

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

June 15, 2018

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Larry Waymire.....Haiti
Caleb Bennett.....South Africa
Russell & Allison Epperson....Montana
Ryan & Sarah Davis.....Peru
Bethany Iversen.....Peru
Skylar Johnston.....Peru

Medical Missions

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

Sign language interpretation
available as needed.

Seek First the Kingdom of God

Mt. 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Preceding this passage Jesus has been explaining why we should not be anxious. Verse 33 concludes the paragraph by encouraging us to put God first and all our material worries will be relieved.

What does it mean to put the kingdom first? Jesus explains it in Mark 10:29-30

29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Jesus is saying that putting the kingdom first means leaving home and family to do the Lord's work. If we will do this, we will have a better home and family as well as eternal life.

Does this mean that we must move away from home and family for God, after all Estes supports people that have done this? Jesus tells us more about the nature of commitment in Luke 9: 57-62. In this passage Jesus is telling those who would follow him and the cost they must be willing to bear. There he says to one potential follower that he has no place to call home. To another he says, "Leave the dead to bury the dead" (v60 ESV). In the first century, the responsibility to provide funeral arrangements for your father was a religious, social and family obligation. This seems to be a very harsh demand, but we don't know the circumstances. Was the father already dead? If so, much of the funeral preparations should be completed already. Was the man waiting for his father to die? If so, that could easily involve weeks or even months of waiting. Jesus is saying that the proclamation of the gospel could not wait. The good news could not wait. By making this statement Jesus clearly tells us the degree of loyalty that we owe him and the kingdom.

The point in these verses (in Matthew, Mark and Luke) is that our commitment to Christ cannot be one of many priorities. The kingdom must come first. As God demanded of Israel: "have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:3). The first commandment was not limited to other pagan gods. It was and is required that nothing comes before God. We can't have other gods like money, power, comfort, drugs, entertainment, etc. Nothing puts Him second.

Before ending this article, I must point out that many other responsibilities fall upon us as Christians within this over-arching priority. The head of each home must take care of their family's needs (1 Tim. 5:18). We must have honest work (Eph. 4:28). We should seek to help the poor and homeless (James 1:27). All of these activities and more should be carried out as part of our dedication to serve Christ first.

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Mt 6:33). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

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In Our Prayers

Prayer Requests

The Miskelly family and **the Dalton family** are working on adoptions.
Ethan and Becca McLaughlin are teaching English in China.
Darby Miskelly is hiking the Appalachian Trail.
Mike Cothren, Julie Miller's father, is recovering from cancer surgery.
Rachel Hudson, Julie Miller's daughter, needs prayers for a difficult situation.
Jurilee Rouse has shingles.
Thelma Hemby is now at home recovering from a fractured pelvis and a heart stent.
Evan Graves, Marti McDaniel's nephew, received clear MRI results. He will continue to have further testing.
Harold Puffpaff, Shannon Morris's father, has been diagnosed with a blood clot and is on medication.
Tim Taylor, Josh Taylor's father, got disappointing news from recent tests. He will begin radiation therapy soon.
Ethel Wells, JR Hames's sister, has an inoperable brain tumor. JR, Debbie, Ethel and her husband Wandell ask for prayers.
Aimee Cotton, Todd and Cindi Cotton's daughter, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and started chemo recently.
Alesha Waters, a friend of the Holtin family, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
Gary Wilder, Larry Sokoloski's friend, is in the hospital recovering from a brain hemorrhage.
Lisa Burkeen, Jennifer Shower's mother, has been diagnosed with Vascular Cognitive Impairment. She will be discharged to a long term rehab facility in Paducah soon.
George Benson, Katie Deck's grandfather, is suffering from Alzheimer's.
Ethel Cypress, TJ Kirk's grandmother, is recovering from a heart attack at home.
Anne Phillips has broken her foot.
Esthelee Pirtle, Harold's nephew's wife, has had a reoccurrence of cancer.
Betty Vincent is struggling with heart complications.
David Novak has two fractured vertebrae.
April Proveaux, David and Laurie Novak's daughter, is expecting to deliver twins next month.
Glenn Naylor, Anthony Naylor's father, is undergoing chemotherapy for bone cancer.
Mildred Geest, Terri Sokoloski's mother, has a fractured pelvis.

