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MAY 1, 2022



“WELCOME TO WHAT IS LEFT OF WEDNESDAY NIGHTS”

Danny Dodd
Levy Church of Christ, North Little Rock, AK

“Welcome to what is left of Wednesday nights” is how I greeted my Wednesday night Bible class recently. It was just a shell of what it used to be. A few years ago on most such nights, it could get borderline dangerous in our halls and between our pews — kids running around all over the place. I used to enjoy seeing them playing on our stage. They covered it up with smiles and joy. Not now though. Fairly quiet. It has been that way going on for two years now.

It is an across-the-board thing, and it is everywhere. Bible class teachers are in short supply. Hard to find greeters. Youth groups have collapsed. Ministries that once were lively—not so much anymore. The pool of volunteers has almost dried up. Sunday mornings? Plenty of choice seats available. There has been this great abandonment. Experts have been saying for years that churches were in trouble. COVID proved it.

I cannot/do not fault anyone for protecting themselves and their families. I did. Everyone and every family has to make those calls. I respect that. Not my business to decide what is best for others in a pandemic. But I am beginning to wonder — will the churches recover? Will the kids come back and run our halls once more? Churches all over are still lagging far behind other venues in terms of rebounding. Are we the last place to which folks want to return? And if so, what does that say about us? Maybe it is time for some deep introspection.

I’ve heard it said that it takes a full three months to create new habits. Could it be a simple as that?

Currently there is all kinds of information about how churches can turn this thing around; how we can use the pandemic as opportunity; complete with five-easy-step methods. Maybe. Hopefully. It is difficult not to be pessimistic though and I really despise being pessimistic. I do know that God is bigger than all of this; that even in midst of the downsizing, folks have been touched through loving ministry; lives have been changed; people have come to know the Lord. God’s work continues on well beyond any church building; any church meeting; any church event. I praise Him for that.

We do have streaming and other ways to engage. I am also thankful for that. But this new normal is difficult for an old-head like me. I miss those rowdy Wednesday nights.

My prayers are all over COVID—for those infected; for this thing to subside; for all suffering from the damage it has done; for the pressure it has put on our hospitals, health-care workers, schools, families, churches and our way of life.

Lord, please release us from its fear, bondage, and consequences!

SUNDAY SERVICES

May 1, 2022

LEAD SINGING: James Quillin

LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Brant Sweat

PRESIDE: Dwayne Daniel

SERVE Communion Emblems in MAY: Larry Osborne, Greg Morris, David Karnes, Larry Lampley

SERMON: Daniel Cauthen

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Terry Gross

USHERS to Collect Contribution in MAY: Don Mosley Pierre Griffin

Sunday Evening Service

LEAD SINGING: James Quillin

LEAD OPENING PRAYER: James Sellers

SERMON: Daniel Cauthen

LEAD CLOSING PRAYER: Butch Lee

PRESIDE MONTH OF MAY: Karl Craun

Wednesday Bible Study Devo —April 27—Daniel Cauthen

FOOD CALL IN MAY: Marilyn Wilkins, Kim Willoughby

WASH LINENS IN MAY: Penny Rodgers

LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Pierre Griffin & Donnie Wills

Apr. 24 - Attendance 208 Contribution— \$11,337

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.

Wednesday Night Adult Auditorium Class

May 4 — Doug Couch—The Will of God

May 11 — Daniel Cauthen

May 18 — Doug Couch—God’s Revelation

WORDS FROM ETHAN

“God cares more about our character than our comfort.” – Jeff Jenkins

It is extremely easy for our feelings and circumstances to change our reality. David in Psalm 13:1-2 questions not just God but His very character. It was easy for his reality to be altered by his feelings because of the fear of his enemies exalting themselves above him. In the beginning verses, he felt as if God had left him and he could no longer look to God for answers, comfort, or peace. The days and nights leading up to what was going to be the most excruciating death anyone has ever went through, Christ could have felt these very same and raw feels of being abandoned by God because of the torture He was about to endure.

