

**Ongoing Activities**

**Wednesdays**

- Dossett Chapel, 3:15-5 p.m.
- Youth Praise Band, 5-6 p.m.
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
- Youth Group, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- Adult Discipleship, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Thursdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet 12-2 p.m.
- Handbells, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; begins 1/12/17

**Fridays**

- Young Mom’s Group, 9-12 a.m.

**Tuesdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance 12-2 p.m.

*UMW Circle 7* will meet this Sunday, January 22nd at 4:30 p.m. in Davidson Hall. Our program will be Partners for Healing. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Bertha Smith at 931-434-9700.

The *Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study* is beginning a new study on “*Troublesome Bible Passages*.” They meet every Wednesday Night from 6:30-8 p.m. in room #113 off of the Sanctuary. Anyone is welcome to join them!

**The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue**

The second step in spiritual fitness- worshipping with heart, soul and mind.


Daily and weekly worship routinely resets our soul. The discipline of worship realigns our day and week. Made in the image of God, our souls silently wait to reconnect with God. Worship allows God to fix our plans. In worship, we seek to experience “on earth as in heaven.” Worship starts us over again with God’s grace, love and power. Worship comes as a new beginning. Worship reminds us that we belong to God, came from God, and will return to God. Worship retunes us to Heaven’s rhythms and realigns us with God’s Word. “Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the assurance of faith! Let us hold tightly to the hope we profess, for God is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not neglecting our meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another” Hebrews 10:19-25 adapted.

Worship is not about having our needs met. Focusing on our needs makes us worship-judges, evaluating how we consumed worship. In contrast “the pure in heart will see God” in all kinds of experiences (Matthew 5:8). Only the Lord who looks at hearts can judge worship! Seeking to have our needs met takes our focus off God and places it on people, preachers or drum-kits. Paul accuses First Corinthians of embarrassing immorality (1 Cor. 5:1) and Galatians Community Church of being bewitched (3:1). The Bible is the story of God working with sinful people and churches! You can’t follow Jesus and neglect worship. Jesus worshipped in the synagogue even when the congregation tried to stone him or displayed a troubling hardness of heart. If you can’t find people to worship with then you are too focused on the people instead of the Lord! Only the Lord saves our souls, transforms our lives, and deserves our worship!

If we worship and follow Jesus then we must open the Scriptures. Jesus is not just our savior to be praised, but our example to be followed. Jesus must become our example- our model- our goal. All who wear the name of Christ- strive to become Christ-like. We must “lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...” (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Sunday, we will explore the third step in spiritual fitness- being part of a team. Jesus called a team of twelve. Acts is the story of the church. Half the New Testament consists of letters to churches. Christianity requires a community. Come join our imperfect team as we seek to run the race in such a way we win the prize!

*Grace and Love,  
Pastor Paul*



Run to Get the Prize — 1 Cor 9:24

**January 22nd**  
“Team Matters - Finding Strength Together”  
1 Thessalonians 3-5

**January 29th**  
“Step Up To Serve - Moving Beyond Infant Formulas”  
Hebrews 5:11-6:12 & 1 Corinthians 3

**First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison**



Hey Everyone,

This coming Sunday, we will be talking about finding our strength in one another. I know for myself, I need other believers in my life, encouraging me, lifting me up in prayer, and for friendship. Also this Sunday, we will have LifeGroup leaders gathered during the Sunday School hour in Davidson Hall. If you are not a part of a LifeGroup, you should be! If you would like to be a part of a LifeGroup, come and see us on Sunday and we will get you in. As a leader and participant in this ministry, I know how awesome it is and how much it has meant to my spiritual walk.

*In Christ,  
Jeff*

# Senior VIBES

## Ongoing Events...

### Adult Art Group

Fridays  
10 a.m.- 12 p.m.  
Main Bldg., #208



### Knitting Group

3rd, 4th, & 5th  
Tuesdays  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
FAC Bldg.  
Room #4



## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” I Thessalonians 5:18.*



*Above you see two of the heart-shaped baskets that were made last week. This summer or fall we will do this again.*



*Do you remember the Schantz Family? I met up with them this past weekend in Clinton, Tennessee. Pryce was performing in a play (“Dead Serious”). It was awesome seeing Paul, Pryce and Julya after almost seven years.*

## Coming Events...

**February 19th** – Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon; 12:30-2 p.m.  
(Please see sign-up on Senior Board for committees to help. February 10th is deadline for signing up to attend the luncheon.)

### Happy Birthday!!!

<b>January 19</b>	<b>Laura Orr</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Donna Johnson</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Elton Thompson</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Rosemary Starnes</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Janna Washington</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Ross Roepke</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Samira Phillips</b>

Please check our prayer list in the newsletter and on the church’s white board outside the office. Help the staff stay in touch! If you have knowledge of any of our Senior Adult Members who would like to be remembered in prayer or would like a visit from our pastoral staff, please do not hesitate to let us know. Also, we acknowledge birthdays of Senior Adult Members weekly in the newsletter; if you would like to be added to the list give me a call (Esther: 455-5434).

## Youth Ministry—Theresa Johnson

All parents and youth interested in **Confirmation** this year, please join us for a meeting about the Confirmation journey this Sunday, January 22nd at 6 pm in the dining room of the FAC. Confirmation is typically open to sixth graders but also for other youth who may be wanting to explore their faith more deeply. We will explain the Confirmation process, review the schedule for this year, and answer any questions you may have.



