

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

August 25, 2017

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Bethany Iversen.....Peru

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.

Won and One by Blood

Sometimes, the tense of words and the very language that is used presents a powerful message. In Ephesians 2, the subject under discussion is grace. While all Christians were once outside of Christ, they are saved by the blood of Christ which offers the grace of God. It is, indeed, amazing grace!

After Paul's discussion about saving grace, the chapter moves into a topic of discussion that is still applicable – racism. Paul speaks of the Gentiles, using some powerful language indicating their separation (distance) when they were outside of Christ. He uses words such as uncircumcision, aliens, strangers, without God, and no hope. All of the words/phrases indicate a separation or distance from Christ. The word once in the first part of Ephesians 2:11 ("Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh. . .") implies a powerful message.

In current western culture, identity, in large part, is determined by race. Many of the surveys and forms people are required to fill out will have a section about their racial background. Casual conversation will often begin with a declaration of racial identity. The implication of Ephesians is that this practice is not new in the 21st century. It is interesting how Paul described the Gentiles (anyone who was not a Jew).

Paul says they were "...once Gentiles in the flesh. . .". The implication is they are no longer! When the grace of God reached them (the same grace that saved the Jews of the first century and all Christians today), their identity was no longer found in their racial status. They are now in Christ or "... have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (verse 13; there is no more distance between them and God).

Later, Paul continues to use the past tense stating that Christ, "has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation. . .". Verse 17 says, "And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near." The book of Ephesians was written somewhere around AD 62 or about 1,955 years ago. Paul expressed that racial divisions were gone at that time. Any racial divisions which exist in the church today have been put in place by mankind as Christ has abolished them centuries ago. Mankind, it seems, has attempted to rebuild what Christ has already broken down!

Paul's point is clear. All are saved by the same grace. All are won by Christ and one in Christ. This is summarized well in the last verse of the section: "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." All Christians have the same Holy Spirit. All Christians are part of the same body. The identity of the saved is not found in race but wholly found in grace.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

--Jeremy Northrop

In Our Prayers

Prayer Requests

The **Miskelly family** and the **Dalton family** are working on adoptions.
Gala Stewart, Rachel Salmon's grandmother, is recovering from a stroke.
Alisha Washington and **Braden Watkins** are recovering from arm injuries and surgeries.
J. B. Payne (Jeff Payne's father) and **Debbie Clayton** (Ashley Phillips' mother) are undergoing rehabilitation.
Connie Faust is dealing with heart issues.
Rachel Baggott, B. J. Naylor's niece, has been placed on hospice care.
Kenny McLeod continues at JMCBH but is slowly improving.
Becky Hysmith continues to recover.
Gayle Roeder, Yvette Messenger's mother, is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
Richy Butler, J. R. Hames' son-in-law, has been moved to HHRC.
Jacquita Butler, J. R. Hames' daughter, is recovering from a broken hip.
Beth Naylor is recovering from surgery.
Helen Shaw, Glenda Williams' mother, is not doing well.
Canaan Vires, the Vires' and McLeods' new grandson, is now at home.
Gayle McDonald will have thyroid surgery on August 28.
Sharon Wilson, Christy Miskelly's mother, has been diagnosed with an auto-immune condition that is affecting her breathing.

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, 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, Natalie Morris, Kristian Carlton (Ginger Frank's friend), Sheryl Thompson (David Falkenheim's aunt), Van Dyer (Brenda Johnson's cousin), Diane Davis (Adrienne Riggs' sister-in-law), Jeanette Morris (Tony Morris' mother), John Phillips (Ralph & Martha Austin's friend), Merle Little (Bob Little's wife), Willie Milam (Martha Austin's brother), Linda Robinson (Ann Lutz's niece), Dwaine White (Margaret Payne's father), Doyle Murphy, Lonna Griffin, Richard Wood's grandparents, Danny Jones, Sue Cotton (Todd Cotton's mother), Robin Connor (Kevin Moore's sister), Tommy Shaw (Glenda Williams' brother), Heidi Lipphardt (Sandra Wilson's friend), Lee Matthews, Jr. (Matt Matthew's nephew), Gary Williams (Frank Williams' brother), Karen Fozard (Tony Kirk's sister), Tim Taylor (Josh Taylor's father), Ever Johnson (Paul and Tricia Johnson's grandson), James Harvison, Jose Ferreira (father of FHU grads from Brazil), Mark Wilson (Denise Phillips' brother-in-law), Angelia Haltom

