns including rain & snow (Job 37:6). God asked Job if he knew about the storehouses of snow (Job 38:22).

Isa. 55:10 shows that God's word is like the glacial snowmelt that feeds rivers in the hot summer.

God's grace is like snow. After Nathan's rebuke of David's adultery & murder of Bathsheba's husband, the king asked God, "wash me & I will be whiter than snow" (Psa. 51:7). God pleaded with rebellious Israel to reason with Him. God offered to forgive them if they repented. "Though your sins shall be as scarlet, they can be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).

We all can be clean in God's sight if we accept the forgiveness offered on Calvary.

----Doug Couch----

#### **Calendar of Events**

Jan. 22—Family Night 6:30— Soups & Chili

Jan. 28 — Mission Committee Meeting @ 4:00

Jan. 31—5th Wednesday Night Singing

Jan. 31 – Meeting for Ladies Day planning after service

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Feb. 4 — Congregational Meeting @ 9:00

Feb. 11— Compassion Cards after service.

#### Area Events

Jan. 20 - Girls Day at McEwen Church of Christ 9 am

Feb. 5-9—Freed Hardeman Lectureship

April 18-21—Equipped Workshop, Bowling Green, KY

See Bulletin Board for more details

# Happy Birthday

Jan. 21—Jude Jones

Jan. 23—Pamela Todd

Jan. 24—Debbie Fortner, Karen Webster

Jan. 25—Cannon Daugherty, Mona Mosley

Jan. 26—Sue Goodnight

# Happy Anniversary

Jan. 24—William & Ann Hamilton (64 years)

# Sympathy

We offer our sincere condolences to these 4 families that have lost loved ones last week:

**Dorothy Adcock**, Debbie Johnson's mother. She passed away last Saturday. Her funeral service will be on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Harpeth Hills Funeral Home on Hwy. 100. visitation will be on Monday from 3-7.

John Heath who passed away on Saturday, Jan. 13. He was the son of Peggy Heath and Ava Heath's father. No service is planned at this time. .

Windell Lee Marlow. He was the father of Lee Marlow. His funeral service will be on Feb. 17 at Spann's Funeral Home in Dick-

Gayle Westcott, brother of Linda Hooper. Funeral Services will be Sunday, Jan. 21 at 2 pm at First Baptist Church in White Bluff. Visitation will be held at the church on Sat. Jan. 20 from 12-8 pm.

Begin today! No matter how feeble the light, let it shine as best it may. The world may need just that quality of light which you have.

Henry C. Blinn



# Prayer Requests

**Jeff Daniel,** Cameron Jones' dad is in St. Thomas West Hospital. Catherine Wright, James Fortner's mother is now home after spending some time in Horizon Hospital with pneumonia. Joey **Rodgers,** Penny's Rodgers brother is now home on hospice care. Sandra Hill is now home after spending 3 weeks in Horizon. Darryl **Tummins**, a member of Pond church of Christ, request prayers after having his left leg amputated at Horizon.

# **Those Battling Cancer...**

#### **OUR MEMBERS**

Yvonne Quillin **Karl Craun** Kim Marlow **Larry Osborne** Jimmy St. Clair

Willie Hamilton

Sandra Floyd Rhoda Hooper David Stokes Dale Gross Scot Lyle Peggy Donegan Anthony Bennett Grayson Sawyer Melanie Barber Lee Shockney

OTHERS W/ CANCER Relationship Glenda Bull's niece Linda Hooper's sister-in-law Bernice Stokes' brother-in-law Terry Gross's brother Brenda Lyle's son Shirley Daniel's sister Jerry & Adelaide's son-in-law 5 yr old friend of Lou Ann Tidwell Nathan Barber's mother friend of Daryl Daugherty

## Continue to Remember in Prayer

# **OUR MEMBERS**

Carol LeBlanc Bernice Stokes Sue Murphy Lois Willis **Betty Caldwell** Ouida Polk Diann Smithson Pamela Todd Roy Hamilton Willie Hamilton

**OTHERS** Relationship **Rubie Corkan** Peggy Heath's mother Jo Corkan Peggy Heath's aunt Darryl Northern Betty Reynold's son Jean Majors & Kit Wed. Meal recipient Joe Pacone Wed. Meal recipient Antonia Cangemi sister of Carol Leblanc Norman Mayer Michelle Morris' brother

# **In the Nursing Homes**

Olive Branch: Mary Buttrey, Freddie Weatherspoon, 110 Luther Rd, Dickson, TN 37055.

