

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
 Reading.....Keith Chilcutt  
 Scripture.....Deuteronomy 7:1-2  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Brandon Fuston  
 (S).....\*TBA  
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 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jason Adams

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
 Reading.....Joe Collins  
 Scripture.....2Chronicles 19:2  
 Lord's Table.....\*Tommy Crouch  
 .....\*Danny Duncan  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Kurt Maynard

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
 First Prayer.....Matthew Woodside  
 Reading.....Tommy Turner  
 Invitation.....Tim Fisher  
 Dismiss.....Eddie Palmer

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....temporarily suspended  
 P.M.....temporarily suspended

*If you can not serve, please contact  
 Mike Mullins at (931) 259-7751*

Ushers:...Jason Vandagriff, David Chilton, Herb Rowland  
 Un/Lock Building: .....Paul Hurst/Ken Martin  
 Prepare Communion: .....TBD  
 Assist Baptisms: .....Regina Templeton  
 Pantry Item: .....Peas (canned)  
 Video.....Micah Lawrence  
 Elder Closing Remarks .....Allen Hughes  
**Record for the Week...**  
 A.M. Worship .....169  
 Bible Study.....119  
 P.M. Worship.....119  
 Wednesday Bible Study .....107  
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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

**Radio Program**

Each Wednesday at 12:45 on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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## Sick

### At Home:

Iva Cunningham  
Iona King  
Gordon Mayfield  
Rodney Reynolds  
Chester Sullivan (Chancy Woodside's father)  
Calvin West (Janie Griffin's step-father)

### In The Hospital

Jimmy Cunningham - VA in Nashville

## Prayer Request

Stephanie Jones' mother, Kym Jones, will be having surgery on Monday, October 26th at St. Thomas Rutherford. Please keep her in your prayers.

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to three families touched by death this week. To the family of *Dorris Hughes*, Allen Hughes' father. His service was this past Sunday. To the family of *Alan Niles*, father of our Annie Niles. He passed away this past week. And, sympathy to the family of *Stacey Bonner*, daughter of former elder Bob and Melba Bonner. Please keep all these families in your prayers.

## Homecoming

The Central congregation will be having a homecoming on November 1st, with Kirk Brothers as the guest speaker. Further information is on the bulletin board.

## Ladies Day

The Hwy 56 congregation will be having a ladies day on November 7th. Further information is on the bulletin board.

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

This Sunday evening at 5 PM.

## Men's General Business Meeting

This Sunday evening following evening services.

## Daily Bible Reading Calendars

These calendars are available in the foyer. Please pass them out to your friends and family.

## Youth News and Upcoming Events

### 4th Sunday 5PM Singing

We will be meeting at the building, TODAY at 5PM, to sing some youth devotional songs. This is opened to anyone who wishes to come (youth and adults). If you have a particular youth song you would like to sing, please text Jason and let him know (931-743-0495).

### Home Devo

Home Devo will be this evening at the home of Micah and Amy Lawrence. The church van will leave after services and return between 8:30PM and 8:45 PM. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

### Birthday Wednesday

Our Birthday Wednesday celebration will be this Wednesday, October 28th following our Pm services.

### Challenge Youth Conference

**Date:** February 26th, 2021 - February 28th 2021

**Time:** Leaving on Friday the 26th at 10:00 AM

**Place:** Leconte Center Pigeon Forge, TN

**Cost:** TBD

**Age:** 7th grade and older (including college age)

**RSVP:** Sign up by December 6th

### Time Sensitive

C.Y.C and Bible Bowl are time sensitive. Please sign up A.S.A.P.

*"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection." (Colossians 3:14)*

## Out of Exile

In 586 B.C., God's people were carried off into Babylon to spend the next 70 years as exiles. This captivity was an act of discipline by God upon his people to wake them up out of their sin...and it worked. Seventy years later, when they came out of exile and returned to their homeland, they were changed people and had learned at least the following three points:

The Importance of the Assembly. When Solomon's temple was destroyed, and they no longer had a place to assemble and worship together, they apparently missed these assemblies. The synagogue that we read so much about in the New Testament was born during the exile. These people realized that they needed to assemble, study together, encourage each other, and be a community, thus they built synagogues. The command to assemble isn't an arbitrary hoop to jump through, but something that has genuine value, and that value was more greatly appreciated when it was taken away from them.

The Importance of God's Word. Imagine what it must have been like for up to three generations of people who had never worshiped as God commanded. Many being ignorant of what his commandments were. So, when they came out of exile, notice what they did. 1) They asked for the Book of the Law to be read; 2) They stood in respect when the book was opened; 3) They listened from the morning light till mid-day as the book was read; 4) They listened attentively (Nehemiah 8:1-5). Their hunger for God's word is apparent by what they did.

The Importance of Discipline. The Bible informs us that this captivity was the work of God. He was disciplining his children, and they seemed to have learned their lesson. When they came out of exile, the first thing they did was erect an altar to the Lord and worshiped day and night (Ezra 3). Troubles and hardships seem to reprioritize our life's focus.

When I consider these three lessons learned during Judah's exile, I can't help but think of our momentary "exile" due to this pandemic. Have we been discomforted enough to realize the importance of the assembly, and that meeting together is not just an arbitrary hoop to jump through, but a vital part of our walk with God? Have we realized how important God's word is and sought out ways to hear it? And while none can authoritatively say that this pandemic is a discipline from God, can we not still learn from it? Have the hardships driven you to reprioritize your life?

If so, good! As bad as this time has been, maybe the end result will make us better people. Give it some thought.

By Steve Higginbotham

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