

SICK IN THE COMMUNITY . . .

Roger Harvey has been back to the hospital & had some fluid around his chest cavity removed & is now home recovering & goes back to the doctor on April 23rd. Prayers.
Larry Melton will be having back surgery to try & block his pain on May 14th. Prayers.
Steve Martin has been diagnosed with colon cancer & goes back to the doctor on April 22nd to discuss treatment. Prayers.
Eva Gunnels had a pretty good spine specialist appointment, and she also has a appointment at Vanderbilt with the neurologist on May 11th for an abnormal brain MRI. Prayers.
Emmitt Gunnels had a car accident last week but is ok. Prayers.
Judy England has not been feeling well. Prayers.
Wynn Wilson (Donald's brother) has a procedure Monday to attempt to clean out his lungs, & he is on dialysis. Prayers.
Saralee Cross had a 6th chemo treatment & asks for prayers that treatments are done. Prayers.
Mike Clark had surgery due to a major heart attack & is home doing well. Prayers.
John Monroe had a logging accident & is waiting on getting some surgery done. Prayers.
Amy Kennedy has a blood clot in her leg & is getting treatment with blood thinners; Amy has a gastroenterologist doctor's appointment for follow up on intestinal issues in 6 weeks. Prayers.

EXTENDED SICKNESS: (has been the sick list for some time now)...

Karie Mainord has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.
John Maxfield has a cancerous tumor in the stomach. Prayers.
Tammie Ford (Rachael Ramsey's Aunt) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Prayers.
Mary Jackson has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.
Selma Davis (Rachel Davis' 5 yr. old) is at Vanderbilt waiting on a heart transplant. Prayers.
James Lightsey has been in poor health for a while & needs a lot of help at home. Prayers.
Melva Nunnery (Doris Mullins' sister) has been diagnosed with ALS. Prayers.

**Special prayers for all the people we have mentioned & know God is in control!*

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

April 19th, 2026

THE LORD'S WORK

Wednesday Night, April 22nd @ 6:30p.m.

<u>SONG LEADER</u>	<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u>
KEVEN REEDER	JACK PARROTT	LOGAN RAMSEY

Sunday Morning, at April 26th @ 10:00a.m.

<u>SONG LEADER</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>
MARK GARRETT	MASON RAMSEY

Preacher on Sunday, April 12th: Mark Garner

Sunday Morning, April 26th @ 11:00a.m.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>	<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>
WESTON PARROTT	DONALD WILSON	STEVE MARTIN

<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>	<u>LORD'S TABLE-SERVE</u>	<u>LORD'S TABLE-ASSIST</u>
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CALE JOHNSON	LOGAN RAMSEY TEDDY DAILEY	TIM KENNEDY LUCAS WHITE
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<u>LORD'S SUPPER SCRIPTURE READING</u>	EMMITT GUNNELS	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u> MARK GARRETT
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Sunday Evening, April 26th @ 6:00p.m.

<u>SONG LEADER</u>	<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u>
TANNER LACY	JAMES WILSON	TEDDY DAILEY

Prayer List (Those who have an extended illness, injury, or has asked for prayers)

Dawson Warren	Betty Winningham	Robert Leach	Joyce Wakefield
Scott Mullins	Carolyn Winingham	Danny Bailey	Richard Newman
Anita Beason	Chris Conner	Sheila Tedford	Kristin Robinson
Ann Alfred	Elaina Conner	Amy Kennedy	James Nelson
Melva Nunnery	Tony Walker	Glenn Riley	David England
Sarah Sutton	Francis Knight	Steve Martin	Jerry Kennedy
Julie Poston	Saralee Cross	Sarah Davidson	Conner Stokes
Mary Bell	Buddy Ledbetter	Evan Hayes	Craig Story
Jennifer Bell	John Monroe	Terry Webb	Christy Fox
Randall Richardson	Karla Waldon	Judy England	Pauletta Brady
Lonnie Melton	Billy Joe Sells	Jade Hicks	Joey & Melody Williams
Veola Hammock	Jogenna McDonald	Tammie Ford	Selma Davis
Christy Richardson	Theresa Thompson	Larry Melton	Sharon Pittman
Grant Mullins	Avery Weber	James Lightsey	Jimmy Copeland
Donald Staggs	Eva Gunnels	Keith Young	Faye Thompson
John Maxfield	Roger Harvey	Karie Mainord	Wynn Wilson

Psalm 100:1-2

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jamie Hutchison on April 20th.
 Julie Poston & Doris Mullins on April 21st.
 Jimmy White on April 23rd.
 Steve Seber on April 24th.
 Bryan Melton, Cora Nolen, & Mark Garner on April 25th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Lance Crawford on April 25th.

You can notify Donna or Keven Reeder of any names that can be removed. Thank you!

Work Because God is Working by Edwin Crozier

Text: Philippians 2

Jesus established the example. He left the throne of heaven and lived among us as a servant. God highly exalted Him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name because He was obedient even to the point of death on the cross. "Therefore," Paul says in [Philippians 2:12](#), that is, because of what Paul has just said, that Jesus obeyed the Father completely, he is about to tell us something. Because Jesus obeyed, he says, "as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence." That is, because Jesus obeyed and was exalted, Paul tells us to obey. The implication, of course, is we will be exalted with Jesus. But Paul doesn't simply say we are to obey. He says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." That doesn't sound right, does it? We just finished Ephesians. This same Paul said there that we are saved by grace and not as a result of works, so we can't boast ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#)). But to the Philippians, he says, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling." In this, we learn the significant difference between Paul's teaching and that of the Calvinists who claim to merely be echoing Paul. For the Calvinists, because we are saved by grace and not by works, we don't work. In fact, in their doctrine, even when we are working, we aren't working. But that is not what Paul says. Paul says we are working. He even says we are supposed to work out our salvation. But why? Because God is working in us, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. The Calvinists tell us that because God is working, we don't work. Paul tells us that because God is working, we should get to work. Do you see the difference? If God were not at work, no amount of work on our part would accomplish anything. However, because God is working on us, in us, and through us, our work matters. By itself, our work is useless. But as Paul said in [I Corinthians 15:58](#), in the Lord, our work is never in vain. If we tried to work out our salvation through obedience without God, we would certainly fail. We are not that strong, not that righteous, not that holy, not that godly. But, following behind Christ, confessing Him as Lord, God begins to work on us, in us, and through us. Suddenly, our effort, which is puny, minuscule, and ineffective by itself, becomes effective and powerful. But Paul's statement drives home another point. Why should we work? Because we have confidence in our work? Not at all, but because we have confidence in God's work. Like Peter, who stepped out of the boat not because he was confident in his own ability to walk on water, we step out in faithful obedience because we believe in God's effective power to walk us on the water. When we work, God works. Let us put our confidence in God and His work by obeying God, working out our salvation with fear and trembling.

Upcoming Church Events...

-Nursing Home Visitation May 3rd @ 2pm

-Men's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, May 5th @ 6pm with food provided.

-Ladies Card Fellowship Thursday, May 21st @ 6pm

Attendance for last week...	
<u>Sunday</u> A.M. Bible Study	82
<u>Sunday</u> A.M. Worship	111
<u>Sunday</u> P.M. Worship	60
<u>Wed.</u> Night Bible Study	60

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"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23

Elders:

Roger Harvey
Larry Melton
Jack Parrott
Keven Reeder

Church Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study 10:00a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00p.m.
Wednesday Night 6:30p.m.

Deacons:

Teddy Dailey
Mark Garrett
Logan Ramsey
Mason Ramsey
Donald Wilson

Members Expected...

Visitors Welcome...

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." HEBREWS 10:25