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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-8936) Allen Hughes		
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons		
First Prayer	Larry Flatt		
Reading	David Chilton		
	TBA		
Lord's Table (N)	*Bruce Pryor		
	*Charles Gillies		
	Lynn Gann		
	Caleb Graves		
• •	Kevin Judkins		
• •	Sam Gillies		
(S)	John David Keele		
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` '	Tyler Boyd		
Dismiss	Tommy Crouch		

## Sunday Evening Worshib

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Announcements	(668-8936) Allen Hughes			
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons			
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers			
Reading	Caleb Hughes			
Scripture	I Peter 2:11-12			
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Hoover			
	*Paul Hurst			
Sermon	Winford Claiborne			
Closing Prayer	Jacob Griffin			

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Danny Duncan
Invitation	Mike Driver
Dismiss	Willie Newby

## **Welcome Committee**

A.M	W.C. & Nelma Chilton
P.M	Jeff Rhea Family

Bus Driver:....Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Dickie Kesey & Kelly Hillis
Attend Nursery:Junetta Gilbert
Lock Building:Rickey Hurst
Prepare Communion:McCollochs & Vandagriffs
<b>Assist with Baptisms:</b> Jane Wilcher & Michelle Myers
Pantry Item:Cheerios
Elder Closing Remarks: Rodney Reynolds
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Bob Bonner	808-6992	W.C. Chilton	Joe Collins
Steve Boyd	668-2115	Jeff Flatt	Billy Gilbert
Leonard Clemons	473-4186	Shannon Griffin	Allen Hughes
Harold Cook	635-2811	David Keele	Ken Martin
Stanley Graves	473-6418	Kurt Maynard	Willie Newby
Don Griffith	668-9006	Ricky Prince	Jim Slatton
Douglas Hendrixson	668-3115	Jeff Templeton	•
Rodney Reynolds	473-3570		
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#### Sick

#### At Home:

Nelma Chilton Florence Julian Bobbie Mitchell (Judy Nussbaum's mother) Jo Ann Bishop (sister of Doug Hendrixson) - 27 Sassafras Tr. Cartersville GA 39121 Derek Vinson - outpatient surgery on Friday Trudie Hayes - surgery Thursday at Vanderbilt

#### In The Hospital:

C.J. Rogers - Vanderbilt Children's Hospital #7423 2200 Children's Way, Nashville, Tenn. 37232 Dora Mullican-Riverside Center, Woodbury, TN

## **Gospel Meetings & VBS's**

The **Hebron church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting July 11-15, services at 7 pm with Al Bugg preaching.

The **Spencer church of Christ** will host a VBS July 11-15, services at 6:30-8:00 pm with different speakers each night.

The **Smartt church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting July 18-22, services at 7 pm with Tony Lawrence preaching.

The **Trousdale church of Christ** will have their Friends & Family day on July 25 with Buddy Neal speaking at 10 am and Greg Ray speaking at 1 pm.

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will host a VBS July 31, services at 9 am to 1 pm with the theme: God Is Listening. Classes for ages 2 through 6th grade.

Don't say 'Our Father' on Sundays and spend the rest of the week acting like an orphan

#### I want a raise!

Maybe you think this is poor timing. I know, I've been here less than two weeks; but I really do want a raise.

Now that I have your attention, and before you have heart failure or start a petition to impeach this presumptuous preacher, let me explain: I'm not talking about my salary! That's not the kind of "raise" I have in mind. But seriously, I really do want a raise.

I want a raise in <u>attendance</u>. Of course there is much more to Christianity than just attending Bible classes and assemblies. But attendance is essential! There is more to living than just breathing, too, but how long can you survive without air? Attendance was up this past Sunday – the morning count was 99! Why not have triple digits from now on?

The early Christians "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Let us do the same. No doubt some of us ought to improve our attendance habits. Will you accept the challenge? I want a raise!

I want a raise in <u>enthusiasm!</u> Years wrinkle the skin, but lack of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Did you know our word enthusiasm is composed of two words meaning "God in us"? What greater motive could we have for being zealous than the knowledge that the Lord dwells within us? Jesus "gave Himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

May each of us be consumed, as Jesus was, with zeal for God's house (John 2:17). If enthusiasm were as easy to arouse as suspicion, just think what could be accomplished. I want a raise!

~loe Slater~

Friends & Family Day
September 12

## **Tools In God's Box**

Romans 6:13 tells us our body is an instrument, and we choose to use it for righteousness or unrighteousness. The Greek word translated "instrument" there means "tool or weapon." What kind of tool or weapon are you? Are you an instrument God holds in His hand to do His will?

Are you a battering ram? The ancients would use a log or some other hard object to break down a wall or door. Have we filled our hearts with the Word to the degree that we can, speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), break down barriers keeping the honest-hearted from God?

Are you a crowbar? Crowbars pry objects apart. There are things we should separate from our thinking and lifestyle. Are we trying to pull away from worldliness? (cf. James 4:4)

Are you a chisel? This is a tool that does meticulous, detailed work. Its blade carves or cuts hard materials. Do we have the tenacity and trust needed to use God's Word and benefit from His providence to remake our lives into the image of Christ? (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Are you a level? We live in not only a dishonest world but also a corrupt world. So many call good evil and evil good (cf. Isaiah 5:20). Can people find in us a reliable standard of right and wrong, as we reflect the principles of God's Word? Levels are used to determine whether something is true and as it ought to be.

Are you a plane? The plane makes rough surfaces smooth by repeatedly moving it back and forth across the surface. All four Gospels (Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4, John 1:23) speak of John the immerser's work as making ready the path of the Lord, making His paths straight. We are not fore- runners of Jesus; we follow in His steps (cf. I Peter 2:21). As we do follow Him, we are going to forge a path safe for others to follow (cf. I Corinthians II:1).

Are you a magnet? A magnet is an object that draws and holds another object disposed toward such attraction. Magnets can be used as tools themselves, but they are often made a part of other tools, such as hammers and screwdrivers. By living like Jesus, you will draw people to Him.

Paul also referred to "tools" or "weapons" when talking to the Corinthians. He mentions "armor of righteousness" and "weapons" of our warfare (same word). In both cases, the tools or weapons are spiritual and figurative, yet with them we can help shape and build up those around us.

~Neal Pollard~

# Wedding

Together with their parents
Emily Anderson Harris
and
Shane Donavan Fisher
request the honor of your presence
at their wedding ceremony
on Friday, the 23rd of July
two thousand and ten
at half past six o'clock in the evening
Springer Church of Christ
1789 Summertown Hwy
Hohenwald.TN

## **Youth Events**

The devotional scheduled for this Sunday evening at the Hughes has been canceled due to a large number of the children who will be at Short Mountain Bible Camp.

The White Water Rafting Trip will be this Friday, July 16. The bus will leave at 9 am.

#### A PRAYER TO BE PRAYED MORE OFTEN:

"Dear Lord, please keep your arm around my shoulder, and your hand over my mouth.

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