It is easy for us in life, even more so right now, to adopt this mindset that if I am not comfortable or my struggles appear too big that God has just all together abandoned me and left me to figure things out for myself. This is where this quote has completely changed my perspective on fear for the future, struggles in life, and hardships that seem impossible to overcome. Within ourselves, we cannot get “comfort” switched with “character” as to which is more important to God. Spiritual battles that we face in life are not all about the end result simply being that we are comfortable. Our character is what needs to be molded and shaped to look more and more like Christ’s character.

— Ethan

It’s time to register for

CAMP LEATHERWOOD

JUNE 12-17



Go to the website at www.whitebluffcoc.org/camp-leatherwood-registration and sign up now to reserve your spot. Bunks will be limited this year so first come first serve.

Registration will close on May 8.

ONLINE GIVING

Go to www.whitebluffcoc.org and click/tap on “GIVE”. Follow the instructions to “contribution by card.” There is a slight card fee as expected with all credit card transactions.

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

Deacons:
Larry Cocke Gale Larkins
Tim Godwin Butch Lee
Mike Jones Jeremy Petty
David Karnes Dean McKaskle
Dwayne Daniel Lee Marlow
Greg Morris Gabe Orendorff
Tom Todd

Evangelist: Doug Couch 973-9652
Associate Minister: Daniel Cauthen
Youth: Ethan Myers 940-783-1668
Jail: Tom Todd 615-351-2446

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

Custodian: (Cleaning)
Dennis Donaldson 615-495-6382
Keri Donaldson 615-946-6944

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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May 3—Debbie Johnson, Luke Witherow
 May 4—Cooper Daugherty, Mike Jones
 May 6—Cody Karnes
 May 7—Sherri Lampley, Carol Todd

Clothing Giveaway

Monday, May 16
 6:00-7:00 PM



Help is needed setting up at 9:00 AM and during the giveaway and afterward for cleanup. We are only accepting Spring and Summer clothing until after this Give-away.

WORKDAYS AT CAMP LEATHERWOOD

to clean grounds and cabins will be May 7, 14 & 21. Gate will open at 8 a.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Your help to get camp ready for this summer will be appreciated. Our week of camp starts June 12-17 — Get your applications in now.



IF.....

- If** you are impatient, sit down quietly and talk with Job.
- If** you are strongheaded, go and see Moses.
- If** you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.
- If** you are a get along, go along man, read the book of Daniel.
- If** there is no song in your heart, listen to David.
- If** you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.
- If** you are getting cold and heartless, get the beloved disciple John to put his arms around you.
- If** your faith is low, read the words of Paul
- If** you are getting lazy, listen to James.
- If** you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land!

Prayer Requests

Ronnie Mitchell is having tests for blockages in neck.
 Joe Jack, Melton & Wilma Jack's son is having issues with a hip replacement and needs prayers.

Those Battling Cancer...

Anthony Bennett	Sandra Floyd	Yvonne Quillin	Rhoda Hooper
Karl Craun	Bernice Greer	Kim Marlow	David Stokes
June Driver	Kathleen Wilson	Dale Gross	Norma Mayer
Anita Pickard	Priscilla Roebuck	Doug Utley	Jay Wilkins
Tammy Cathey	Sarah Biggs	Jimmy St. Clair	Gary Shepherd
Willie Hamilton	Scot Lyle		

Continue to Remember...