NHC: Peggy Jackson, rm 101, Ouida Polk rm 300, Lisa Butler rm 11B. Barbara Travis rm 303, Jerry Butler rm 113, 812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson 37055 The Meadows: Joan Butler. 8044 Coley Davis Rd. Room A-36B, Nashville, TN 37221.

Hillcrest Health Care Center: Shirley Hamilton, 111 Pemberton Dr, Ashland City, TN 37015.

Belvedere Commons: Judy Barfield, 303 S Royal Oaks Blvd, Franklin, TN

Life Care Center: Kenny Pack 112 Dickson Rd, Centerville, TN 37033. NHC Place at the TRACE: Ruth Nicholson, rm 322, 8353 Hwy 100, Nashville, TN 37221

# **Items Needed for January**

MAGI NEEDS: bars of soap

PANTRY NEEDS: Dishwashing Detergent, Laundry Detergent, **Paper Towels, Toothbrushes** 

See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

## For the Ladies!

# Ladies Retreat at Camp Leatherwood-Feb. 16-17

# **Celine Sparks Speaking**

Get your registration forms from Gail Mosley. We had a wonderful time last year with almost 100 ladies. Plan to join us this year

### Help Plan our Fall Ladies Day:

The date will be Saturday, October 26 and Shelia Butt will be our speaker. There will be an organizational meeting on Jan. 31 after Bible Classes to choose a Theme or Topic. Please see Marilyn to get a list of topics and help plan our Ladies Day for 2024.

# The Disease of Discouragement

#### dis·cour·age·ment dəˈskərəjm(ə)nt -

- —-a loss of confidence or enthusiasm; dispiritedness.
- —-an attempt to prevent something by showing disapproval or creating difficulties; deterrent.

Where does discouragement come from? Let's consider an interesting comment in the book of Ezra.

The book of Ezra tells the story of the rebuilding of the temple. Though the act is brought about by God and authorized by King Cyrus, it does not come about easily. In Chapter 4 we see those that are attempting to thwart the efforts. In Ezra 4:4 we read, "Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build."

Notice how they discouraged them? They made them afraid. Where does discouragement come from? It's right there in the etymology:

DIS = not

COURAGE = overcome fear

MENT = the state of

Discouragement comes when we fear. Fear is a powerful motivator but more often than not it's one that stops us from doing something. That is why when fear is our primary motivator it usually doesn't last long and doesn't keep us motivated to go forward.

Don't let fear rule you or you will find a lot of discouragement.

Barry Haynes. Hope church of Christ. Hope, AR

Don't just attend church. Love the church. Serve the church. Give through the church. Invite people to church. Worship Jesus with the church. Encourage the church. Participate in the church. Pray for the church. Be the church

> **If Every Member** Were Just Like Me What Kind of a Church **Would My Church Be?**

# **Family Night**

January 22 @ 6:30 Bring your favorite Soup or Chili to share and fellowship with the brethren.



#### From the Elders

On Feb. 4th at 9 am during the Bible Class hour, the elders would like to have a congregational meeting to discuss results of the survey taken by the members several months ago. We ask that the men meet in the auditorium and that the women meet in the fellowship hall.

We are grateful to everyone who participated in the survey. We have prayerfully considered your feedback regarding ways that we can improve our congregation.

We will share results of the survey and will be seeking additional input from you how we can make improvements. The input you provided in the survey covered five areas: worship, fellowship, education, youth, and evangelism.

Let's work together so that we can be the church God wants us to be.

