

## An Update from Andrew...

Our church calendar is always a busy one, and it seems like the pace increases this time of year. Several Bible classes and groups are having Christmas parties, and those are great ways for class members to spend time with each other outside of class time. About 70-75% of those who worship on Sunday stay for Bible Class, which is a good amount. Of course, we can always seek to improve it. If you are not currently involved in attending a Bible class, why not make that a resolution for the coming year?

One of the things we like to do every year is give everyone a chance to find a devotional book that can encourage them in their walk with the Lord. One of the books we have used over the years has been *Five Minutes with God*, parts 1 and 2. Rusty Hills has completed volume 3, which takes readers through the Old Testament. This could be a great opportunity to learn more about the Old Testament in daily devotionals. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer; please sign up if you are interested in a copy. They are \$15 each, and we will need to order them soon.

As we enter the month of December, I want to let you know our plans for Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. That is Christmas Eve, and we will likely have many guests with us. There are also several families who traditionally have plans with family on that day. So, we will have a schedule similar to what we did last year when Christmas Day fell on Sunday. We will have a worship service at 9:00 a.m., and it will likely last a little bit longer than usual. We will not have Bible classes that morning. There will be an evening service that night at 6:00. If you have family who will be visiting you that weekend, I hope you will bring them to worship with you.

As I say every year, this is a time when people are thinking about Jesus, which is a wonderful opportunity. Let's take advantage of every "teachable moment" to reach others. There are also people during this time of year who are thinking about loved ones they have lost. Let's be sure to reach out to them with love and encouragement. Let's all keep learning and growing together!

### Sunday's Messages

**AM** – For All Seasons (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)  
**PM** – *One Word: Sovereignty* (Proverbs 16:9)

### ELDERS

Rick Combs	931.380.0081
Jerry Kirk	931.381.5120
Hugh Langley	931.381.6455
Jack Love	931.388.1089
Fred Porter	931.388.8088
Roger Riddle	931.381.4657
Dennis Stephen	931.619.0329
Steve Thomason	931.797.8983
Kevin Thompson	931.797.6642
Rick Whitley	931.626.6628

### MINISTERS

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

### DEACONS

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

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
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	12-3-17
Sunday AM	559
Bible Study	387
Sunday PM	286
Contribution	\$25,644.53
Wednesday PM	339
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.
- 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.

**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 in advance for all your help!

### **2018 Class Quarter Dates**

- **Winter Qtr** begins Dec 3, 2017
- **Spring Qtr** begins Sunday March 4
- Memorial Day Weekend (May 27) is a combined class for Pre-K Hallway students
- **Summer Quarter & Promotion** is Sunday June 3
- Labor Day Weekend (Sept 2) is a combined class for Pre-K Hallway students
- **Fall Qtr** begins Sunday Sept 9
- **Winter Qtr** begins Sunday Dec 2

## ***Graymere Student Ministries:***

- Nashville Inner City Christmas Trip - Dec. 9 (stay tuned for details)
- Snacks with Santa - Dec. 17
- GSM LockOut - Dec. 20. (\$25/teen)
- Evangelism University - Jan. 12-14. Registrations will be passed out this Sunday; due back on the 17th.

## ***Wednesday Morning Ladies Class***

### ***"The Days of Our Lives" — Wanda Robinson, teacher***

All ladies are invited to attend the Wednesday morning Bible class as we study lessons centered around specific times and circumstances in our lives. These lessons are designed to be relevant for all women as we strive to help one another live the Christian life. Come whenever you can. Listed below are the lesson topics through January.

- December 13: Middle Age and the Empty Nest
- January 3: Guest speaker
- January 10: Growing Old Gracefully
- January 17: Facing Life as a Widow
- January 24: Making Friends with Your In-Laws
- January 31: The Single Christian Woman

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

### **NURSING HOME:**

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

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

## ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to **Brent & Ann Wiles** on the birth of a baby boy, named **George Brent**, born December 5. Proud grandparents are Ken & Debbie Wiles.

## ***Senior Adults***

The Senior Adult **Holiday Dinner** will be December 7 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall, \$10 per person. Ladies wear an old Christmas sweater and men wear an old Christmas tie.

## ***Our Sick***

Vanderbilt: **Tony Huey**, CCU Tower, 6623  
Remember in prayer: **Tessa Fleming; Bettie Sparkman; Susan Campbell; Janice Hardison** (sister of Beverly Martin)

## ***Thank You***

"We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and phone calls as we recuperated. We are both very grateful to have a church family like Graymere to support us during all our accidents. Maybe 2018 will be a better year."

**Ann & Allen Elias**

## ***Upcoming Events***

- **Visitation Teams-Sunday:**  
Team 6: Josh Love (will not meet, but cards will be handed out)
- **Meals Program:**  
December 11: Nora Harris  
December 13: Mable Delk  
December 15: Kitty Chaffin
- **Pantry Items:** Peanut butter
- The Fellowship Room Sunday Morning Class will have a Christmas Party December 9 at 5:30 pm at the Gordon's home (1275 Sequoya Trail). Please bring a dish, and a gift for "Dirty Christmas".
- The HomeBuilders class will have their monthly get together on Friday December 8th at 6 p.m. in the YAC.
- The Sunday morning auditorium class, the small auditorium class, and anyone else that would like to join us are invited to the home of Jerry and Dianne Kirk (1013 Claremont drive) on Saturday afternoon, December 16, 2:00-4:00, for bingo and Soup/ dessert. Be ready to play a mean bingo!
- Columbia Academy singing: Friday at 7 PM in the Vest Hall Rotunda. Pizza will be provided at 6 PM in the Vest Hall multi-purpose room. You may bring a dessert or a tray of finger foods.
- L2LL: Bible Bowl practice Sunday at 5 PM in FR2.