Rubie Corkan	Jo Corkan	Aline Kerr	Cecelia Black
Carol LeBlanc	Lois Willis	Margie Spicer	Joyce Spicer
George Green	Betty Caldwell	Virginia Lynn	Sandra Stiles
Sue McEndree	Joan Jones	Darryl Northern	Charles Carver
Pamela Todd	Joann Rist	Tom Jackson	Dianne Hall
Ronnie Chandler	Ouida Polk	Carolyn Ricketts	
Leon & Verna Couch			

In the Nursing Homes

NHC: Clara Mae Cathey, PO. Box 585, Dickson, TN 37056 **Olive Branch:** Freddie Weatherspoon, Mary Buttrey, 110 Luther Rd, Dickson, TN 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 37064 **Life Care Center:** Kenny Pack 112 Dickson Rd, Centerville, TN 37033. **THE TRACE:** Ruth Nicholson, Gayle Lankford, Virginia Lynn. 8353 TN-100, Nashville, TN 37221 **Betty Hall** -7316 Coronada Court, Nashville, TN 37221 **Brookdale Belle Meade:** Peggy Blessing, 6767 Brookmont Terrace, Nashville, TN 37205

Items Needed for May

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 Brushes & Combs



PANTRY NEEDS: Chicken & Dumplings Beef Stew
 Canned Ham Spaghetti O's Beanee Weenees
 Chili w/Beans Canned Beans

See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

We still need Teachers and helpers for VBS.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JULY 17 –20

Please see Joanna Jackson if you can help & to get your material.

Calendar of Events

April 29—Young Adults Bowling @ Thunder Alley
May 2—Dorcas Sewing Group at 10 am
May 10—Cardiovascular Screening with Lifeline
May 15—Graduation Potluck Dinner
May 15—Deacons Meeting @ 4 pm
May 16 — Clothing Giveaway
May 22—Kids for Christ Kick Ball Game
May 23—Family Night @ 6:30

AREA EVENTS

April 29 —Friday Night Singing at Hilldale Church of Christ in Clarksville. 7—midnight.
May 6-8—Gospel Meeting at Bridge Avenue Church of Christ, Murfreesboro with Dale Jenkins speaking. See board for details.
May 14—Ladies Day at McEwen Church of Christ—Courtney Steed speaking.
May 11-15—Gospel Meeting at Hillsdale Church of Christ in Pulaski

Congratulations

Congratulations to Haven Wills, Donnie and Tereasa Wills' daughter on her marriage to Matthew Choate on April 21 in Charlotte.



Thank you

Thank you for the prayers and many acts of kindness shown during the decline and death of our father, George Polk. The calls, messages, cards, hugs during visitation, plant and Doug's kind words during the service meant so much. Thank you for the wonderful meal after the service for the family which fed our hearts as well. We were truly blessed by your kindness.

David Polk and Denise Adams & families

SPRING SING SUCCESS

What a wonderful time we had last Sunday night for our Spring Sing. Over 333 people were here from 12 different congregations to lift our voice in praise to our God. Thank you to all who participated, to Gabe Orendorff and Ethan Myers for their part, to all that brought food and helped serve. What a great day Heaven will be when all of God's Singers Get Home!!

Scam from "Your Preacher"

In the last few days several of you have received text messages or emails from "Pastor Doug" asking you for money. The person doing this is from the Chicago area. These people are liars and thieves. DO NOT send money to anyone, do not give out your bank or credit card information, or purchase any kind of prepaid credit card. Investigate further any text message or email before sending money. --- Doug



On **May 15** there will be a **Pot-luck Dinner** honoring our graduating Seniors. Everyone is invited especially our Seniors from College, High School and Pre-school and their families. Please bring meat and vegetable dishes for the luncheon after our morning service. Drinks will be provided.



Monday, May 2

Dorcas Sewing Group will meet at 10 am to work on dresses and shorts for Honduras

JOY

Group Outing for May will be announced soon. Check the Bulletin Board to sign up!

FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES

After a two year hiatus, family night will begin again on Monday night May 23 @ 6:30. Bring any Pot-luck Dish and come join an evening of fellowship with one another.

KIDS FOR CHRIST KICKBALL GAME

May 22

Kids vs. Parents

Montgomery Bell

State Park



After evening service.

BOWLING AT THUNDER ALLEY

for the YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, April 29

Let Mary or Brant Sweat know if you are interested.

