

March 15, 2019

## Wednesday Night Priorities

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The line stretched in front further than the eye could see. Behind – an innumerable crowd that stretched on and on. The rows were at least a hundred wide. The line inched slowly forward for hour after hour. Some complained, some sang. Hundreds of languages drifted around, yet everyone understood as it were his own tongue. One sourpuss somewhere behind griped, “This is taking forever!” The gentle reply came back, “That’s what we have. . . Forever!”

Judgment day had arrived.

The crowd seemed to enliven up ahead. The roar increased as the wave of shouts of “All Right!” and “Hallelujah!” drew closer and closer. What is it? What is the uproar? What’s going on?

Finally, a man far in front yelled loud enough for everyone around to hear, “WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DON’T COUNT!”

That’s right, attending Wednesday night church meeting or any other time doesn’t earn us Brownie points in Heaven or cover a sin. After all there is nowhere in the Bible that tells us to meet twice on Sunday’s and once on a mid-week night. So why bother? Isn’t it enough to assemble on Sunday?

Well, ok, we are instructed to follow our elders, and they say we ought to come together. So, if I don’t am I sinning?

Why do the church leaders harp on this Sunday morning and Wednesday Bible study and Sunday evening service? I will list a few reasons in no particular order.

1. Just how much Bible study can a person get in one 30 to 40-minute lesson on Sunday morning? If you wanted to become proficient in a foreign language, could you do it in a ½ hour once a week? Of course not! A single class, meeting 3 hours a week for 16 weeks is barely a start in any subject or study in college. The fact of the matter is, we need to invest the time and energy in personal and group study as if learning more about God and His Son is the most important course of study we could ever engage – because it is the most important.
2. We need the time with our brothers and sisters for encouragement, for consolation for building each other up, for challenging each other to godliness. . .
3. Churches that stop emphasizing regular group Bible study die. History is littered with religious groups that have followed the course of fewer and fewer weekly meetings. Then follows a persistent decline in active membership, giving, and evangelism. Stop studying, stop meeting, stop praying together, and the local church withers away.
4. Individuals that stop engaging in Bible study and group activities are much more likely to drift away from the church.
5. Children raised in a home with little emphasis on regular attendance of worship services and Bible study rarely develop a sustaining personal faith. They most often simply quit the church all together when they reach adulthood.

Jesus challenged us with the words, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be.” Are we so busy laying up treasure watching our favorite shows that we forget from Whom our life comes?

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, March 17**

**Bilingual Service with the  
Estes Hispanic Ministry**  
during evening service

**Wedding Shower and Finger Food Fellowship  
honoring Katelyn Dee and Tucker Price**  
after evening service

**Worship service @ Heritage Towers**

2:00 p.m. each Sunday

**Worship service @ Southern Oaks**

2:30 p.m. 1st and 5th Sundays

**Worship service @ HHRC**

2:30 p.m. 4th Sundays

**Wednesday, March 20**

**Wednesday Nights at Estes**

How to Split a Church: Be Bitter

Joe Manasco

**Thursday, March 21**

INCITE Men’s Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Baby Shower honoring Hannah Adams**

Thursday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.

Debbie McLaughlin’s house

**FHU Makin’ Music Weekend**

April 5 and 6

**Estes Ladies Day**

April 13

## YOUTH EVENTS

**High School Eno Devo @ FHU**

March 19

**Service Project at Heritage Towers**

March 24

 CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN MARCH 17, 24, 31 AND APRIL 7. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A TIME SLOT ON THE ACTIVITIES BOARD.



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### Apologetics Press

World Bible School

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## BIRTHDAYS

18	Laurie Novak
19	Alex Jones
20	Luke Parten
	Colton Brown
	Alex Blackwelder
	Austin Hawkes
21	Adelynn Northcutt
23	Josh Taylor
	Zachary Brown
	Brenda Hawkes



## LESSON PREVIEWS

### Sunday

#### A.M.: Giving Grace

Colossians 3:12-13  
Doug Burleson

#### P.M.: God of the Nations

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Mark Blackwelder

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Lisa Eldridge** has been admitted to JMCGH for gallbladder problems.

