

## Those Privileged to Serve

### Aug 21st - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. Joe Venable, Mike Wages

**Announcements:** Jonathan Orr

**Lead Singing:** John Smith

**Read Scripture:** Jeff Cogdell

**Opening Prayer:** James Eddleman

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

#### Communion:

J. Venable, K. Wadley, M. James  
E. Anderson, G Phifer, A. Vaughn

**Greet:** Ken & Paula Wadley

**Nursery Att:** A.M. Gail Crabb

P.M. Carolyn Callis

### Aug 21st - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Marion Thomas

**Opening Prayer:** Joe Venable

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Marion Thomas

#### Communion:

Carleton Kidder, Ray Pack

### Aug 24th - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Marion Thomas

**Opening Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

**Invitation:** James Eddleman

**Closing Prayer:** Paul Hatcher

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### Aug 28th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. Eddie Anderson, John Smith

**Announcements:** Jonathan Orr

**Lead Singing:** Mike Wages

**Read Scripture:** Ken Ross

**Opening Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Gaylon Cooper

#### Communion:

J. Venable, K. Wadley, M. James  
E. Anderson, G Phifer, A. Vaughn

**Greet:** Mike, Leah & Lydia Wages

**Nursery Att:** A.M. Reba Donaldson

P.M. Nijerika Green

### Aug 28th - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

#### Communion:

Carleton Kidder, Ray Pack

### Aug 31st - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

**Invitation:** Darrell Cunningham

**Closing Prayer:** Marion Thomas

## Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	7
Sun. Morning Bible Study	93
Sunday Morning Worship	115
Sunday Evening Worship	82
Wed. Bible Study	84
Contribution	\$ 3394



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## How Important Is It to Be Here?

Just how important is it to be at services when the church meets? As Christians, we need to always be examining ourselves to make sure that our lives reflect true faithfulness (2 Cor. 13:5). We also need to seriously reflect on our spiritual well-being. Just how strong is our faith? We need to not do anything that could put our souls in jeopardy.



How important is it to be at services when the church meets? In answer, we need to consider what is accomplished by gathering with the church to worship God and study His word. First, we are commanded to so gather (Heb. 10:23-25). The text states that gathering with the church for worship and study helps us, as individuals, to remain strong, dedicated, faithful (vs. 23). Being with our brothers and sisters in Christ in that worship setting also provides encouragement and strength for each other (vs. 24). The "assembling of ourselves together" is key to meeting both needs and is thus instructed (vs. 25). So, by assembling with the church we (1) help ourselves grow spiritually, (2) we help our brothers and sisters in Christ grow spiritually, and (3) we obey a commandment from God.

How important is it to be at services when the church meets? Spiritual growth is vital for our personal well-being. Getting to Heaven is not a casual matter. It should be the most important thing in our lives. Jesus stated that most people won't be there (Matt. 7:13-14). We should instill the seriousness of the matter in the minds of our children.

Our lives need to demonstrate "the fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-25). The Christian Virtues need to be the virtues by which we live (2 Pet. 1:5-9). We need to "Be faithful until death" in order to be assured of "the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). To grow spiritually is to grow in our faith, and faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Worshiping and studying God's word together with the church contributes immeasurably to our personal spiritual growth.

How important is it to be at services when the church meets? Our children desperately need the specialized teaching they receive in their Bible classes. When parents choose to not bring their children to Bible class, they deprive them of instruction in God's word that is vital to their spiritual development. Such a careless attitude on the part of parents can also be discouraging and disheartening to the teacher who prepares to teach his/her class and then finds no students present!

How important is it to be at services when the church meets? It provides the right positive example for our fellow Christians and for the multitudes who have yet to become Christians. One of the most powerful lessons we can give as to the value and superiority of Christianity, as compared to every other lifestyle, is the consistent example of our daily lifestyle (Matt. 5:13-16; Philp. 2:15-16). Our purposeful absence from church services can have a profound negative influence upon others.

Let's make up our minds right now to commit ourselves to be at every service possible. It will glorify God. It will help us individually to grow in our faith. It will help our children to develop spiritually. It will provide a powerful example to those around us. Let's do it, let's be at services whenever the church meets...

*Gary L Hutchens  
Sunny Slope church of Christ  
Omaha, NE*

## Sunday Sermons

*AM - The Joy of Worship - Psalm 84 - Ray Pack  
PM - Let Brotherly Love Continue - Hebrews 13:1 - Ray Pack*

## Tennessee Children's Home Food & Commodity Drive

100% Bottled Apple, Orange & Grape Juice - Powered Gatorade Mix - Spices  
Hot Sauce - Sugar - Brownie Mix - Canola, Vegetable or Olive Oil  
Canned Fruit - Little Debbie Snake Cakes - Jars of Peppers - Canned Chicken  
Vienna Sausage - Pop Tarts - Instant Rice—Instant Potatoes

Toilet Paper - Dishwasher Tablets - Floor Cleaner—39 Gallon Trash Bags  
Bathroom Cleaner - Kitchen Cleaner - Vinyl Gloves (Large) - Paper Towels  
Laundry Detergent - Men's Shampoo - Men's Deodorant - Liquid Dish Soap  
Facial Tissues

The food truck will be here on September 22nd.  
Please have your items here by September 21st.

## Congregational News and Notes

### Prayer Requested

Teriyaki Anderson is recovering from surgery. She is still at Baptist East in Memphis in room 5208.

### Members

Harold and Doris Davis, Ron and Nadine McDonald, Leroy Carnal, Rachel Epperson, Louise Hopper, Teresa Yearwood, Ted Lingren, Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder and Iva Hopper

### Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Loretta Stanfill, Holly Richardson

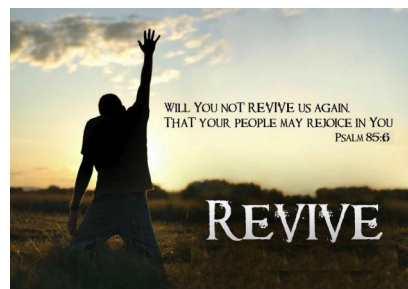
### Cards to Send this Week

Bill & Gladys Gowan  
10 Grey Bark Cove  
Jackson, TN 38305

Ron & Nadine McDonald  
501 Parkburg Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

### Pantry Item

Canned Chili



### Happenings

#### South Jackson

##### Today

Men's Business Meeting  
3:30 PM

##### 8/28

Forrest Cove Devotional  
2:30 PM

##### 9/21-11/9

Fall Series  
FHU Students

##### 9/6

Ladies Devo and Potluck Supper  
6:30 PM at the building

##### 9/30-10/2

Ladies Retreat  
Camp Meribah

##### 9/11-9/14

Gospel Meeting  
Jim Gardner, Speaking

### Other Events of Interest

##### 8/27

Mother Daughter Day  
Estes church of Christ

##### 8/27

Ladies Day  
Cairo church of Christ  
Alamo, TN

##### 8/27

Senior Adult Rally  
Booneville church of Christ  
Booneville, MS