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, 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), Van Dyer (Brenda Johnson's cousin), Diane Davis (Adrienne Riggs' sister-in-law), Jeanette Morris (Tony Morris's mother), John Phillips (Ralph & Martha Austin's friend), Willie Milam (Martha Austin's brother), Linda Robinson (Ann Lutz's niece), Lonna Griffin, Richard Wood's grandparents, Danny Jones, Sue Cotton (Todd Cotton's mother), Robin Connor (Kevin Moore's sister), Lee Matthews, Jr. (Matt Matthew's nephew), Gary Williams (Frank Williams' brother), Karen Fozard (Tony Kirk's sister), Ever Johnson (Paul and Tricia Johnson's grandson), James Harvison, Mark Wilson (Denise Phillips' brother-in-law), Angelia Haltom, Everett "Junior" Naylor (B.J. Naylor's brother), Sharon Kea, Ann Watson (Lana Pirtle's mother), Lawrence Johnson (Nell Vires & Carolyn Henry's brother), Debbie Schwartz (Paul Schwartz's sister-in-law), Michelle Brewer, Jim Ruth, Natalie Henton, Imogene Fitts

Ongoing Health Concerns

Jeff Payne; 420 Melodie Circle, Henderson
 Emergene Weaver; Crestview Health Care Center, Brownsville, TN. 38012
 HHRC - Lois Garner (402B), Ermer McNeil, Nell Vires (403)
 Lou Anderson; Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd., Room B6, Bolivar, 38008
 Betty Vincent; 1197 Finger Leapwood Rd., Finger, TN 38334
 Ruby Robison; 3360 Yates Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232
 Marie DuBerry; Elmcroft, 911 Old Humboldt Rd., Jackson 38305
 Jurilee Rouse; 614 Rosebud, Henderson3
 Bill Maness; 2800 Old Friendship Rd., Finger, TN 38340
 Bernita Jo Daniels, Greystone Nursing Home, Room #213, 121 Spring Valley Rd., Cabot, AR 72023
 Leonard and Ann Lutz, 1980 Sanford Rd.
 Carolyn Henry, 1870 Old Finger Rd.
 Phyllis Lackey, 326 E. Third, Henderson
 Chris Moore (Libby Maynard's nephew)
 Gala Stewart (Rachel Salmon's grandmother)
 Richy Butler (J. R. Hames' son-in-law)
 R. C. Schwartz (Paul Schwartz's father); 1645 Enville Rd., Henderson
 Cindy Mosher (Katie Deck's aunt)
 Chad Henry (Carolyn Henry's son)

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Looking Ahead

Sunday: -Worship @ Heritage Towers, 2:00 p.m. (each Sunday)
 -Worship @ Southern Oaks, 2:30 p.m. (1st & 5th Sundays)
 -Worship @ HHRC, 2:30 p.m. (4th Sundays)

Wednesday: -Wednesdays @ Estes – Standing on the Promises of God: Because Christ Will Be With Us (Matthew 28:16-20) Lee Hagewood

For the Record

Week of June 10, 2018

Sunday Bible Study.....	290
Sunday Morning Worship	381
Sunday Afternoon Worship.....	228
Mid-Week Bible Study.....	192
	YTD 6/10/18
2018 Budget	\$242,000 \$11,000
Contribution	\$245,386 \$12,474
over/(under) budget	\$3,386 \$1,474
Apr. 30 Expansion Fund Balance	\$2,089



Brittany Bradford - Ft. Bragg, NC - brittany.bradford14@yahoo.com
 Mason Wallace (Shannon Morris' nephew)
 José Urzua - San Diego, CA
 Hunter Miller, Army AIT training, Fort Sam Houston, TX - crsbons@gmail.com
 Carson Naylor, Ft. Lewis, WA - naylorcarson@gmail.com

Pulpit Preview

A.M. - "Honors From Our Father" (Romans 1:3-4) - Doug Bursleson
P.M. - "Tempted Like Me" (Hebrews 4:14-16) - Mark Blackwelder

17 David Falkenheim
 18 Allan Fraser
 18 Nathan Judd
 18 Lisa Raine
 19 Nate Kitchen



19 Linda Moran
 19 Richard Wood
 20 Andrei Bryant
 22 Jurilee Rouse

In the Spotlight

Henderson Church of Christ VBS

Museum of Miracles

June 24 @ 5 p.m.

