

THE HILLSIDE

September is going to be a great month for Johnston Chapel. We will have a series on stewardship along with our revival with guest preachers each night: Sunday, September 12th Bro. Glenn Martin, Monday, September 13th Bro. Dwayne, Tuesday, September 14th Sis. Diane Woodall, and Wednesday, September 15th Bro. Andy Stoddard. Our theme for the revival is growing in discipleship.

I know I harp on this idea, but I think it is important for the kingdom of God we must be striving in being stronger and better equipped as disciples for Jesus Christ. No one who claims to be Christian should be content in just coming to Church on Sunday and maybe a Bible study during the week. Being a Christian and being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a daily way of living. A disciple is always prepared to illustrate Christ to the world and should be prepared to an answer for the reason of our beliefs. Why is that important? The reason is that God wishes no one to be lost. There are people all around us who are looking for answers to the struggles they are going through. We have that answer in Jesus and some people are not going to come to that place of meeting Jesus except through us. We also have to be stronger disciples because we are needed to help uplift other disciples who have grown tired and need support.

I used to volunteer online as a child shield; what that meant was that I would go into online chat rooms that were prominently for children and pose as a child to attract and keep the predators

busy to keep them away from a real child. There were volunteers who posed as the kids, but there were other volunteers whose part was to give the child shields and a place to vent and just talk with some sane people because the predators were very emotionally and mentally taxing.

Living in the world today can be very taxing on all of us who are disciples of Jesus, and we need to have disciples who can help support others when this world gets to beating down on us. Jesus said I will not leave you here alone and He did not. He left us the Holy Spirit, but He also left us each other. That is why growing in discipleship is important with all of us.

KNOW YOUR PASTOR

As I am writing this article, United States servicemen have been killed in bombings in Afghanistan. A fellow pastor has gone to the Church Triumphant due to Covid. Covid is in my family, and a hurricane has us in its sights and that is just in the past week. A question I have asked myself, does this scare me? No, it does not. I do have concerns, but I turn to the scripture in 2 Timothy 1:7. For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power, love, and self-control. In James 1:2-3, Count it all joy my brothers and sisters when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. What we must remember is that there is nothing that surprises God. We live in a broken world where Satan, as Peter said, is prowling around looking as a roaring lion for what he may devour.

The spirit of love moves us to have compassion on all people and suffer with them through all they are going through. The spirit of self-control moves us to look at the different situations knowing that God is in control. It allows us to live our lives in such a way that yes, we get mad and even at times we get scared. But thanks to the spirit of power given to us through the Holy Spirit we can find our hope not in this world but in Christ who is in heaven. We may not have an answer for the world view of this world's situations that will satisfy the world's questions, but the ultimate answer is Jesus. By having a faith in Jesus Christ and an indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we know that the problems of this world are temporary. However, Jesus Christ is eternal and for us we know that we will live in eternity with him.

Bro. Dwayne

REVIVAL
Growing in Discipleship

Revival begins Sunday, September 12th and will continue through Wednesday, September 15th. Each service will begin at 7:00 PM.

Guest Preachers:
Sunday – Bro. Glenn Martin
Monday – Bro. Dwayne Scoggins
Tuesday – Rev. Diane Woodall
Wednesday – Bro. Andy Stoddard



Ushers: JK Bales, Dakota Farmer, Colt Rogers,
Lawrence Weems

Greeters: Angie, Curt, & Beth Weems



UMW will not meet in September because of the Revival but will resume Monday, October 11th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. The program will be presented by Carolyn Butler. All the ladies of the church and community are invited to come join us.



UMM will meet on Sunday, September 12th at 7:00 AM for Prayer Breakfast. The cooks will be Pat Freeman, Marty Bigner, and Bro. Dwayne.

KIM'S KORNER

August was a very busy month getting back to school and starting things back at church. On Sunday nights the youth have Bible Study starting at 5:30. No children meetings on Sundays. If they come to Sunday night Bible study I will have some worksheets for them to work on while they are in the sanctuary with the adults. Wednesday nights both the children and youth meet at 6:00. We are going over an Anti-Bullying Curriculum that helps our children define what a bully is and what a buddy is and how to help the one being

bullied and even the bully feel valued. Our youth are learning how bullying affects our health physically, mentally, socially, and especially spiritually. Pray for our children and youth. It is so hard living in a humanistic world!!! During Revival we will have Project Serve where our youth will be delivering popsicles to local area schools to the outside sports. (Football, Band, Cross Country, etc.) We are going to need lots of popsicles, so if you would like to help us you can pick up a box or bag of pop-ice popsicles and get them to Mrs. Kim. Also if you would like to go with us to deliver the popsicles please come; we would love to have you!!!

See you in October,
Kim Burkett



Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 we meet for Bible study in the fellowship hall. We are currently studying the book of Daniel. We have three more chapters in Daniel and then will begin a study on the book of Esther. Bro. Dwayne is our leader, and we would like to invite anyone interested. We serve coffee, or you can bring your favorite cola.



FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

Family Night Supper was canceled Wednesday, September 1st due to power outage. The next Family Night Supper will be Wednesday, October 6th.



Miss Ellie ReShae Miller was born in Bay St. Louis, MS, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, weighing 6lbs. 10 ozs. and was 19 inches in length. She was born to her very proud parents, Jeffrey & Shelby Miller. Also welcoming Miss Ellie are proud Grandparents, Mike & Glenda Richard, Uncle Trace, Aunt Bethany, Aunt Dar, Uncle Thomas, Aunt Nazha, and cousins, Maddox, Braxton (BB), and Jaxon (Jack Jack).

WHAT IS THAT SONG?

While driving to church the morning of August 22 I was listening to The Message on SiriusXM radio. The following song came on and the words caught my attention. Later in the day I looked up information on this song and not only found the lyrics but also an explanation from the writer about its meaning. Jeremy Camp shared the story of his faith in the book and movie *I Still Believe*. After their releases people shared their stories with him and asked how he managed all the things he went through. Jeremy stated that he would share some Scriptures and tell people what the Lord taught him, but he knows it is the Lord that does the work. He said he can point people to Jesus and God's Word, but that's all he can do.

He Knows
by Jeremy Camp

All the bitter weary ways
Endless striving day by day
You barely have the strength to pray
In the valley low

And how hard your fight has been
How deep the pain within
Wounds that no one else has seen
Hurts too much to show
And all the doubt you're standing in between
And all the weight that brings you to your knees

CHORUS

He knows, He knows
Every hurt and every sting

He has walked the suffering
He knows, He knows
Let your burdens come undone
Lift your eyes up to the one
Who knows
He knows

We may faint and we may sink
Feel the pain and near the brink
But the dark begins to shrink
When you find the one who knows

The chains of doubt that held you in between
One by one are starting to break free

REPEAT CHORUS

Every time that you feel forsaken
Every time that you feel alone
He's near to the broken hearted
Every tear

REPEAT CHORUS

He knows, He knows

Songwriters: Jeremy Thomas Camp &
Seth David Mosley

'Cast your burden on the Lord and
He will sustain you.' Psalms 55:22

Yvonne Church

8:00 PM/1 MINUTE PRAYER

The following post came out on FB several years ago and has now reappeared. Considering the condition of our country and world today, it seems to be a great idea to engage in this effort again.

"Someone has said that if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Did you know that during World War II there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at the prescribed hour for **one minute** to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace?

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate, every evening at **8:00 PM Central time** stop what you are doing and spend **one minute** praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a return to a Godly nation.

If you have a smartphone – set an alarm to pray from **8:00 - 8:01 PM**. Please pass this along to your prayerful family and friends. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have."

Submitted by Darlene Johnston/FB



OUR FAMILY ALTAR

Church & Its Ministries Children & Youth
Our Nation Unspoken World, Caregivers

Rev. Dwayne & Teri Scoggins

President Biden, Governors, Mayors, All in Leadership

All of the First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Hospitals, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Custodians, Everyone affected by this Virus

Shut- Ins/Nursing Home

Loss of Loved Ones

Family of Heath Kent

Family of Bro. Rex Wilburn - Anita Lawson's Brother

Family of Donna Byrd – Aunt of Brandon Givens

Military

Jonathan Young – Serving on the USS George W. Bush in Norfolk, VA

J.J. Boshart – Race Willoughby's Brother-In-Law – Kuwait

Nick Mercer–Fort Stewart, GA

Haley Richardson – Marine Air Station – Yuma, AZ

In Institution

Bridget Dillon, Chris Yawn, Landon Burrough

Working Away From Home

Paul Allred (Kansas), Mitchell Leon (Gulf of Mexico), Brett Stockton (Texas), Shane Williams (Saudi Arabia)

In Hospital/ Sick at Home/Need Our Prayers

Marvin & Estelle Adams – Recovering from Covid and Marvin also had double pneumonia

