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Sunday Morning Worship

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Jason Adams
Paul Hurst
Tim Fisher
Marty Boles
Mark 4:30
*Stanley Graves
*TBA
TBA
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TBA
Tony Lawrence
Matthew Woodside

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Jason Adams
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Rickey Hurst
Reading	Ronnie Prince
Scripture	Colossians 4:2-6
Lord's Table	*Caleb Graves
	*Jacob Graves
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelley Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Eddie Palmer
Lead Singing	Jared Mullican
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Talan Mullican
Invitation	Willie Newby
Dismiss	Brandon Fuston

Welcome Committee

A.M	temporarily suspended
P.M	temporarily suspended
	lf you can not serve, please contact
	Jared Mullican at (931) 224-1201

Ushers:Dale E	Sennett, Willie Newby, Herb Rowland
Un/Lock Building:	TBD/Mike Mullins
Assist Baptisms:Cind	y Fisher & Stefanie McColloch
Pantry Item:	Canned Potatoes
Check Pantry:	Maggie Hurst
Check Kitchen:	Becky Maynard
Check Workroom:	Marsha Collins
Video	Micah Lawrence
Elder Closing Remarks	Leonard Clemons

Record for the Week...

A.M.Worship	206
Bible Study	170
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	97
Contribution	

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Micah Lawrence	
David McColloch	
Jared Mullican	
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Paul Hurst Clent Kesey Kurt Maynard Jeff McVey Mike Mullins Herb Rowland

Josue Castorena (Hispanic)

580-2477

At Home:

Glenda Faye Ferrell (recovering from surgery) Steve Nearing Sandra Olivas Jimmy Ramsey (Maggie Hurst's brother-in-law) Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father) bed bound Billy Welch - (on hospice)

Shut-Ins

Home

Iva CunninghamMarsha DunlapJanice FosterGreg GrizzellLynder & Willie HolmesDaisy MaxwellNoel PepperZollie SettlesDoris WilcherMaxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)Al Mitchell (Joe Collins brother-in-law)Allen Owens (Glenda Hughes brother)

Webb House

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #609

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(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110) Serese Brock - #406

Maury Regional Transitional Care Center

(5010 Trotwood Ave, Columbia, TN 38401) Phyllis Brasher - #2405 (Mary Flatt's mother)

Elmcroft of Lebanon

(801 W. Main St Lebanon, TN 37087) Virginia Sullivan (Don's mother)

Ladies Holiday Party

The ladies of the congregation are invited the the annual Holiday Party. This will be at the Midway Community Center on Monday, December 13th at 6:00 PM. Please sign the sheet on the board if you are interested (the cost will be \$12).

Holiday Fellowship

We will be having our annual holiday fellowship on Sunday, December 19th after our evening services. We are hoping everyone will stay for an evening of holiday fellowship. If your LAST name begins with the following letter, please bring....

A-H - 2 dozen sandwiches (ham or turkey ONLY) We are asking for each 1/2 sandwich to be bagged separately.

I-N - Desserts (individually wrapped) If anyone wants to bring a pie or cake, please have it at church early so the ladies can slice and wrap before services.

O-Z - Individual packages of chips - variety.

Drinks will be provided.

Sympathy

Margaret Cathey (sister-in-law of Don & Martha Cathey and Dot Cathey) passed away last week. Her services were yesterday. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Monday Morning Bible Class

The last class of the year will be this coming Monday, December 13. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 AM and class will begin at 9:00 AM.

Youth News and Updates

Holiday Gift Giving

The wrapping "party" will take place on Monday December 13th from 6:00 PM until we are done. If you signed up to help, please mark your calendar.

Holiday Gift Giving

We will be delivering our gifts to the shut-ins on Monday, December 20th. We will load the gifts into the van at 1:00 PM. If you signed up to help deliver please mark your calendar.

It Will Never Cost More (or less)

A very fun news story is making the rounds, as it does each year at this time. A group that studies economic inflation in the United States comes out with a report each holiday season sharing what it would cost to purchase the items from the twelve verses of the carol "The I2 Days of Christmas."

As with a lot of other things, the price is up. In fact, according to their analysis, if you were to purchase all the items in the song, in 2021 it would cost you \$41,206. (I don't know about you, but we don't have quite that large of a Christmas budget, so no lords-a-leaping again this year!)

Certainly, there is a serious side to their research, as inflation worries many people. To study it in this more laid back way, though, at least can make us smile a bit, even with the numbers are up. But this is not an article about economics or politics or even Christmas.

Instead, this is an article about salvation.

There may seem to be no connection, but I assure you there is something to consider. People who rarely pay attention to little fluctuations in prices are noticing them now. Basic items like groceries are noticeably more expensive than they were just a few months ago. It is causing people to pinch pennies and it really worries many people.

But markets like that move. It is okay to be concerned, but we all know that the price of meat or milk or gasoline goes up and down over time. We know that inflation is "baked into" our economic system somewhat, so we expect some level of price change.

When it comes to salvation, though, the price has never changed for one profound reason: it has always been as high as could be possible.

The blood of Jesus was and is the price that was paid for your salvation and mine. Additionally, the requirement to be "crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:2) has been and is required of us. There is no way to go any higher than that.

However, there is also no way we can attempt to lessen it. If we are not baptized, for example, we are never appropriating the blood of Jesus into our lives, even though His blood is what saves us. To avoid that is to lessen His sacrifice (not to mention His requirements; Mark 16:16).

And then, to try to do any less than being a "living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1) is to not be all that God demands of us. We are told that the greatest of all commandments is to love God with our entire being (Mark 12:30-31). Can we dare give any less?

So the next time you are at the store and your palms get a little sweaty because you are concerned about how much that loaf of bread costs now, that is okay. But let it be a reminder to you of something that cost far more and something that requires far more of you: your salvation through the blood of Jesus and through a sacrificial life. That price will never change.

By Adam Faughn