

## An Update from Andrew...

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On Thursday night, our Tuesday/Thursday School graduation program put the talents of those children on display. Our Tuesday/Thursday School teachers put a great deal of effort into making that happen, and I am thankful for their hard work. I am also grateful for **Amanda Santiago**, the Tuesday/Thursday School director, who does an excellent job coordinating this important program. **Chad Landman** also oversees this effort, and it is exciting to think about the impact it has made in our community.

On Sunday afternoon, we had a fantastic opportunity to encourage those who are shut-in with our Sunday afternoon tea. Weeks of work went into coordinating this event, and it showed! Several picked up members to bring them to the tea, others decorated, served, and gathered some favorite songs for us to sing together. We also had many people who came to support our shut-ins and fellowship with each other. Thank you to all who helped, especially **Francis Compton** and **Peggy Rector**, who coordinated the event.

We are looking forward to next Wednesday as both our Spiritual Growth Camp and our Future Ministers Camp will begin. On Wednesday night, **Barry Throneberry** will be speaking to a combined adult class. The young men in our Future Ministers Camp will be preparing messages from the Psalms, and Barry will be speaking on Psalm 1. On the following Sunday morning, several of our campers will be leading us in worship. We will also have campers sharing their lessons in several of our adult Bible classes. This will allow all of the campers' parents to hear their them present each lesson. There will be a special lunch for campers and family members after the morning worship service, and then we will have a brief graduation ceremony for our campers.

Our Spiritual Growth Camp will also begin on Wednesday night, and it will conclude on Friday night. **Kara Bishop, Kathryn Phillips, Amy Schwartz and Katie Williams** have been working hard to put together a great experience for those young ladies. I don't know of many camps like that one, and it is a blessing to our community.

We had planned on John Vaughan speaking to us on Sunday evening, but he was ill and unable to be with us. The good news is that he is feeling better and will be able to share his report on India with us this Sunday night. This is especially fitting as we anticipate the opportunity to give on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to help with the church building needed for the newly planted congregation in Chennai. **Jon Winchester** and **Dennis Stephen** announced that everything over and above our regular contribution on that day will go toward the cost of that building. **Jeba Kumar** is a dedicated preacher for that church family, and I look forward to seeing what God will do through that effort. Let's keep working and growing together!

### Sunday's Messages

**AM** – The Battle Plan (Joshua 6:1-5)

**PM** – John Vaughan Speaking

### ELDERS

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### MINISTERS

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

### DEACONS

Rick Barker	Josh Love
Billy Bishop	Carl Martin
Bobby Bishop	Wayne Phillips
Shawn Butterfield	Troy Potts
Hollis Carpenter	Warren Robinson
Barry Christian	Ed Self
Ken Compton	Austin Simmons
Ben Farris	Jeff Skelton
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

### OFFICE HOURS

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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

<b>Week of</b>	<b>5-22-19</b>
Sunday AM	609
Bible Study	409
Sunday PM	285
Contribution	\$25,239.01
Wednesday PM	353
Budget	\$24,000.00

## Special Contribution:

A comfortable and safe meeting place for the church is a blessing to it's work in any country. Yet, we are aware it is a blessing so many churches in the world do not have. With India being ranked #10 on the World Watch List of the 50 most dangerous places to follow Jesus, it is not a surprise that our Indian brethren are often forced out of rental spaces and deprived of this blessing.

Jeba Kumar, whom you may have met here in Columbia on the BIG campaign in 2016 or at CBI in 2018, is one of the brightest and most productive of our partners in India. In 2016, he began planting the church in Chembrambakkam, which is a new development in Chennai. Due to its population growth, incoming industry, and plans for their new international airport, this area is being called "New Chennai." Thanks to his foresight, the church has been growing tremendously the past three years.

In 2018, a cooperative effort was made to purchase land for the church. Land costs were split in three equal parts by Graymere, New Union in Manchester, and Chembrambakkam. Most interesting was the sacrifice of Jeba and his family, who sold their home and donated the funds to this purchase, and have been renting in the area since then. The church will be driven out of its current rental in September 2019; therefore, it is now urgent that we help them to build their own space on this land.

Once again, Graymere and the New Union church have agreed to split the costs of this construction equally. Graymere's portion will be \$31,714. \$20,000 has already been secured from the missions budget, memorial gifts, and other special contributions. Our request of you is to help us meet this need for the remaining \$11,714.

If you are interested in helping with this need, there are two ways to do so. First, on Sunday, June 2, everything contributed above our normal weekly budget will go toward this effort. Additionally, if you prefer to make a donation prior to this, you may give checks to any of the Graymere Elders or to Jonathan Winchester.

Thank you for helping the future of this church by meeting this need!

There will be a VBS Q&A Meeting on June 2nd in the Small Auditorium after PM worship for anyone that has questions or wants more info about VBS. Please sign up to help with VBS no later than June 9th as our T-Shirt deadline is rapidly approaching. Thank you for your support!!!!



## Senior Adults News

Senior Adults: Our annual Dinner on the Grounds @ The Lovell's will be on Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a potluck dinner. Bus will leave Graymere parking lot @ 10:30 AM.

Tribute to Elvis Outing payment is due by June 2nd.

## Weddings:

Members at Graymere are cordially invited to the wedding of Edd Sandefur and Brenda Fowler on May 25th at 3:00 PM in the Small Auditorium.

Congratulations to Rachel and Chris Chumley who were married this past Saturday. Rachel is the daughter of Becky Osborned and the granddaughter of Barbara Bishop.

## Thank you:

"Thank you so much for the countless calls, cards, food ,and flowers. For such a difficult time in our lives , we feel so blessed to be surrounded by our loving brothers and sisters in Christ. We can't thank you enough."  
Love,  
Wesley, Morgan & Owen Bland

"Thank you for the cards, calls, and visits. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated."  
Christian Love, Rex & Jana

## Our Sick

Dismissed: Denita Phillips  
Chattanooga Hospital: Bob Slatton (father of Rex Slatton)

**Meal Train link for Denita Phillips:**  
<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w33v5e>

## Remember in Prayer

Kathy Baggett, Shirley Haston (mother of Rachel Batey), Shane Green, Phillip Wright, Sharon Franklin, Doris Savage, Debbie Davis, Sandra Aldridge, Leon & Jewel Whitlatch, Tessa Fleming, Linda & Martin Jobe, Kenny Compton, Beverly Martin, Roger Riddle, Larry and Dotty King, Emily Long, Samantha Baugus, Deane Pigg, Nan Price, Tim Mullican (father of Kara Bishop), Paul Handley, Susan Irick, Jack Brown (brother-in-law of Gerald Buie), Donald Riddick (nephew of Starlene Buie), Diane Campbell, , Fern Hill, John Phillip Barmer (son-in-law of Carol Bailey), Kim Slater (niece of Gerald Buie), Jimmy Copley (father of Mary Beth Horton & David Copley), James & Judy Dickey, Amanda Romer, Cheri Kozlowski (Kendra Kozlowski's mom), Claire Stanfill, Bob Slatton(father of Rex Slatton), Cora Olive Polidor (Jerry Kirk great niece), Don Swenson

## Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to the family of Fran Ferrell. The funeral is Saturday at 1 PM at Oakes and Nichols with visitation from 11-1 PM

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tommy Cox, father of James Cox. The funeral was Sunday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tony Shires, uncle of Lana Compton. The funeral was Friday.