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## Purpose and Belonging

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Recently, while reading some books about habit and intentionality, I found it interesting that many groups function better based on a sense of belonging and not on efficiency, timeliness, or what might be considered more practical matters. For example, one author told of personnel of hospital operating rooms throughout the United States that had all been trained in new procedures. As they each went back to their individual hospitals and implemented the new surgeries, research was conducted on what group was the most efficient. The research showed that rather than skill, location, or even availability of resources, another more powerful factor brings about productivity. Those medical professionals who felt a real sense of belonging and purpose were the most productive employees. In fact, authors have suggested that a sense of purpose outweighs many other factors in the vocational world at large.

While I find these studies and reports fascinating (you can say, "Jeremy is a nerd" if you would like!), I find it more fascinating that so many secular authors are rediscovering what God has revealed in the long ago. Habits form by repetition. Groups are more cohesive when purpose is declared. As one author said, it might sound skeptical that anesthesiologists and highly skilled surgeons need to be reminded that their work is important, but that is exactly what the research is showing. They do need to be reminded and need to be reminded often!

Perhaps, it is no wonder God tells us to worship Him so regularly and not to neglect doing so (see Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25). Perhaps, it is no wonder that we need to be reminded (even more than once a week) of biblical truths through exhortation and preaching (2 Timothy 4:2). It is no wonder at all that God gave a plan for the church which comes with a real sense of purpose in the spiritual salvation of mankind (Ephesians 4:11-16). Each member is so important and we need to remember this truth often.

### EPHESIANS 4:11-16

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Sunday, June 2

##### 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, June 5

##### Wednesday Nights at Estes

Ancient Words: A Study of the Psalms  
Psalms 46

Scott Miskelly

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Men's INCITE Breakfast

June 6

#### Ladies R&R - Fondue and Game Night

June 14

#### Father's Day

June 16

### YOUTH EVENTS

#### Ice Cream After Church

June 2

#### MSYC - Week 2

June 9-14

#### Towel and Basin Day

June 18

#### Longest Day of the Year Trip

June 21

#### Late Night Game Night

June 23

#### Free Movie @ Empire Theater

June 25

#### Devotional

June 30



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Beth Haskins  
Luke Maness  
Tucker Scott
- 5 Willard Beshires  
Jesse Jacobs  
Lucy Johnson  
Laura Wilson  
Sara Wood
- 6 Tony Morris
- 7 Doug Burleson  
Sarah Sadler
- 8 Jameson White



## LESSON PREVIEWS

**Sunday**  
**A.M.: Whodunnit?**  
Genesis 3:1-24  
Mark Blackwelder

**P.M.: The Ascension**  
Acts 1:9  
Josh Taylor

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Janie Grace Vires**, granddaughter to Kenny and Judy McLeod and C.J. and Linda Vires, was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday to monitor her oxygen level and coloring.

**Lexi Novak** fell and broke her pelvis.

**Maura Kimble** is having health difficulties and should receive test results this week.

**Sam Daniel**, Heather Stewart's grandfather, is experiencing heart pain and is in the hospital.

**Jurilee Rouse** had a stroke after undergoing a heart procedure. She was moved to transitional care in Jackson. She is in room B103.

**Mandi Lussier**, Dan and Donna Lussier's daughter-in-law, has been admitted to the hospital to monitor a condition that can cause preterm labor.

**Zander Horton**, infant son of Cayla Horton and friend of Sara Williams, was seriously injured in an automobile accident. His condition is improving.

