

Estes Echo



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

January 27, 2017

Doing What I Think I Can't

"You must do the things you think you cannot do."—Eleanor Roosevelt

Our lives are full of hard things. Sometimes those hard things seem to overwhelm our very beings. We look at the mountain of seemingly insurmountable tasks, problems, family illnesses, government turmoil, and self-doubt and feel the urge to give up. Sometimes, we are faced with just one hard thing that seems impossible to endure. It might give us comfort to know that we are not alone in the trepidation we feel when facing life's problems. David, God's chosen king, often cries out in the Psalms in human fear and frustration. In Psalm 55, he describes looking out at a scene of chaos:

... I see violence and strife in the city. Day and night they prowl about on its walls; malice and abuse are within it. Destructive forces are at work in the city; threats and lies never leave its streets. (Psalms 55:9-11)

In the political and social climate we live in today, we might relate to David's description. As Christians, we are certainly affected by these worldly problems even though we know that our ultimate home is above. However, our difficulties might even come from within God's family. Later in chapter 55, David writes of the excruciating experience of being betrayed by a friend, even a fellow worshipper in the "house of God":

If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were rising against me, I could hide. But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship at the house of God, as we walked about among the worshippers. (Psalms 55 12-14)

Centuries later, we are able to comprehend the powerful emotions in this passage. One of the ways that we get through life is with the constant love of our "companions," our "close friends" in Christ who, with us, "walk about among the worshippers."

Our earthly troubles also come from these vessels that we live in. Enduring the illness of a loved one or going through the pain of disease and other physical problems are constant reminders that our lives here are temporary. Solomon warns us not to confuse the physical and the spiritual: "The human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?" (Proverbs 18:14). So how do we deal with the problem of a "crushed spirit?" What do we do when the problems feel like mountains? Of course, we do have each other. Our Christian fellowship is a constant source of strength against the world and Satan's part in it. But along with human sources of help, the divine ones are invaluable. Paul encourages the Corinthians at the end of his letter to seek them. He reminds them (and us) of divine sources of strength against all of the struggles of life: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (II Corinthians 13:14)

Finally, we can borrow some wisdom from Eleanor Roosevelt tempered with Paul's. Mrs. Roosevelt famously said, "you must do the things you think you cannot do." As God's faithful people, we have extra assurance that we can do those things, even when we think we can't. Paul reminds us of that in Philippians 4: "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." The truth of our power to do and endure hard things is that it is not we, ourselves, who do them! I am so thankful for Paul's reminder of God's guiding care:

... I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:11-13)

--Submitted

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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.

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 JMGH.

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 had a successful procedure on his vocal cords this week.

David Ross, Reed Thomas (Susan Sain's brother), and **Dorothy Redden** are now at home.

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

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

Betty Vincent is recovering from a hairline fracture in her arm.

Don Cooper, Sandy Halton's father, is recovering from surgery to remove skin cancer from his neck.

Karen Fozard, former member Tony Kirk's sister, is hospitalized in St. Louis with a pulmonary embolism and other health concerns.

Glenn Scott, Trent Scott's uncle, is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.

Nancy Edwards' niece, **Christina**, is hospitalized in critical condition in St. Louis.

Craig Hutcherson, known to Dave Barnett, is hospitalized in critical condition.

Rebecca Lawrence's grandfather was hospitalized this week and had a heart procedure.

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., Tommy Shaw (Glenda Williams' brother)

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, Jean McPherson (504)

Imogene Roberts, Southern Oaks (E4), 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

Nell Vires, 1280 Mayfield Rd., 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.

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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)
 -L2L Bible Bowl Practice, 3:30 p.m., fellowship room

Wednesday: -Wednesdays @ Estes -- "God calls me to be faithful...even when I'm young (Timothy)" -- Matthew Johnson

For the Record

Week of January 22, 2017

Sunday Bible Study.....	384															
Sunday Morning Worship	450															
Sunday Afternoon Worship.....	383															
Mid-Week Bible Study.....	343															
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Brittany Bradford - Ft. Bragg, NC - brittany.bradford14@yahoo.com
 Peter Holtin (Rodger & Alice Holtin's son) - pholtin@gmail.com - Kansas
 Mason Wallace (Shannon Morris' nephew)



Pulpit Preview

A.M.: "Looking to Jesus," Hebrews 12:1-3 -- Mark
P.M.: "A Snapshot of Christian Living," Hebrews 13:15-17 -- Doug

30	Angelica Maborang		3	Paul Schwartz
30	Rebecca Lawrence		3	Carolyn Henry
31	Mary Maness		4	Matthew Johnson
1	Elbert Richey			



Sympathy to Phillip and Judy Cranford on the death of Judy's brother, **Gary Holmes**, and to Allen Walker on the death of his aunt, **Dorothy Berzett**. The funeral for Mrs. Berzett will be Monday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m. with visitation immediately before, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

In the Spotlight



We welcome **Josh & Katie Deck** to our Estes family. Katie has been an Estes member for a while now but Katie and Josh are recently married! Katie is originally from Hattiesburg, MS, and Josh is a military kid of the world (born in Iceland!). Katie works for 8th Day Software as Creative Trailblazer - graphic design, event planning & social media, and Josh is an accountant currently working at Jackson Hewitt as a tax preparer.