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, Nell Vires (403), Lou Anderson (604)
 Betty Vincent; 1197 Finger Leapwood Rd., Finger, TN 38334 (recovering from a broken foot)
 Ruby Robison; 3360 Yates Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232
 Marie DuBerry; Elmcroft, 911 Old Humboldt Rd., Jackson 38305
 Jurilee Rouse; 614 Rosebud, Henderson
 Robert Gann, 1915 Old Finger Rd., Henderson
 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.
 David Ross, 1020 Memory Lane, Henderson
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 Chris Moore (Libby Maynard's nephew)
 Ann Watson (Lana Pirtle's mother)

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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)
-PROMOTION SUNDAY: Children will move to their new Bible classes.

Wednesday: -Wednesdays @ Estes -- The Big 10: Introducing the 10 Commandments - *Doug Burluson*
 -New Fellowship Hall Class begins - *Major Points from the Minor Prophets*

For the Record

Week of August 20, 2017

Sunday Bible Study.....	580
Sunday Morning Worship	716
Sunday Afternoon Worship.....	314
Mid-Week Bible Study.....	410
	YTD 8/20/17
2017 Budget	\$367,200 \$10,800
Contribution	\$359,826 \$10,225
over/(under) budget	(\$7,374) (\$575)
July 31 Expansion Fund Balance	(\$1,421)

Brittany Bradford - Ft. Bragg, NC - brittany.bradford14@yahoo.com
 Mason Wallace (Shannon Morris' nephew)
 José Urzua



Pulpit Preview

A.M.: "Transformed Outreach," II Corinthians 5:14-21 -- Doug
P.M.: Report on Thailand Literature Program

27 Alice Gann
 28 Liam Farrow
 29 Shiradon Kirk
 29 Josh Puente
 30 Danielle Morris
 30 Angela Hill
 31 Eden Burluson



31 Alice Holtin
 31 Braxtyn Connor
 31 Achilles Gonzalez
 31 Ryan Hysmith
 1 Canaan Burluson
 1 Richard England



Joanne Greenlee asks for prayers of encouragement and **Marti McDaniel** asks for prayers of forgiveness and encouragement.

In the Spotlight

THIS WEEKEND

FRIDAY -- Back-to-School Singing, 6:30 p.m. Bring friends, snacks & drinks.

SATURDAY -- Young Professionals' gathering @ the McLaughlins' house (403 Crook Ave.), 5:00 p.m.

Fall Adult Class Offerings

Sunday, Auditorium - "Mark, the Hyperdrive Gospel"

Sunday, Fellowship Room - "Seeking a Life that Counts, Examining Ecclesiastes"

Sunday, Room 5 - A study of Paul continues.

Sunday, Room 1 - This classes uses the current Gospel Advocate quarterly.

Wednesday, Auditorium - "The Big 10: Learning about God and His People from the Ten Commandments"

Wednesday, Fellowship Room - "Major Points from the Minor Prophets"

Wednesday, Room 5 - Ladies Class, a study using the book, "Bind Us Together."

Wednesday, Elders' Office - "Suffering and Salvation in the Psalms" This class is an extension of our 6:2 Ministry and has a heavy emphasis on prayer, handling personal struggles, and building positive habits. This class will be taught by many of our trained counselors. This class begins September 6.



Austin & Hannah Painter are leaving us this month to begin new opportunities in Missouri. We love them and wish them well in this next phase of their lives!

Austin and Hannah Painter

110 Main Street

Blackwater, MO 65322



Information & Training Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Contact Jeremy Northrop if you are interested, northrop_j@yahoo.com, 731-879-9210.



If you would like to send a card expressing sympathy to Linda Ferrie (wife of our late missionary, Alastair Ferrie), they are available on the lobby table. Return them to the container provided and we will mail them for you.



Congratulations to Dan and Donna Lussier and Bill and Mary Maness on the birth of a new grandson/great-grandson! **Jase Daniel Jensen** was born August 17 to Shane and Christi in New Zealand. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs.

