

# Estes Echo



## Estes Church of Christ

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"Endeavoring to keep  
the unity of the Spirit  
in the bond of peace."  
Ephesians 4:3

January 13, 2017

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Larry Waymire.....Haiti  
Russell & Allison Epperson....Montana  
Ryan & Sarah Davis.....Peru  
Widlord & Karen Thomas.....Haiti  
Kevin & Josie Gray.....New Zealand

Medical Missions  
FHU Bible Teaching Program  
and Graduate Bible Program  
Thailand Literature Program  
World Bible School  
West TN Children's Home

*Sign language interpretation  
available as needed.*



On Sunday morning, January 1, Mark announced that our congregational theme for 2017 is "TRANSFORMED." This word comes from the text of Romans 12:1-2 where the apostle Paul writes, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (NKJV).

In order to better understand why these verses are so relevant for us to consider it is necessary to briefly consider their context and content. Notice first the word "therefore." This is a summary statement that reminds readers that because we are in Christ we are now to be different. Next Paul "beseeches them." This implies his apostolic authority and the urgent subject matter he is addressing. He has a right to urge or exhort readers, even in a city he had not yet visited! Notice next the word "brethren." Paul was addressing Christians here. This message is for us. In the racially-divided context of Rome and in our divided context, all Christians whether Jew or Gentile, male or female, young or old, black or white, etc. are to give heed to the message. Next Paul appeals to the "mercies of God." Over the past eleven chapters Paul has shared many ways in which God's mercies have been revealed. He has been merciful to those who did not deserve mercy by sending His Son and the Spirit, justifying the guilty, and extending His grace to both Jews and Gentiles.

Based on the mercies of God, Paul pushes us to take two primary actions. First, Paul urges us to present our bodies as living sacrifices to God (12:1). Perhaps Paul wanted his readers to think about OT sacrifice. Think back to the days of the old law. Worshipers at the Temple under the Law of Moses knew what kinds of sacrifices were acceptable and what was not. Sacrifice was a spiritual act. In this same way we present ourselves as living sacrifices on a daily basis wherever we are. Don't be a dead sacrifice, but a living one. Don't just lie on the altar. Offer yourself in every moment of every day.

Secondly, Paul urges us to not conform to the world, but be transformed (12:2). Moses had commanded Israel not to do as the nations around them had done. Jesus had preached for his disciples not to be like those who were hypocrites. It is our nature just to blend in where we are. Paul says give up on being like the world and be transformed. We should not conform to the will of the majority but be transformed to the Word of the Messiah. As Paul wrote to Christians living in the world's largest city he encouraged them to resist the temptation to settle for the way the world expects things to be. Instead, the inspired apostle urged his readers to "be transformed" for the purpose of living according to God's will.

Over this year we pray that every sermon and activity at Estes will help us to be "transformed" in our work in at least six areas: our devotion (preaching emphasis from January 1-March 5), our worship (March 12-May 7), our families (May 14-June 18), our fellowship (June 25-August 20), our outreach (August 27-October 22), and our service (October 29-December 31). Join us as we seek to become more and more what God intended us to be. What can God do through us in 2017? Let us seek to be "transformed" rather than simply be conformed to the world around us.

--Doug Burleson

# In Our Prayers

## Prayer Requests

The **Miskelly family** is working to adopt children from Haiti and the **Dalton family** is working on a domestic adoption.

**Theresa Murley**, Phyllis Lackey's friend, is in a regular room at JMCGH.

**Madison Willis**, Beth Naylor's great niece, was born with a fatal condition. She is one month old.

**Alisha Washington** is recovering from injuries.

**Cliff Bennett** got good test results and will meet with a radiologist to discuss treatment options.

**Vicki Johnson** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**David Ross** is in rehab at JMCGH.

**Cheryl Fernandez**, Carrie Sells' mother, is hospitalized with severe degenerative disc disease, a blood infection, and pneumonia.

**Heidi Lipphardt**, Sandra Wilson's long-time friend, is recovering from a double mastectomy.

**Tommy Shaw**, Glenda Williams' brother, has been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer.

A **newborn baby** from the Pipkin family was born prematurely, had difficulties, but has improved. These are Tom and Linda Wade's friends.

