

IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

SUNDAY AM & PM

December 11, 2011

Announcements: Jeff Turner
 Songleader: Jim Oakes
 Scripture: Ray Shafer - Quentin Tindle
 Prayer: Samuel Wilson - Walt Holman
 Speaker: Derrick Coble
 Dismiss: Bo Young - Jim Owen

WEDNESDAY - 7:00

December 14, 2011

Songleader: Bobby Hutson
 Scripture: Clarence Wolaver
 Prayer: Jimmy McCoy
 Speaker: Derrick Coble
 Dismiss: Jim Oakes

BUS DRIVER

Chris Young

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NHC SERVICE

December 11, 2011

Group 2 -Walt Holman

Songleader: Chris Young
 Scripture: Jarrett Young
 Prayers: Chris Young - Ken Bray
 Speaker: Walt Holman
 Communion: Ray Shafer - John Kirby

Group Members: Walt & Anna Lou Holman, Chris & Jessica Young, Gene & Carol Baker, Kim Stoglin, Ray & Jeannie Shafer, Beth & John Kirby, Ken & Judy Bray, Rufus & Barbara Clemons, Reba Barr, Ronnie & Reddie Brock, Russell & Marie Terry, Edward & Ruth Baker, Judy Null, Barry & Rita Baker, Cleo Wilson, Virgil & Carla Conley, Brandon Conley, Patty Jones, Randy Bumbalough.

December Duty Roster

Preside at Lord's Table - Bo Young

**Serve - Tony Tindle, Gary Dodson
 Michael Harris, Bill Burns**

Prepare Communion - Jessica Young

Wash Baptismal Garments - Ruth Anderson

**Serve in Nursery - AM: Sue Anne Turner
 PM: Aubree Tindle**

Usher - Danny Phillips - Cody Shockley

Secure Building - Floyd Reynolds

**Attendance Cards - Drake Williamson
 Macon Girdley**

Sound System - Chris Young

Clean up - Group 4 Bo Young

MISSIONS

House to House Heart to Heart
 Upper Cumberland Christian Home
 Gospel Broadcasting Network
 White County Jail Outreach
 Jonathan Burns - MSOP

Stepping Stones Preschool
 Bob Prater - Germany
 Jim Waldron - India
 Johnny Robertson-Virginia
 Jonathan Hagar - MSOP

THE WEST SPARTA MESSENGER

"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger
 to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters" ~Proverbs 25:13

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You Are Always
 Welcome to
 Worship With Us!

Sunday Assemblies

Bible Class - 9:00
 Morning Worship - 10:00
 Evening Worship - 6:00

Wednesday Assemblies

Ladies' Bible Class - 9:00
 Evening Bible Study - 7:00

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
 9:00 - 3:00

Elders

Kenneth Broyles 738-5869
 Walt Holman 738-8798
 Don Pearson 738-5472
 Jeff Turner 738-8678

Preacher

Derrick Coble 837-2298

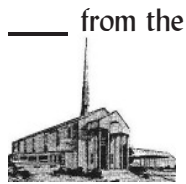
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TWENTY REASONS WHY CHURCHES GROW

J. J. Turner

1. They are convinced they *must* evangelize the world. Not waiting for others to do it.
2. Have a deep respect and loyalty for the Church Jesus established. (Jo. 14:6)
3. God's will is known and followed.
4. Faith is maintained in God. We can do all things through Christ.
5. Powerful Bible-centered preaching. A clear sound from the pulpit.
6. Have dedicated elders who watch, feed and guide the flock through examples. (I Peter 5: 1-4)
7. They stress and show love. (John 13:35)
8. Growing churches set goals. Have 5, 10, & 15 year plans.
9. They place importance on EVERY member in the body. (I Cor. 12:12-27)
10. Balanced Bible classes in which church growth is stressed. All ages are taught to seek and save the lost.
11. New converts are nurtured and cared for. (Ephesians 4:11-17)
12. Mature leaders help members find their place of service. (Eph. 4:11-17)
13. Realize greatness comes through being a servant to others.
14. Have a spirit of enthusiasm in every meeting-meaningful worship services.
15. Members are friendly to one another and to *visitors*.
16. Deacons have work to do and find joy in service.
17. Have advanced training programs for members and other congregations in the area.
18. Have special meetings and lectureships on a yearly basis.
19. Have a strong benevolent program - planned and staffed.
20. Leaders are out front setting the example.



Elders

Noble or Not?

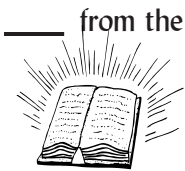
In the news the past few weeks crowds of folks have been featured as noble by the media and even our leaders, for promoting a cause. That cause, however, boils down to the “seeking of something for nothing.” These Wall Street strikers and those who “sit” at the Capitol are representative of the lazy, the ignorant, and the vile. I suppose there is no better representative of Satan than those who wish to help themselves by tearing down others.