Congratulations to Larry and Terri Sokoloski on the birth of a new granddaughter! **Eden Sophia Sokoloski** was born to Matt and Aleshia on August 21. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20" long. Eden was welcomed by big sister Esther Grace.

Can You Help?

NEEDED: Van drivers to pick up people who need a ride on Sundays and Wednesdays. See Joel Sanford. No CDL required.

NEEDED: Members to house teen girls coming to RUSH at FHU, September 29-October 1. See Austin England if you can help.



Thank you all so much for the calls, cards, plant, and prayers on my brother's death. Love, **Marti McDaniel**

Thank you all for the prayers, cards, calls, and get well wishes. In Christian love **Phillip Cranford**

Thank you. Those words are so inadequate to express how grateful we are for the wonderful farewell you gave us Sunday night. You folks really outdid yourselves with the food, cards, gifts and program. I am so glad you did a roast. I'd much rather laugh than cry.

But more than all that, we are grateful for the 40-plus years we had with you. More than half of our lives was spent as one of you. You helped us rear our children. They are testimony to the faith you demonstrated through your teaching, your prayers and your care. We came to Estes in the first place because we wanted them to be with other children with whom they would attend school. You did not disappoint. Although much was said Sunday night about us, you deserve most of the credit. We always received more than we gave.

Thank you for the kind words, for the cards, for the gifts, for being you. We will try our best with the rose bush and, if it survives my gardening skills, think of you with every bloom. I understand it blooms spring through fall. If it looks like it is in failing health, I'll call in master gardener Karen Walker to revive it!

May the Lord bless you and keep you until we meet again. --**Cliff and Nancy Bennett**

INCITE MEN'S BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - 6:30 AM



MOTHER/ DAUGHTER DAY

WITH DONNA FAUGHN &
AMBER TATUM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AREA HAPPENINGS

August 28 - **FHU Associates' dinner & meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Henderson Church of Christ. All ladies are invited; please RSVP to lynne-71@hotmail.com.

August 31 - **Apologetics Press Benefit Dinner**, 6:00 p.m. Free of charge; sign the list on the Activities' Board if you would like to attend or see Allen Walker.

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August 25

Girls at the Schwartz' house

August 26

Devo at the Pirtles' house

August 30

WOW (Win-One-On-Wednesdays), 6 p.m.

*DEADLINE to sign up for Climb Nashville Lock-in on September 8-9



LADIES' RETREAT

September 22-24

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park
Guest speaker: Kim Cook
Cost is \$30 (\$40 with a t-shirt);
deadline to sign up on the
Ladies' Board is September 6.

Those To Serve

Morning Worship

Lord's Supper: Alex Walker, Pearce Walker, Brent Rudder,
Benjamin Rudder, Todd Cotton, Brian Massey,
Jeremiah Bryant, Larry Sokoloski

Prayer: Bishop McLaughlin

Closing Prayer: Trent Scott

Singing: C.J. Vires

Nursery: Jenny and Lucy Johnson

Greeters: Jim & Susan Brown, Judy Cranford, Alex &
Cherri Walker

Afternoon Worship

Opening Prayer: Jeremy Northrop

Lord's Supper: Carson Naylor

Closing Prayer: Ron Dee

Singing: Nathan Judd

Nursery: Becca McLaughlin, Madeline Rudder

Ushers: Dan Messenger, Deryl Hilliard

Shepherds Receiving Responses: Gary Irwin, John McLaughlin

Cards: Jesse Kitchen, Jack Rudder

Sound Booth: Frank Bell, Rodger Holtin

Safety: Anthony Naylor, Micah England

Prepare Communion: Jim and Susan Brown

Bldg. Lockup: Mike and Jenny Johnson

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
	27	Psalm 132-135	1 Cor. 8
	28	Psalm 136-138	1 Cor. 9
	29	Psalm 139-141	1 Cor. 10:1-13
	30	Psalm 142-144	1 Cor. 10:14-33
	31	Psalm 145-147	1 Cor. 11:1-15
	1	Psalm 148-150	1 Cor. 11:16-34
	2	Proverbs 1,2	1 Cor. 12