Donna Bales – Recovering from Covid

Eric Bales – Recovering from Covid

Aubrey Boyd – Health - Back

Jackie Boyd – Health

Kara Brashear – Cousin of Dwight, Glenda, & Darlene – Cancer has returned

Donna Sue Byrd – Cancer

Kathy Capral – Cancer with long time treatments – Yvonne Church's aunt

Chuck – Phil Caudill's associate – A non-believer and dealing with health issues

Yvonne Church - Knees

Valencia Damond – Cancer – Kim Burkett

Daniel – Covid & pulmonary embolism - Jodie & John's friend

Carolyn Deer – Health

Parker Dixon – Recovering from knee surgery

Shannon Dunaway – Health

Curtis Edmonds - Health

Diane Fortenberry – Cancer treatments & Lupus

Barbara Rogers' friend – Not doing well

Peter & Sonya Francis – Health

Phyllis Freeman – Health

Virginia Freeman – Stage 4 cancer – Yvonne Church's friend's mother

Brenda Green – Heart & knee issues

Dale Green - Health

Eva Nell Green – Health

Kalie Green – Mental Health

Tony Handberry – Amy Campbell's Father - Stage 4 Cancer

Judy Harrison – Health – Nancy's friend

Ronnie Harrison – Cancer treatments – Nancy's friend

Gerald Howell – Health

Scott & Debra Jackson - Recovering from Covid

Thomas Johnston – Health – MS more advanced

Lonnie Keist – Health

Lucy Lofton – Cancer Survivor

Safiullah Makhdoom – Stranded in Afghanistan – Jeremy Roger's good friend

Sharon Marse – Recovering from heart surgery – James Church's sister

Kathy Martin

Patrick McCaffery – mass on his lung – Nancy's friend

Shelby Miller & Baby Ellie – Born September 1st

Craig Moak – Recovering from a kidney transplant

Susan Montgomery – Health – Barbara Rogers's friend

Troy Nations - Covid

W.B. Netterville – Back Issues

Robert Pennington – Stage 3 Small Cell Carcinoma

Tony Ramirez

Donna Reeves – Cancer

Mike Richard – Back Pain

Tony Ritter – Health

Clayton Roberts & Mary Roberts – Health
David Roberts

Jane Roberts – Diagnosed with Parkinson's

Lamar Roberts – Health

Sharon Roberts – Health

Robin Roberts – Health

Wayne Roberts – Recovering from heart surgery

Jill Robinson – ALS

Teri Scoggins – Partial Cornea Transplant – September 15th

Rhonda Scroggs – Recovering from pneumonia

Tony Scroggs – Back surgery – September 15th

Jack Seale – Immunotherapy treatments for cancer

Pheobe Seguin – Recovering from Covid

Marge Smith – Barbara Mercier's Friend – Radiation Treatments

Snuffy Smith – Health – Brenda Green

Speedy Smith's Father – Recovering from heart attack

Sue Smith – Brenda Green's sister – Heart

Jan Spring – Breast Cancer – Chemo & Radiation

Amands Stockton - Health

Dwight Stockton – Health

Connie & Maxine Stoddard – Health

Mattie Taylor – Aggressive form of lymphoma – Pam Dixon's friend's granddaughter

Beth Woodall Trantham - Health

Jessica Troutman – ALS – Friend of Darlene Johnston

Robert Walker & Marilyn Stutzman – Health

Deborah Tarver – Health – one of our former Custodians

Annie Waguespack – Health

Charles Waguespack - Health

Curtis West – Health – Brenda Green

Linda West – Congestive heart failure – Brenda Green

Dana Whatley and her two girls, Taylor & Reese – Recovering from Covid

Lyndia Williams – Recovering from knee replacement – Yvonne Church's friend

Keith Williamson – Health

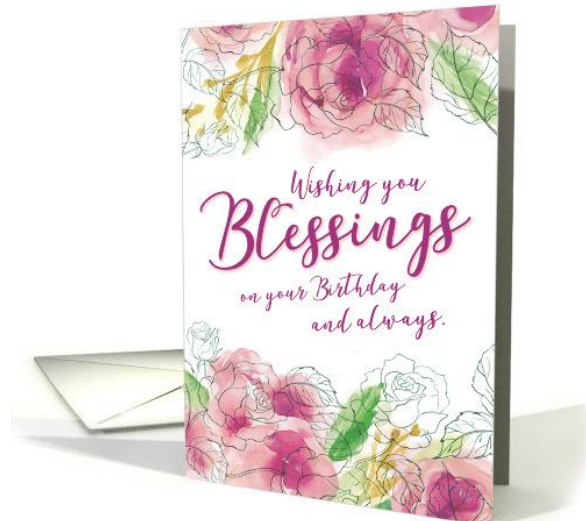
Renae Woods – Crohn's – Health issues



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 – LACI COOPER
- 02 – DAVID GRIFFIN
- 03 – MAGGIE NEWMAN
- 04 – KATY & KARLY WISINGER
- 06 – MACKAYLA STOCKTON
- 08 – DIANE WOODALL
TERESA BROWN JENKINS
- 11 – RACE WILLOUGHBY
- 14 – JACKIE MOAK
JEANIE KINCAID
- 15 – TRACE ABDUL-HADI
- 16 – RICHARD MCKENZIE
MARK MIZE
- 17 – DALE GREEN
- 18 – DAVID WILLIAMSON
- 19 – DONNA YAWN
- 20 – YVONNE CHURCH
GREYSON JOHNSTON
- 21 – R.J. BULLOCK
- 22 – BELINDA DAVIS
- 25 – MURRAY MOORE
- 28 – CASEY PAULK

Happy Birthday



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 08 – LARRY & NANCY RICHARDSON
- 10 – BRANDON & CANDICE GIVENS
- 12 - RON & RUTH HUMPHREY
- 26 – JONATHAN & COURTNEY NALL