**Jimmy Scott**, Debbie Hames's uncle, had a stroke and is at Baptist East Hospital in Memphis.

**Ruth Smith**, Natalie Zlatovich's grandmother, is in poor health.

**JR Hames** has been moved to Henderson Health and Rehabilitation Center.

**Sharon Wilson**, Christy Miskelly's mother, started chemotherapy this week.

**Norma Darnell**, Lisa Raine's grandmother, is in poor health.

**Jim Stanley** has been moved to Henderson Health and Rehabilitation Center.

**Mark Wilson**, Denise Phillips's brother-in-law, is home.

**Brittany Hunt**, Tamara Lockridge's sister-in-law, has been given a terminal diagnosis for her unborn child.

**Janna Beth Hunt**, Tamara Lockridge's sister-in-law, is expecting twins and experiencing a high-risk pregnancy.

**Rex Northcutt**, Josh Northcutt's grandfather, has been placed in hospice care.

The **Miskelly family** is working to adopt two boys from Haiti.

## CANCER CONCERNS

Blondell Powers (Minnie Davis' sister), Lula Johns (Debbie McLaughlin's aunt), Sam Daniel (Heather Stewart's grandfather), Alison Isom (Ginger Frank's friend), Van Dyer (Brenda Johnson's cousin), Jeanette Morris (Tony Morris's mother), Michelle Brewer (Bill and Mary Maness's friend), John Phillips (Ralph & Martha Austin's friend), Ever Johnson (Paul and Tricia Johnson's grandson), Sharon Kea, Lawrence Johnson (Nell Vires & Carolyn Henry's brother), Debbie Schwartz (Paul Schwartz's sister-in-law), Dennis Christy (Shiradon Kirk's grandfather), Tim Taylor (Josh Taylor's father), Tommy Shaw (Glenda Williams's brother), Imogene Fitts, Aimee Cotton, Summer Maples, Judy Grene (a friend of Mark and Sylvia Scott), Paul Goddard (a friend of Mark and Sylvia Scott), Travis Creasy, Ann Faulkner (Debbie Braun's sister-in-law), Rita Loomis (Shawna Northrop's grandmother), Hal Cardiff (Terri Sokolski's relative), Ann Phoenix (Doug and Kristi Burleson's friend), Joy Oliver (a member of our community) Colleen Santos (Milton and Pat Tucker's friend), Allison Cross

## ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

HHRC - **Lois Garner** (402B),  
**Ermer McNeil, Nell Vires**  
(403)

**Lou Anderson**, 2865 Main  
Street, West Unit-Room 24  
Humboldt, TN 38343

**Mildred Beard**, Morningside  
Manor, 1200 North Parkway,  
Apt. 133, Jackson, TN 38305

**George Benson** (Katie Deck's  
grandfather)

**Jeff Butler**, 3538 State Route  
100 West, Henderson, TN  
38340

**Richy Butler** (J. R. Hames'  
son-in-law)

**Robin Connor** (Kevin  
Moore's sister)

**Chris Cooney** (Margaret  
Paynes' cousin)

**Marie DuBerry**, Elmcroft, 911  
Old Humboldt Rd., Jackson,  
TN 38305

**Mary Ann Gann** (David  
Gann's mother)

**Ronnie Hemby**

**Carolyn Henry**, 1870 Old Fin-  
ger Rd., Henderson, TN 38340

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son)

**Betty Mae Hill** (Angela Hill's  
mother)

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Sanford Rd., Henderson, TN  
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nephew)

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aunt)

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Morris's father)

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**Victoria Sparks** (Carrie Sells  
friend)

**Valeria Sprout** (Richard  
Sain's sister)

**Gala Stewart** (Rachel Salm-  
on's grandmother)

**Mabel Taylor** (Richard Taylor's  
mother)

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38334

**Gary Williams** (Frank Wil-  
liams' brother)

**Colton Woods** (Vickie Parker's  
nephew)

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: BILINGUAL SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT

On Sunday afternoon, in order to celebrate the unity that we have in Christ, we have the unique opportunity to worship God in two languages. This unity is over all peoples and languages. Sunday we will give praise to God with our brothers and sisters who worship in English and our brothers and sisters who worship in Spanish. Together we will experience a foretaste of heaven—where all races and cultures will join together in the worship of the one true God!

### REVELATION 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”

## DIRECTORY PICTURES

We will take directory pictures on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7. There is a sign-up sheet located on the activities board. We ask that all members take part in these pictures. This is an opportunity to update all information and give our directory a cohesive look. The pictures and updates should not take more than 20 minutes. See Trent or Suzanne Scott if you have any questions.