In her spare time, Katie enjoys painting, gluten-free cooking, and coffee; Josh enjoys basketball and hanging out with friends.



Dear Estes family, Thank you for the yummy foods that were in the fruit basket. Thank you for thinking of me at Christmastime. I love each of you. Sincerely, **Anne Phillips**

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and visits since my surgery. It is a blessing to be a member of a congregation that is so thoughtful and loving. May God continue to bless your efforts to serve Him. In Him, **Vicki Johnson**

Dear Estes Carolers, Your beautiful voices and songs brought us great pleasure! We love every one of you for your kind thoughtfulness. It was an added blessing to see your young children smiling and singing alongside their parents. Thank you, **Earl & Lora Edwards**

Dear Estes family, Thank you so much for the love and generosity shown our families at our wedding shower on Sunday. We are overwhelmed and grateful. We ask your continued prayers and support as we begin our life together. Love, **Ethan McLaughlin & Becca Schucker**

INCITE MEN'S BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - 6:30 AM



If you would like to be a hostess for a wedding shower honoring **Price Irwin and Rachel Geiser**, meet down front after evening worship Sunday. If you cannot attend the meeting but want to help, see Beth Naylor. Price is the son of Gary and Jill Irwin.



Registration forms and payments are due to the Rudders by January 29. If you need forms, see Melinda Rudder.



Mildred Beard

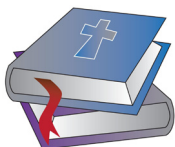
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If you can help clean or repair areas at the Scott House (next to the Estes parking lot), see Charles Tucker.



Host **Mike and Gail Jacobs**, our missionaries in South Africa, for a meal while they are visiting for FHU's Bible Lectureship. Sign up on the Activities' Board.



We are pleased to announce that **Daniel Salmon** will act as Adult Education Director, joining Jason Lockridge who coordinates our children's education program.



FREED-HARDEMAN
BIBLE LECTURESHIP

Identity in Crisis: Daniel's Vision for the Future February 5-9

- Housing needed for Lectureship guests! If you can help, contact FHU's Bible Department at 731-989-6622 or 731-989-6624 or FHU's Advancement Office at 731-989-6020.
- Lectureship schedules are available at the Welcome Center. Pick one up and plan to take advantage of this great opportunity. More information is available at fhu.edu/lectureship.

AREA HAPPENINGS

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| Jan. 28 | Bible Reading Event at North Jackson Church of Christ, 8:00 a.m. - noon. |
| Feb. 4 | "No Matter Where, My Love Will Find You," Ladies' Day @ Bethel Springs Church of Christ. Registration, 8 a.m.; program 9 a.m. Speaker: Megan Phillis |

Those To Serve

Morning Worship

Lord's Supper: Greg Massey, Ben Reese, David Falkenheim,
Xavier Falkenheim, Dan Messenger, Michael
Messenger, Carver Messenger, Dave Barnett

Prayer: Ron Dee

Closing Prayer: James Farrow

Singing: Alex Walker

Nursery: Denise Phillips, Sandra Wilson

Greeters: Frank & Susan Bradford, Scott & Christy
Miskelly, Rodger & Alice Holtin

Afternoon Worship

Opening Prayer: Jeff Dove

Lord's Supper: Rodger Holtin

Closing Prayer: Pearce Walker

Singing: Nate Kitchen

Nursery: Mary Emilee Lussier, Caroline Hancock

Ushers: Dan Lussier, Jim Jones

Shepherds Receiving Responses: Mark Scott, Richard Taylor

Cards: Eli Massey, Riley Massey

Sound Booth: Frank Bell, Rodger Holtin

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
	29	Exodus 19,20,21	Matt. 20:1-16
	30	Exodus 22,23,24	Matt. 20:17-34
	31	Exodus 25,26	Matt. 21:1-22
	1	Exodus 27,28	Matt. 21:23-46
	2	Exodus 29,30	Matt. 22:1-22
	3	Exod. 31,32,33	Matt. 22:23-46
	4	Exod. 34,35,36	Matt. 23:1-22