**Brooklyn Hodge** is recovering from surgery to repair broken bones in her leg.

**Carolyn Showers** will have a heart procedure on Monday in Memphis.

**Cancer Concerns:** Hal Cardiff (Terri Sokoloski's relative), Colton Gates, Forrest Vest, Blondell Powers (Minnie Davis' sister), Megan Jarrell (Erica Parten's cousin), Summer Maples, James Peacock (Zach Peacock's grandfather), Sam Kachelman, Renee Phelps, Elizabeth Saunders, Judy Tilghman (Susan Bradford's cousin), Lula Johns (Debbie McLaughlin's aunt), Trey Leonard (Marvin and Renee Croom's nephew), Sam Daniel (Heather Stewart's grandfather), Nicollette Isaacson, Barbara Clenney (Trent Scott's aunt), Joyce Gilmore, Natalie Morris, Rodney Hilliard (Scott Miskelly's brother-in-law), Don Alan Riggs, Robert Meeks (Laura Purvis' father), Mary Toops (Marie Johnson's aunt), Kristian Carlton (Ginger Frank's friend), Mary Busby (Patsy Davis's sister-in-law), Sheryl Thompson (David Falkenheim's aunt), Van Dyer (Brenda Johnson's cousin), Brandy Davis, Jason Elliott, Diane Davis (Adrienne Riggs' sister-in-law), Jeanette Morris (Tony Morris's mother), John Phillips (Ralph & Martha Austin's friend), Merle Little (Bob Little's wife), Tommy Roberts (the Wades' friend), Willie Milam (Martha Austin's brother), Jerry Shelton (Jackie Hibbett's relative), Barry Gannon (Jordan Gannon's father), Linda Robinson (Ann Lutz's niece), Dwaine White (Margaret Payne's father), Doyle Murphy, Lonna Griffin, Richard Wood's grandparents, Danny Jones, Becky Cargile, Alastair Ferrie, Rachel Baggott (B. J. Naylor's niece), Sue Cotton (Todd Cotton's mother), Robin Connor (Kevin Moore's sister), Sophia Thomas, Lanny Poteet, Sr.

## Ongoing Health Concerns

Jeff Payne; 420 Melodie Circle; Henderson

Emergene Weaver; Crestview Health Care Center, Brownsville, TN. 38012

HHRC - Lois Garner (410B), Lurlene Hysmith, Ermer McNeil, Dorothy Redden, Dorothy Berzette (108), Jean McPherson (504)

Imogene Roberts, Southern Oaks, Henderson

Betty Vincent; 1197 Finger Leapwood Rd., Finger, TN 38334

Ruby Robison; 713 Wolverine Rd., Troy, TN 38260

Omer and Marie Duberry; Elmcroft, 911 Old Humboldt Rd., Jackson 38305

Jane Caldwell; 142 South Maple St., Apt. G3, Adamsville, 38310

Jurilee Rouse; 614 Rosebud, Henderson

Lou Anderson; 707 North Ave.; Henderson

Dylan Fischbach; 567 Fawn Dr., Henderson

Don Hicks (Marti McDaniel's brother); 263 Halyard Trail, Hot Springs, AR 71901

Robert Gann, 1915 Old Finger Rd., Henderson

Gary Williams, Frank Williams' brother

Bill Maness; 2800 Old Friendship Rd., Finger, TN 38334

Helen Shaw (Glenda Williams' mother)

Leonard and Ann Lutz, 1980 Sanford Rd.

Walter Allstun, Victoria Falkenheim's grandfather

Carolyn Henry, 1870 Old Finger Rd.

## Our Missionaries

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## Looking Ahead

Sunday: -Worship @ Heritage Towers, 2:00 pm (each Sunday)  
 -Worship @ Southern Oaks, 2:30 pm (1st & 5th Sundays)  
 -Worship @ HHRC, 2:30 pm (4th Sundays)  
 -Visitation teams 3A and 3B meet.  
 -L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 3:30 p.m., fellowship room

Wednesday: Wednesdays @ Estes - "Modern-Day Idols"

### For the Record

Week of January 8, 2017

Sunday Bible Study.....	306
Sunday Morning Worship .....	398
Sunday Afternoon Worship.....	333
Mid-Week Bible Study.....	290
	<u>YTD</u> <u>1/8/17</u>
2017 Budget	\$19,800      \$9,900
Contribution	\$22,006      \$11,310
over/(under) budget	\$2,206      \$1,410
Dec. 31 Expansion Fund Balance	\$1,501

Brittany Bradford - Ft. Bragg, NC - [brittany.bradford14@yahoo.com](mailto:brittany.bradford14@yahoo.com)

Peter Holtin (Rodger & Alice Holtin's son) - [pholtin@gmail.com](mailto:pholtin@gmail.com) - Kansas

Mason Wallace (Shannon Morris' nephew)



## Pulpit Preview

A.M.: -- Mark

P.M.: "The Destructive Power of Worry," Matthew 6:25-34 -- Doug

15	Mary Emilee Lussier	18	Justin Puente
16	Sara Beth Connor	18	Brent Rudder
16	Kelly Hoeflich	20	Hunter Miller
17	Jeremiah Maborang	20	Judy Thomas
17	Sandy Dee	20	Andriana Washington



## In the Spotlight



Join the friendly team that greets our members and guests before Bible Class Sunday morning and between class and the worship service! Sign the list on the Activities' Board.

