

Those Privileged to Serve

July 2nd - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

Announcements: Jeff Lewis

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion:

J. Eddleman, C. Richardson, T. Williams
B. Richardson, M. Thomas, J. Cogdell

Greet: Freeman & Sheila Kidder

Nursery Att: A.M. Celeste Rose

P.M. Tianna Richardson

July 2nd - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer: Bobby Richardson

Sermon: Marion Thomas

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion:

F. Kidder, C. Kidder

July 5th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Devotional: Freeman Kidder

Closing Prayer: Tommy Williams

July 9t - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

Announcements: Jeff Lewis

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Eddie Anderson

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion:

J. Eddleman, C. Richardson, T. Williams
B. Richardson, M. Thomas, J. Cogdell

Greet: Ken & Paula Wadley

Nursery Att: A.M. Panda Green

P.M. Nijerika Green

July 9th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer: Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Gaylon Cooper

Communion:

F. Kidder, C. Kidder

July 12th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer: Darrell Cunningham

Devotional: Walt Ferguson

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

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Faithful Optimism

Optimists and pessimists exist in all realms of life, as do realists. Even when it comes to faith, there are those who see the possibilities and those who only see the obstacles.

The story of the twelve spies in Numbers 13 illustrates this reality perfectly. Of the twelve, only Joshua and Caleb saw the possibilities and had the faith to believe that, with God's help, they could take the land. The other ten only saw the obstacles, therefore letting their pessimism overcome their faith. Joshua and Caleb saw their reward, whereas the mockers and scoffers did not.

As Christians, we are called upon to always be faithfully optimistic. It is not optimism that transcends reality, but optimism that is rooted in faith (Romans 10:17).

For instance, the Spirit teaches, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). The faithful optimist will be able to see the reward of a bountiful harvest beyond the labors of an abundant sowing. On the other hand, the pessimist will only see the extensive labor involved in sowing abundantly, never realizing the bountiful harvest.

To illustrate further, faithful optimists will not only believe that God "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20), but they will see the fruit of their prayers as if it already exists.

The real power of optimism and pessimism is seen in the impact such can have on others. A church full of faithful optimists will get much more accomplished to the glory of God than a church full of "faithful" pessimists.

Are you among the faithful optimists, encouraging others on to victory? Or, are you among the pessimists, miring the church in mediocrity? Think about it.

Jonathan L. Perz

VBS 2017 - Part 2



Sunday Sermons

AM - There's an App for That - Psalm 1:1-2
PM - Chip Thomas Speaking

Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Jorita Richardson has asked for our prayers, as she has been diagnosed with cancer, She will be having surgery on July 17th in Memphis.

Harold and Doris Davis,
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Jean Harber, Rachel Epperson,
Ted Lingren, Billy Landers,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Iva Hopper, Tom Crow,
Bill and Gladys Gowan,
Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse,
Shirley Puckett, Margie Montgomery,
Margie Whitehead, Sandra Jordan,
Andy Vaughn, Betty Cooper,
Helen Avent, Louise Buck,
Gwen Smith

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd,
Al Stewart, Ruth Cox,
Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle,
Beverly Martindale, Rosie Love,
Bethany Tims

Cards to Send This Week

Bill Gowan
Maplewood Healthcare
100 Cherrywood
Jackson, TN 38305

Margie Whitehead (Birthday)
1178 South Highland
Jackson, TN 38301

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Forrest Cove Devotional at 2:30 PM

Area Events

Numerous area events are posted on the bulletin board.

Pantry Item

Tomato Sauce

Hosts Needed

There is a need for folks to host the youth devotionals for July through the end of the year. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Phone Tree

To keep everyone informed of deaths, illnesses, events and other critical information, we would like to begin a phone tree. If you are interested in participating in the phone tree, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please make sure to indicate if you would like to receive a text or phone call. If you have any questions, please see Leah Wages.

New Phone Number

James Eddleman
Home - 300-4468