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### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Calvin Rogers
	Chuck Boles
Scripture	Hebrews 11:30-31
	*Allen Hughes
	*Willie Newby
(N)	Steve Mitchell
(N)	David Roberts
(N)	Chris Neale
	John Nussbaum
(S)	Clent Kesey
	Dustin Rhea
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
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### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Charles Gillies
Scripture	James 1:26-27
Lord's Table	*Jeff Flatt
	*Danny Duncan
Sermon	Joe Gray
Closing Prayer	Phillip Brock

Wednesday Bible Study	
Announcements Kelly Thaxton	

Welcome Committee			
Dismiss	Leonard Clemons		
	Tony Lawrence		
Reading	Marty Boles		
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor		
Lead Singing	Danny Duncan		

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A.M	Calvin & Nancy Rogers
P.M	Kevin Judkins Family

Bus Driver:......Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

	June 14, 2009
Ushers:Ronnie	Prince & Cory Prince
Attend Nursery:	Susan Pryor
Lock Building:	Paul Hurst
Prepare Communion:	Kelly Thaxton
Assist with Baptisms	•
Jane W	ilcher & Michelle Myers
Pantry Item:	Peanut Butter
Elder Closing Remar	ks:Stanley Graves
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### At Home:

Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl Douglas Essie Hillis Asa Kell Ken Lee Ollis Loftis Nan Cantrell

#### In The Hospital:

Nonie Grizzell - NHC #108A for rehab Dorothy Good (mother of Sandra Thurne) - River Park #200

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the following families:

To the family of **Jim Roberts**, uncle of our Harold McGinness. His funeral was Sunday afternoon in Oak Ridge.

To the family of **Ray Archey**, father of Jeff Archey (who conducted Gospel Meetings at Bybee's) and the uncle of Don Sullivan. His funeral was this past Saturday.

To the family of **Patsy Reynolds**. Her funeral will be I pm on Wednesday at McMinnville Funeral Home. Many of us will miss sister Patsy. She was a great example of what a Christian woman ought to be.

## **Requested Prayers**

This past Sunday morning Derek and Miranda Vinson came forward and requested the prayers of the congregation. Please remember this Christian couple as they seek to walk with the Lord.

## Sunday's Sermons

*News & Notes* 

A.M.....When The Walls Came Tumbling Down P.M....Summer Series: Joe Gray

## **Gospel Meetings**

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting and Friends & Family Day on June 14-17 with services at 7:00 pm. B.J. Clarke will be preaching.

The **West Riverside church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on June 14-16 with services at 7:00 pm. Ken Butterworth will be preaching.

The **Rockliff church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on June 14-17 with services at 7:00 pm. Leroy Dedmon will be preaching.

The **Grange Hall church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on June 21-25 with services at 7:00 pm. Dan Jones will be preaching.

## VBS's

The **Woodbury church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 15-19 with services at 9-11 am. with the theme:The Life of Christ.

The **Leoni church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 14-17 with services at 7 pm. with the theme: The Lord Is Our Shepherd.

The **Central church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 21-24 with services at 7 pm. with the theme: Lights Camera, Faith in Action.

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will have a VBS on July 6-9, from 6-8 pm with the theme, God Is Watching.

### **Address Update**

Please make the following changes in your church directory:

Joe & Jamie Roller 1097 Willow Way McMinnville,TN 37110-7757 (931) 668-3255

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Diana Singing (Bus Leaves at 5:30)
Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>

- Pew Packer's Class (5pm)
- Spiritual Weight Training/Inner Beauty Salon
- Sunday Night Eats

#### Thursday June 18th

Chattanooga Lookouts (Bus leaves at 3:45pm)

- Friday June 19th
- Friday Friend's Fellowship (Tyler is in need of someone to host!)

#### Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>

• Youth Devo @ the Brock's

## From Tyler's Desk:

#### Fasting in a Fast Food World

Webster defines "fasting" as "abstaining from food beyond the usual time; to go without food; or to eat very little or nothing."

In today's culture we are surrounded with restaurants such as McDonalds, Burger King, Sonic, Pizza Hut, and Taco Bell. Most Americans eat three meals each day. Most people will only skips meals when we don't have time to eat, or perhaps when we don't feel like eating because we are sick. Most of us are dependent on food, not just for survival, but for fun with friends and family, or just the simply enjoyment of having something tasty to eat! We don't eat to live: we live to eat! In fact, many are dependent of food for dealing with depression, grief or boredom.

When we read our Bibles, we often read about "fasting". We read about Moses fasting. King David fasted. Elijah the prophet fasted. Esther the queen fasted. Daniel the prophet fasted. Paul the apostle fasted. Even Jesus our Lord fasted. In fact, the New Testament teaches more about fasting than it does repentance or confession. Jesus taught more on fasting than He did on baptism or the Lord's supper! And yet the concept of fasting has become very foreign and almost obsolete in our culture, and even in the church.

Since nobody *wants* to give up their food, fasting can be an emotional topic to discuss. Its also a topic with which many of us are unfamiliar. Teaching on the topic of fasting sometimes goes to extremes. Some have taught that fasting is to be bound upon all Christians. Others have viewed fasting as simply a Jewish tradition which is unnecessary and undesirable, and therefore ignore the topic all together.

In my next few bulletin articles I will be presenting a study on what the Bible has to say about fasting. I will address questions such as "What is the purpose of fasting? What does the Old Testament say about fasting? What does the New Testament say about fasting? Should Christians fast today? When should we fast? How should we fast?" I invite each of you to join me in this study. If at any point in the study you have any questions, I would welcome you to email them to me!

# Kudzued!

The state of Alabama passed a law against owning a Japanese import—not just any import, mind you, but one—kudzu seeds or seedlings. Imported from Japan in 1876 to control erosion, this vine has taken over the South. Growing as much as 100 feet a summer—that's a foot a day—this pest has spread beyond the gullies to cover whatever is in its path-trees, old houses, or power lines. Kudzu now covers over 7 million acres in Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama, an area the size of Belgium. Farmers, lumbermen, and utility companies now fight an unending battle against this fast-growing intruder.

What worries me is the ease with which we allow our spiritual lives to be "Kudzued." Things which are not wrong in themselves—careers hobbies, week-ending, etc.—have smothered the life out of the personal devotion and congregational involvement of untold thousands. Jesus, himself, explained how it happens:

"The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life worries, riches, and pleasures, and they do not mature."—Luke 8:14.

### DON'T GET "KUDZUED!"

~Marlin Connelly~

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