Several months ago **Steve Johnson** took a "medical leave of absence" from his position as an elder at Estes. We are happy to say that he is doing much better and has resumed his duties as one of our shepherds.

We are now accepting applications for a

### Full-Time Youth Minister

Qualifications can be found on our Facebook page.

**Deadline for submissions is January 15.**

Send resumes to [info@esteschurch.org](mailto:info@esteschurch.org) or  
Estes Church of Christ  
P. O. Box 191  
Henderson, TN 38340

**Big  
Thank  
You!**

We give a special thank you to all of the members of our Youth Committee who have worked diligently during the youth minister search. Youth and parents, pay close attention to Facebook postings and your calendars for information to come as the search process continues.



Our missionaries in South Africa, **Mike and Gail Jacobs**, will be in Henderson for FHU's Bible Lectureship. If you have a vehicle they can borrow from Jan. 30th to Feb. 10th, please see Richard Taylor.

*Thank You!*

Dear Estes, We truly enjoyed the caroling. Such a wonderful surprise. And thanks for the fruit basket; it was good to be remembered. Sincerely, **Robert & Alice Gann**

To our church family at Estes Church of Christ, I wish to thank all of my Estes church family for your many prayers that were offered on my behalf in reference to my recent diagnostic tests and cancer-related surgery. Your firm and supportive handshakes, hugs, and moral support will never be forgotten by Martha and me. May God bless you all for your caring and loving ways that were directed towards the Kitchen family in the past few weeks. In Christian love, **Steve & Martha Kitchen**

I want to thank all of the Estes family who came to my house before Christmas to sing carols. It was a wonderful surprise to see so many familiar faces willing to give of their time like that. I appreciate more than I can say your unselfish kindness. In the bond of God's love, **Rhonda Thompson**



### Dinner & Bible Study

Tuesday, January 17

6:00 p.m. @ the Zlatovichs' house (40 Cedarfield Lane)

If you need a study book, see Debbie McLaughlin. If you have not yet joined the Facebook group, contact April Schulte.

## INCITE

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 - 6:30 AM



If any families would be willing to open their homes during FHU's Lectureship to a couple or maybe an individual from the great state of Texas, it would be greatly appreciated; there's a busload of folks coming. Contact FHU's Advancement office (731-989-6020) or Regional Development Director, Myron Bruce (214-304-0286), if you can help.

## estesyouth

Jan. 13-15

Evangelism University

Jan. 15

Devo @ the Tuckers' house



There are still a few spots open to lock the building or prepare communion for one month in 2017! Check the Activities' Board.

# Those To Serve

## Morning Worship

Lord's Supper: Stephen Sells, Mike Showers, David Showers,  
Larry Sokoloski, Joe Powers, Lucas Tucker, Alex  
Tucker, Dan Parker

Prayer: Jonathan Harrison

Closing Prayer: C. J. Vires

Singing: Alex Walker

Nursery: Tamara, Annabelle, Hallie Lockridge

Greeters: Debbie Hames, Jim & Susan Brown, Roy &  
Dorothy McIntyre

## Afternoon Worship

Opening Prayer: Charles Tucker

Lord's Supper: Robby Novak

Closing Prayer: Ben Rudder

Singing: Mitch Zlatovich

Nursery: Anne Phillips

Ushers: Dan Messenger, Deryl Hilliard

Shepherds Receiving Responses: Steve Johnson, John McLaughlin

Cards: Jonah Harrison, Brayden Harrison

Sound Booth: Mitch Zlatovich, Nate Kitchen

Safety: Anthony Naylor, Micah England

Prepare Communion: Gary & Jill Irwin

Bldg. Lockup: Mark & Diane Stewart

**Please dress appropriately and respectfully.  
If unable to serve, call Richard Wood at 731-608-2346.**

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

**Bible Study.....9:30am**

**Morning Worship.....10:30am**

**Evening Worship.....5:00pm**

### Wednesday

**Bible Study.....7:00pm**


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 Date	Reading 1	Reading 2
15	Genesis 36,37	Matt. 12:1-21
16	Genesis 38,39,40	Matt. 12:22-50
17	Genesis 41	Matt. 13:1-32
18	Genesis 42,43	Matt. 13:33-58
19	Genesis 44,45	Matt. 14:1-21
20	Genesis 46,47,48	Matt. 14:22-36
21	Genesis 49,50	Matt. 15:1-20