June 25 - 27 @ 6:30 p.m.



SMALL STORIES

BIG IDEAS

Digging Deeper into the Parables of Jesus

Make your plans for Estes VBS on July 15 through 18.
See Jason Lockridge for ways to get involved.

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June 19	Taco Tuesday
June 22-24	St. Louis Trip
June 29	Guys Only Lock-In



Couples Shower

There will be a finger food fellowship couple's gift card shower honoring **Micah England and Tori Murray** on June 17 after evening services. Gift Card Suggestions: Aldi, Grubbs, Amazon, and Lowes.



In the Hospital

Remember, you can cheer someone's day by sending an e-card to patients in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital at www.wth.org. Click on "Patient Greeting Card" to the right. You'll need to either provide a room number or an area of the hospital where the patient is, like "chemo outpatient" or "NICU."

If you would like to make a donation toward the upkeep of the two cemeteries that Estes maintains, please see Floyd Mayfield or Brent Beshires anytime before the end of May.

Thanks!

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and the wonderful meal.
-Lorene Plunk and family

Dear Estes, Your prayers and loving support during the loss of our husband and father are greatly appreciated. The flowers were very touching. The meal provided for our extended family after the funeral brought comfort to us. It is so nice to know our church family loves us so. Love, Alice Gann and family



Congratulations to Paul and Mary Lane Schwartz on the arrival of their newest grandson, Silas Edward Schwartz. Silas is the son of Josh and Amber Schwartz. He was born June 7th at 10:10 p.m. and weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces. Amber and Silas are both doing well. He is welcomed by big sisters Mattie and Sophie, and big brother Sam!



INCITE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursday, June 21 at 6:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



There is a sign up sheet for nursery volunteers on the activities board. Please sign up if you can help with our sweet babies this summer.

Estes will pay 1/2 the cost for Estes kids to attend MSYC, MSYC Jr. Camp, Horizons, AP Camp, AND Maywood Christian Camp for the summer of 2018. You will need to bring a "camp letter" to the first day of camp; you may pick those up from Suzanne Scott.



Spanish-language Worship Service

5:00 p.m. on Sundays
Room 5

For more information see Perry or Alba Hardin.

Those To Serve

Morning Worship

Lord's Supper: Steve Johnson, Kyle Conner, Josh Deck,
Davis Parten, Dave Barnett, Danny
Eldridge, Nathan Judd, Deryl Hilliard
Prayer: Dan Ayers
Closing Prayer: Todd Cotton
Singing: David Falkenheim
Nursery: Vickie Parker, Jill Irwin
Greeters: Lee and Kelsey Hagewood, Jason and
Tamara Lockridge, Alex and Cherri Walker

Afternoon Worship

Opening Prayer: James Dalton
Lord's Supper: Ron Dee
Closing Prayer: David Gann
Singing: Nathan Judd
Nursery: Bonita Thornthwaite, Laurie Novak

Ushers: Mark Stewart, Brent Rudder
Shepherds Receiving Responses: Allen Walker, Tony Hysmith
Cards: Canaan and Jordan Burleson
Sound Booth: Nate Kitchen, Rodger Holtin
Safety: Danny Eldridge, Anthony Naylor
Prepare Communion: Angela Hill, Natalie Zlatovich
Bldg. Lockup: Rene and Teresa Puente

**Please dress appropriately and respectfully.
If unable to serve, call Richard Wood at 731-608-5944.**

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30am
Morning Worship.....10:30am
Evening Worship.....5:00pm
Spanish Language Worship....5:00pm
(Room 5)

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

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Monday-Friday Bible Readings

Mon 6/18 - Romans 4
Tues 6/19 - Romans 5
Wed 6/20 - Romans 6
Thurs 6/21 - Romans 7
Fri 6/22 - Romans 8