

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, June 22, 2022

Announcements .....Rusty Hicks  
Lead Singing ..... Gary Gill  
First Prayer .....Danny Lucas  
Read Scripture.....Jon Kennedy  
Dismissal Prayer.....Connor Harris

### Sunday Morning, June 26, 2022

Announcements .....Rusty Hicks  
Lead Singing ..... Gary Gill  
First Prayer.....Gary Byers  
Read Scripture .....Gene Ross  
Preside at Table.....Bud Stewart  
Serve Congregation.....  
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Dismissal Prayer.....Chuck Risener  
Nursery Attendant..... Lasha Hobbs

### Sunday Evening, June 26, 2022

Announcements .....Rusty Hicks  
Lead Singing ..... Gary Gill  
First Prayer.....Ronny Cornelius  
Read Scripture .....Brendon Tigner  
Preside at Table.....Bud Stewart  
Dismissal Prayer..... Ben Hall

### “Key Men” for June

Sunday AM (Open) ..... Robert Bizzell  
Sunday AM (Close)..... Jim Maxwell  
Sunday PM (Open) .....Gene Ross  
Sunday PM (Close)..... Ben Hall  
Wednesday PM (Open) .....Don McAlpin  
Wednesday PM (Close)..... Chuck Risener

## Coming Events

**Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sunday, July 10 — Wednesday, July 13. Make plans now to attend!**

### Family Matters

**Lynn Donaldson** is still dealing with several health issues. **Nathan Kennedy & Erin Butler** will be getting married this Friday in Texas, keep them in your prayers. Continue to keep our members who are unable to attend in your prayers. Many of them have been unable to attend for a long time now and need any encouragement we can give!

### Community Matters

Meagan Yopp Delacerda, daughter of Mike & Angie Yopp, is dealing with some pregnancy issues and they are in Florida with her. Keep them all in your prayers. Keep LC McKelvey, Pam Hilliard, Dee Hart, Billy Sue Bradford, David Adkins, Lisa Dukes, Pam Treadway, Angela French and Randy Antwine in your prayers.

### Prayer List

Bill & Joyce Craft, Benny Thornton, April McKelvey, Lynn Donaldson, Stephanie McDonald, Sandy Rodgers, Joyce Shelby, Gerald & Gail Mills and Royce Jones.

*Remember our service men & women in your prayers.  
Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

### Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, June 26.....Exo. 29-31  
Monday, June 27.....Judges 7-8  
Tuesday, June 28.....1 Kings 8  
Wednesday June 29 .....Psalm 120-133  
Thursday, June 30 ..... Ezekiel 24-27  
Friday, July 1 .....Luke 1  
Saturday, July 2.....2 Cor. 5-9

## Shut-ins

Mary Davis, Rm. C-16, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd., Bolivar, TN. 38008.

Lillian Eason, Providence Assisted Living, 700 Moore's Crossing, Apt. 204, Senatobia, MS. 38668.

### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Word of God- Romans 10:17.
2. Believe the Word of God- Mark 16:16.
3. Repent of sins- Acts 17:30-31.
4. Confess Christ- Romans 10:9-10.
5. Be Baptized to wash away sins - Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Mark 16:16.
6. Be Faithful unto death- Rev. 2:10.

## JEFF'S JOTTINGS

The Christmas Joy Boxes are now in the foyer and ready for pick up! The return date is the first week of October. If you have any questions see Patricia Carter.

Our **Question & Answer Box** is in the foyer and you can put your Bible questions in any time! They will be answered on the fourth Sunday evening each month.

**Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 10-13 at 7pm each evening. We will have classes for ALL ages, including adults! So begin now praying for this, inviting others and making plans to be here!**

**“The best vitamin for a Christian is B 1.”**

## Broken Rainbows

In any living language, new words are constantly added and existing words frequently change meaning. This, we have come to expect as it is a process as old as civilization itself. However, at the risk of sounding like an alarmist, the rate at which word meanings change seems to have accelerated greatly, especially in light of modern technological advances. Initially dumb-founded, we are now speaking quite comfortably about the “cloud” and our “tablet” in ways quite unlike the conversations we had even a few years ago. We friend. We follow. We like. It's just the way things are in today's world. Our language is constantly changing; but, not always in a positive direction.

Christians have long-lamented the high-jacking of good, positive words by those with twisted values. Whereas “gay” used to describe a person “showing...exuberance or mirthful excitement”, the primary meaning today is “homosexual”. Again, at one time, “tolerance” may have been a preferable update for “forbearance” in Ephesians 4:2 where, in the NASB, Paul tells us to show “tolerance for one another in love....” But sadly, in a world where moral lines are rapidly disappearing, “tolerance” is becoming a word that carries too much cultural baggage.

“Rainbow” is another beautiful word, originally appointed by our Creator as a sign of

His promise never to destroy the world again by means of a universal flood (Gen. 9:12-17). Many comparisons might be made using “rainbow” as a metaphor. For example, the unity of Christians is well-represented by the figure of a rainbow. Though containing all the colors in the spectrum, it remains one bow in the sky. The same might be said in regard to ethnicity. Regardless of color, we all comprise one flesh, humanity.

But, some have designated this as a month for taking pride in differences in sexual orientation and gender preferences. When you see all the brightly colored rainbows prominently displayed in the market place and media outlets, remember that differences contrary to the expressed will of God as revealed in the Scriptures should not be celebrated but exposed. We must “speak the truth in love” (Eph. 4:15).

There have always been those “who call evil good, and good evil” (Isa. 5:20). But, changing the meaning of a word does not change God’s opinion of the matter under consideration. Though abused in its meaning, the rainbow is a sign of God’s unbroken covenant with humanity. -Glen Elliott

### **Fear Hinders Evangelism**

A barber was a bit nervous about his resolution to mention God to each of his customers. As he prepared to shave a young man, he strained to muster up enough courage to speak a word about God. Finally, after frotting for several minutes, in

deep voice he asked, “Young man, are you prepared to die?” The barber turned pale as the young man jumped out of his chair and shouted, “Not if I can help it!”

### **Fear is a great deterrent to evangelism.**

Reaching out to others is risky business and there will be times when we may feel rejected. The Bible warns us that “all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Tim. 3:12). Yet, in spite of the risk, it is worth the effort. We must always be looking for ways to show compassion to others. We cannot allow fear to keep us from doing the right thing. Peter says, “But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence” (1 Pet. 3:14-15).

Fear is a serious problem when it keeps us from obeying the will of God. Among those who will have a part in the lake of fire, as mentioned in Revelation 21:8, will be the “fearful.” It is not surprising that the next group mentioned in that list are the “unbelieving.” **Fear is connected to distrust & unbelief.** Overcoming fear begins with sanctifying Christ as Lord in our hearts. When Jesus is set apart as Master, it will be reflected in the way we live. Setting aside Christ as Lord demands commitment. We must put His will first and rely on His wisdom for direction. We must also be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within us. Peter is not saying that we must have all the answers, but that