*Youth having a blast on the slopes this weekend! (Photo by Kirk Butler)*



*Here’s a look at what’s coming up in Youth Ministry:*

- Sunday, January 22nd
- Wednesday, January 25th
- Friday-Sunday, January 27th-29th

Meeting about confirmation in FAC dining room @ 6 p.m.  
WNW parent meeting @ 7:30 p.m. ALL WNW PARENTS NEED TO ATTEND.  
Warmth in Winter (Opryland Hotel)

*Peace in Christ,  
Theresa (theresajfmc@lighttube.net or 931-224-8864)*

### New Communication Tool



Would you like to receive Text messages and Emails from the church to keep you in the loop about everything that is going on? Just text the word CHURCH to 931-452-4747 and click on the response. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need. If you don't text or email, please make sure you call the church with a current phone number so we can update our all church phone tree.

### New Giving Tool

If you would like to use your phone to give, simply text “Give2fume” to 732-56 and follow the prompts. Thank you for giving!

# Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Mark your calendars for this Sunday, January 22nd for our Winter parents' meeting that will take place following the 11 a.m. service in the art room. The nursery will be available, as well as childcare in the Soul Lounge. I ask that at least one adult member from your household attend.



## Sunday, January 22nd

### Nursery Hours

7:45 a.m. - 12 noon

### Sunday School

10:00 a.m. (Main bldg., 2nd floor)

### Children's Church

11:00 a.m. service

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Wednesday, January 25th

4-5 p.m. Wednesday programming for children begins

#### Sunday, February 5th

Cedar Crest Camp reps to discuss summer camp during Sunday School

2-4 p.m. Family Bowling at Tullahoma Lanes

Our 6 week Winter Wednesday night programming begins January 25th from 4-5 p.m. Grades K – 5 will break in to different age groups and meet with me and Gwyn Diller to study about honesty and friendships. We will have a devotion time followed by fun/games/crafts with some music mixed in. The Halos (ages potty trained 3 – Pre K) will meet at the same time with Katie Davenport and Whitney Newton. The nursery will be available during this time for parents that are volunteering.



Can you imagine that VBS is less than 5 months away? Please let me know if you would like to help/contribute in any way. VBS sets a great foundation for childhood church memories!!

Info relating to our Children's Ministry is available at the Information Station desk (at the top of the steps in the Children's Department). Any forms or info you need will be at this desk. All sign-up sheets (parents and children) will be located on the bulletin board that is located between the bathroom doors in the Children's Department. All info pertaining to the nursery and nursery aged children will be kept in the nursery or on the bulletin board to the right of the nursery door.

*Jesus said, "Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"*  
**Mark 10:14-1**

*Partnering WITH You,  
Miss Julie*

# Mission Moment—Holt Cason



A mission of the Hope Center is to provide a safe environment for newborns for at least the beginning of their lives. Another mission is to teach young mothers how to budget their money to prepare them to accept responsibility and to properly care for their babies. It is not an easy mission because expectant mothers join our "family" regardless of their ability to pay. We also give consultations on effective networking with government social services. In addition, our Hope Center office in Riga collects and distributes used baby clothing and baby food to mothers who come for help. Our Hope Center Furniture Fund needs your support.

# Trustees—Bill Bates

We have a need for Bus drivers. At present we have only three, and availability is sometimes an issue. Drivers must be at least 25 and no more than 75 (unless otherwise approved). A Commercial Drivers License is required to drive the bus (but not the van). If you know of someone who has an interest, please contact me or Mandy in the church office for a complete copy of our Transportation Policy.



Thank you for all of the donations of hygiene products for the food pantry. This month we are collecting dishwashing soap. Next month we will collect laundry detergent.

There will be no Third Monday in January because of the installation meeting that we had last Thursday. See you in February. Thanks, Martha Ervin



### *Offering Envelopes*

We still have some envelopes to be picked up for those who pre-ordered them. They are on a table in the back hallway of the main building. If you did not pre-order but would like some, just see Renee in the finance office.

**Worship Attendance (Jan. 15th)**

8:00 a.m. 63  
 First Light 107  
 11:00 a.m. 128  
**Total 298**

**Sunday School 99****Dossett Wednesday 38****Offering Counters (Jan. 22nd)**

George & Kathy Jensen  
 Kay Crosswy  
 Janna Washington

**Greeters/Welcome Teams (January 22nd)**

8:00 a.m. Linda Rogers  
 Linda Thomas  
 9:00 a.m. Monica & Brian  
 Skelton  
 11:00 a.m. Jean Baker  
 Cathy Diller  
 Marissa McKay

**Keeping In Prayers**

Ronald Rogers (father of Devry Lamb)	Elise Walker (daughter of LE & Judy Wright)	Joyce Mathis
Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)	Forrest Frame	Ed & Bobbie Prater (brother & sister-in-law of Bob Prater)
Kevin Youse (friend of George Stone)	William F. Johnson (friend of the Cook family)	Mario Braston (friend of Bertha Smith)
Mary Keel	Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family)	Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
Nancy Washburn	Leon Smith	
Nancy Vining (mother of Charlie Vining)	Don Bond	
	RE Alexander	

**Memorials**

<b>Sara Duncan</b> from Bill & Janet Sholes Michael & Jane Franks	<b>Wayne Beam</b> from Charlotte Hatheway Jerry & Frances Jones
<b>Lowell Keel</b> from SIU Alumni Association	<b>Longstreet Hull</b> from Lou Ann & Jim Mitchell
<b>Anita Davenport</b> from Joyce Bobo	<b>Irene Mason</b> from the Mason Family

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