Abraham Lincoln stated, “You cannot help little men by tearing down big men. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they can and should do for themselves.”

As Christians, we should be fully aware of Satan’s tactics! How he can appear noble, as an angel of light. How he can persuade with his lies! The representatives of Satan dress themselves in appealing wardrobes and wrap noble causes in nice packages, all the while concealing their destructive heresies.

Isaiah well said, “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil, that justify the wicked for a bribe and take away righteousness” (Isaiah 5:20,23).

For the elders ~ Jeff Turner



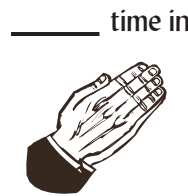
Preacher

A Super Sunday

Last Sunday we hosted the monthly Bible Bowl and had about 420 people in attendance! It was an outstanding number and you are commended for your tremendous outpouring of support for this day. We want to thank all who helped in preparation with setting up the rooms, providing snacks, helping with the snacks, assisting during the Bible Bowl, and cleaning up. West Sparta never has a lack of volunteers and you proved that again on Sunday. Alan Judd, preacher at the Allons congregation in Overton County, had a good lesson on First Samuel during the test and our own boys also did a great job with the opening devotional. Quentin Tindle led us in singing several songs and with over 400 voices joining in, it sounded great. Drake Williamson read from the Scriptures in a good, confident, clear voice, and Jarrett Young led a fine prayer. We are also extremely proud of everyone on our team. Even though we didn’t place in the top four, we know they are learning a lot from week to week as they are studying memory verses and questions from each chapter. It isn’t about winning, but gaining the most precious knowledge ever from God’s Holy Word. **“Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction” (Pro. 10:14).**

Sunday’s Sermons

AM: The Secret Seed (Mark 4: 26-29)
PM: Why Satan Wants to Be Like Christ
(1 Timothy 5: 13-15)



Prayer

Health Problems Clifton Boyd (Vivian’s father), Joyce Bond (Bruce’s sister), Charles Roberts (Harvey’s brother), Steve Hutchings, Becky Young, Lesa Elkins, Donnie Carter, Pam Hall.
Shut In Robert Eller, Doris Daulton, Dale Lowery, Mary Elizabeth Hutson and Ellen Payne.
Military Joshua Dinkins, Zachary Dinkins.
Preaching School Jonathan & Kelley Burns, Jonathan Hagar.

Those In The Nursing Home

NHC: Ernestine Holman (room 307), Dianne Gamble (room 101), Janice Owen (room 312), Ralph Barr (room 206), and Joyce Bond (room 307).

LifeCare Center: Virgie Lewis (room 310)

Our Sick

☞ **Geneva Gilliam** is home, and recovering.
☞ **Judy Null** had surgery. She had a reaction to some medication, but is getting better. She should return home this Thursday.
☞ **Joyce Bond** was admitted to White County Hospital. She is in room 109B.
☞ **Marie Seibers** is in Cookeville Hospital room 631.
☞ **Henlie Coble** has bronchitis.

Barnabas List

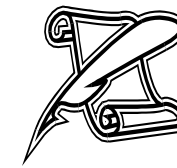
No additional information at this time.

Food Drive

**PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP
HYGIENE ITEMS/TOILETRIES**



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News

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **December 10** - Ladies Brunch. Please sign the sheet in the foyer.
- ▶ **December 11** - Fellowship Meal
- ▶ **December 13** - Ladies Night Out at the home of Kathy Dodson. 6:00 pm. Please note change of date. (was scheduled for Dec. 8th.) There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- ▶ **December 16** - Youth Lock-in.
- ▶ **December 18** - Youth singing at Corinth

Other Information:

- ▶ **Meeting:** December 18th after worship. There will be a meeting for all of those who attended the Fishers of Men Training Series to discuss future works. Anyone who did not attend the series is also welcome.
- ▶ **Cancellation:** Please make note that the White County Christian Training series has been cancelled indefinitely.
- ▶ **Ladies Bible Class:** Class will resume on January 4, 2012, with a continuation of “Successful Christian Living in Today’s World.” studying 1st and 2nd Peter.
- ▶ **Anniversary:** Please remember to mark your calendar for 1/22/12 West Sparta’s 54th anniversary. There will be a noon meal and a 1:30 service following the meal.
- ▶ **Magazine:** The new Discovery Magazine “The Wonders of Blood,” is available for the youth.
- ▶ **Tract of the Month** is “Why Caleb Lived On A Mountain.” by Allen Webster. A sermon will accompany the tract on December 25th.