## MANY THANKS

Dear Estes Family, Thank you so much for the lovely food you all helped provide to our family after Stan Mitchell's funeral. What a comfort we felt through your loving hands. Your family, Nancy and Bobby Wheat

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Ruth Smith, Natalie Zlatovich's grandmother, is turning 90 years young. She isn't feeling well, and we can brighten her birthday by sending lots of birthday cards. Her address is 99 Chapman Acres Circle, Lynchburg, TN 37352.

## SENIOR ADULT RALLY

There will be a senior adult rally at Henderson Church of Christ on Saturday, March 23. Doug Burleson's topic will be "Three People Every Christian Needs to Be." The rally will run from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRIORITIES CONTINUED FROM COVER

Given the words of our savior, we should ask ourselves the following questions about our priorities:

- What TV show is more important than meeting with your brothers and sisters?
- What ballgame is more important than learning about God's love?
- How bad does the weather have to be to miss work? How bad does it have to be to skip meeting with God's people?

Yes, the elders at Estes really, really want you to be there anytime the doors of the church building are opened. No, we don't get a year end bonus for attaining some attendance goal. We probably won't get more stars in our crowns if everyone shows up on Wednesday nights and Bible class and Sunday nights. Why do we want and request that you be with us?

It's simple, we care about your life and your soul. We care which side of the judgment seat you will be on. (That's our job.)

The elders are not the only ones at Estes who care about your soul. There are at least 200-300 more brothers and sisters who care about your life and your soul.... But we can't show you if you're not with us. We think Wednesday nights and Sunday nights and Sunday Bible classes and Sunday worship time are important. Don't waste these opportunities. Where could you be that is more important?

## LADS TO LEADERS

Schedule for Sunday, March 17:

- 1:30 p.m. Speech
- 3:00 p.m. Puppets
- 4:15 p.m. Boys' song leading

Girls' song leading will be after evening service.

## # BY THE NUMBERS

<b>Sunday Bible Study</b> .....	331
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> .....	421
<b>Sunday Afternoon Worship</b> .....	334
<b>Wednesday Night Bible Study</b> .....	371

	YTD	Mar. 10
<b>2019 Budget</b>	\$116,500	\$11,650
<b>Contribution</b>	128,817	11,256
<b>Over/Under Budget</b>	12,317	(394)

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 **THOSE TO SERVE**

**Welcome**

Jason Lockridge

**Ushers**

Tony Allen, Kyle Connor

**Greeters**

Anne Phillips  
Susan Plunkett  
Richard and Susan Sain  
Mike and Gisele Rudder

**Receiving Shepherds**

Jason Lockridge  
John McLaughlin

**Cards**

Kane Parten, Jordan Burleson

**Sound Booth**

Frank Bell, David Gann

**Safety**

David Gann, Danny Eldridge

**Communion**

Rene and Teresa Puente

**Lockup**

Tony Altman

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**SUNDAY MORNING**

**Nursery**

Crystal Matthews  
Makenzie Matthews

**Singing**

Alex Walker

**Lord's Supper**

Scott Miskelly, Jim Brown,  
Zachary Brown, Davis  
Parten, Jeremiah Bryant,  
Dave Barnett, Grant Mat-  
thews, Matt Matthews

**Prayer**

Roy McIntyre

**Closing Announcements**

Tony Hysmith

**Closing Prayer**

Trent Scott

**SUNDAY EVENING**

**Nursery**

Hannah Marshall  
Jennifer Showers

**Singing**

Nathan Kitchen

**Prayer**

Charles Tucker

**Closing Announcements**

Tony Hysmith

**Closing Prayer**

Joel Sanford

**Lord's Supper**

Dan Parker

 **SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**

Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Spanish Worship	5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Spanish Language Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Sign language interpretation is available as needed.

 **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

Monday, March 18..... Deuteronomy 6-9; Luke 7  
Tuesday, March 19.....Deuteronomy 10-14; Psalm 5; Luke 8  
Wednesday, March 20..... Deuteronomy 15-18; Psalm 115; Luke 9  
Thursday, March 21 .....Deuteronomy 19-22; Psalm 6; Luke 10  
Friday, March 22.....Deuteronomy 23-26; Luke 11

**ONE**  
MANY MEMBERS  
ONE BODY



**UNO**  
MUCHOS MIEMBROS  
UN CUERPO

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*life. together.*

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