

## An Update from Andrew...

This is a special time of year, for many reasons. There are some days off from school and work, for many, and there are opportunities to spend time with family members and friends. One of the reasons this time of year is special is that our culture is thinking about Jesus. I hope we can take advantage of this focus on Sunday. As we have gone through the One Word series, we have come to this week's word "Christ." That will be our focus on Sunday morning. If you have family in town for the holidays, I hope you will bring them to worship with you. We will be reflecting on the abundant life that Jesus provides.

If you have traveled abroad, you know that world cultures are all different. Imagine you are enjoying a meal with a family in Israel. If you eat everything on your plate, the host will immediately refill it, whether you are still hungry or not. Why? In Israel, you signify you are full by leaving a little bit of leftovers on your plate.

In Mark 6, there were thousands following Jesus who realized they were stuck. There was no time for them to travel to get food, and the price of feeding so many was astronomical. Jesus took a boy's lunch and miraculously fed the crowd. Not only that, but there were leftovers. Similar to when Jesus turned the water to wine in John 2 or fed the 4,000 in Mark 8, Jesus gave them more than enough.

That is the kind of life Jesus provides – more than enough. In John 10:10, he promised, "I come that they may have life and have it abundantly." Jesus promised abundant life, and He will deliver. He promised to be with us as we journey through difficulties, and He will deliver. He promised an eternity with Him, and He will deliver. On Sunday, we will remind ourselves of that message, and we will share it with several guests. It is this promise that will guide us through the rest of this year and into 2017. Let's keep learning and growing together as we serve God!

### Sunday's Messages

**AM – From Glory to Glory (Philippians 2:5-11)**  
**PM Devotional – The Search for Hope (Ecclesiastes 6:1-12)**

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#### MINISTERS

<b>Andrew Phillips</b>	Pulpit/TV
<b>Chad Landman</b>	Education
<b>Jack Malone</b>	Senior Adults
<b>Jonathan Winchester</b>	Missions/Evangelism
<b>Jon David Schwartz</b>	Youth

#### DEACONS

<b>Rick Barker</b>	<b>Carl Martin</b>
<b>Billy Bishop</b>	<b>Wayne Phillips</b>
<b>Bobby Bishop</b>	<b>Troy Potts</b>
<b>Shawn Butterfield</b>	<b>Warren Robinson</b>
<b>Hollis Carpenter</b>	<b>Ed Self</b>
<b>Barry Christian</b>	<b>Charles Smith</b>
<b>Ken Compton</b>	<b>Austin Simmons</b>
<b>Ben Farris</b>	<b>Jeff Skelton</b>
<b>Randy Fleming</b>	<b>Ron Stone</b>
<b>Dwayne Fulks</b>	<b>Ricky Thompson</b>
<b>Jason Golden</b>	<b>Doug Wilburn</b>
<b>Randy Goodwin</b>	<b>Ken Wiles</b>
<b>Tim Gordon</b>	<b>Doug Williams</b>
<b>Eddie Harris</b>	<b>Larry Winchester</b>
<b>Jeff Harris</b>	<b>Phillip Wright</b>
<b>Vance Hendrickson</b>	<b>Ken Young</b>
<b>Josh Love</b>	

#### OFFICE HOURS

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Friday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
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#### TIMES OF WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 AM  
Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM  
Sunday 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

#### COUNSELING CENTER

Mondays 11:00 AM—5:00 PM  
931.540.0174

#### TELEVISION

*Connections*  
Charter Channel 195  
Wednesdays 7 PM,  
Sundays 5 PM  
CPWS Channel 13  
Sundays 7:30 PM  
*Sunday Morning Worship*  
Charter Channel 195  
Sundays 8 AM

#### OUR RECORD

Week of	12-17-17
Sunday AM	538
Bible Study	356
Sunday PM	294
Contribution	\$23,532.95
Wednesday PM	292
Budget	\$23,000.00

## ***Worship Time Changes during the Holidays***

- On Sunday, December 24, we will meet for worship at 9 AM. No classes will meet that day. There will be a devotional at 6 PM for anyone who was unable to be here that morning.
- On Sunday, December 31, worship will be at 9 AM and 6 PM and classes will meet as usual.
- There will be NO Bible Kidnection on December 24 or 31.

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*The church office will be closed December 24 and 31.*

## **Give Away Day:**

It's already time to start preparing for next year's Give Away Day! During the month of December, we will be collecting new or gently used toys for all ages. If you see toys on sale before or after Christmas or if there are gently used toys your children or grandchildren have outgrown that you would like to donate, there will be bins set up at all the main entrances, as well as in the education foyer to collect them. Thank you for all your help!

## ***Looking Ahead to 2018***

January 4-March 29: Columbia School of Biblical Studies (Thursdays)

January 15: Graymere Guys Trip

January 30-February 21: John Vaughan, India Mission Trip

January 26: Preaching Workshop

March 30-April 1: L2LL Convention

## ***Our Shut-ins***

### **NURSING HOME:**

#### **NHC-MAURY REGIONAL**

Glenn Ferrell, 1400

Emily Long, 2406

Lillian Bills, 2506

Sarah Johnson, 1302

#### **LIFE CARE CENTER**

Mary Robertson, 324A

### **ASSISTED LIVING:**

#### **THE BRIDGE**

Bobby Smithson, 227

Frances Logsdon, 225

Olivyn Hardison, 209

Mary Margaret Lovell, 225

Grace Frank, 106

#### **MORNING POINTE**

Marie Voss, 126

Sue Foster, 114

Rebecca McNeese, 102

#### **POPLAR ESTATES**

Mary Robb, The Gardens

Barbara McNeese, The Gardens

Fran Ferrell, The Gardens

#### **BROOKDALE**

Gladys Olive, 104

Ruby Mathis (626-0260), 5011

#### **SOMERBY OF FRANKLIN**

Sara Pigg, Apt. 1207

Faye Locke, Apt. 1315 (615-856-2913)

#### **NHC PLACE Cool Springs**

Robert Waddell, 313

### **AT HOME:**

Edwin Derryberry

Marie Mayberry

Jewel and Leon Whitlatch

Rebecca Burgett

Aurelia Reed

## ***Our Sick***

Vanderbilt: **George Brent Wiles** (infant grandson of Ken & Debbie Wiles)

Dismissed: **Shelby Yates, Phil Lindsey, Susan Campbell**

NHC-MR: **Glenn Ferrell**, 1400

Remember in prayer: **Tessa Fleming; Bettie Sparkman; Sandra Aldridge; Ron Bishop; Janice Hardison** (sister of Beverly Martin)

## ***Sympathy***

We extend our sympathy to the family of **David Ferrell**, son of Glenn & Fran Ferrell.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Betty Harris**, aunt of Doug Williams and cousin of Don Dugger. The funeral was Monday in Florence, AL.

## ***Upcoming Events***

### • **Meals Program:**

December 25: No meals

December 27: Brenda McClure

December 29: Frances Compton

• **Pantry items:** Cereal or oatmeal

• **L2LL:** No Bible Bowl practice December 24 or 31.

• If you would like to purchase the devotional book *"Five Minutes with God, Volume 3,"* please sign the list at the information desk. Cost per book is \$15 and will be due when you pick up your book/s.)

• **Ladies and Men's Wednesday morning Bible classes** will not meet again until January 3. Debbie Wiles will be the guest speaker for the Ladies class. There will not be a covered dish luncheon.