**Geney Clayton**, Trent Scott's uncle, is having serious health difficulties.

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

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

## CANCER CONCERNS

Blondell Powers (Minnie Davis' sister), 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 (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), Joy Oliver (a member of our community) Colleen Santos (Milton and Pat Tucker's friend), Allison Cross, Allen Miller (Jurilee Rouse's family friend), Don Conley (Frank and Glenda William's friend), Mark Wilson (Denise Phillip's brother-in-law), Don Cathey (Sandra Wilson's friend) Roma DuPree (Carrie Sells's stepmother) Kim Grace (a family friend of Tom and Linda Wade)

## ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

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

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

**Richy Butler**

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

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

**Norma Darnell** (Lisa Raine's grandmother)

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

**Donald DuPree** (Carrie Sells's uncle)

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**Victoria Sparks** (Carrie Sells friend)

**Jim Stanley**, HHRC, Room 604

**Gala Stewart** (Rachel Salmon's grandmother)

**Richard and Mabel Taylor** (Richard Taylor's parents)

**Larry Thomas**, Brookdale Southern Oaks, 3131 North Highland Ave. Villa 125, Jackson, TN 38305

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

**Gary Williams** (Frank Williams' brother)

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: EXPANSION PLANS AT ESTES

After acquiring the property to the south of our building and paying off that land purchase in 2014, we entered Phase I of a projected four phase building project. Phase I was completed in 2016 which consisted of clearing and grading the property along with parking lots and new driveway construction. This project cost \$409,451.00. Through the faithful giving of the Estes members this debt was retired in April of this year, just 3 1/2 years after its inception. The elders wish to commend the congregation on the paying off of this debt early.

We are in the process of appointing a Phase II committee to evaluate ways to better use and expand our building for the future. The committee will be charged with determining what we might need, how to meet that need, and how to pay for that need. We want our physical building to serve the needs of our families, provide adequate classroom space, and meet fellowship opportunities, while endeavoring to strengthen the body at Estes and preach

and teach His word in our community, and at various mission places around the world.

We will keep the congregation informed of the committee's recommendations.

-the Elders

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

*Ancient*  
WORDS

### Auditorium

**A study of the Psalms.** Guest speakers and members of our own Estes family explore the book of Psalms through study and song.

*Forgotten*  
GOD

### Annex

**Understanding the Holy Spirit.** Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Too often we admire the gift but neglect to open it. Join this study to better understand how the Holy Spirit works in our lives.

JOURNEY TO A  
*Better Place*

### Room 5

**A study of the book of Hebrews.** The Ladies Class is exploring the book of Hebrews using a study written by Cynthia Guy.

### GENESIS 3:22-24

22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

## OUR SYMPATHY

We express of our love and sympathy to Juana Herrera who is a member of our Estes family Hispanic ministry. Her 18-year-old nephew, Renny Salazar, drowned Monday in Lexington. The family covets our prayers.

## CAMP FORMS

If your child plans to attend camp this summer, Estes will pay 1/2 of one week to the following camps: MSYC, Maywood, Apologetics Press Camp and Horizons. See Suzanne Scott for the form.

## OUR PRAYERS

LeAnn Maness asks for prayers and forgiveness.

### ACTS 1:9

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

## CLASS SPOTLIGHT



### Sótano

¡Te invitamos! Estudio Bíblico en español miércoles a las 6:30 PM

## # BY THE NUMBERS

<b>Sunday Bible Study</b> .....	319
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> .....	396
<b>Sunday Afternoon Worship</b> .....	224
<b>Wednesday Night Bible Study</b> .....	281

	YTD	May 26
<b>2019 Budget</b>	\$244,650	\$11,650
<b>Contribution</b>	263,443	18,084
<b>Over/Under Budget</b>	18,793	6,434

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**Call to Worship**

Kevin Moore

**Ushers**

Dustin Insell  
Rex Phillips

**Greeters**

Susan Plunkett  
Kevin and Lisa Raine  
Jeanette Raine

**Receiving Shepherds**

Paul Schwartz  
Mark Scott

**Cards**

Braxtyn and Deacon Connor

**Sound Booth**

Mitch Zlatovich

**Safety**

Anthony Naylor  
Alex Walker

**Communion**

Tim and Thelma Hemby

**Lock-Up**

Nathan and Melissa Judd

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**Nursery**

TBA

**Singing**

David Falkenheim

**Prayer**

Ben Reese

**Lord's Supper**

Brent Beshires, Brent Rudder,  
Ben Rudder, Kevin Raine,  
Dave Barnett, Mark Stewart,  
Dustin Insell, Steve Kitchen

**Closing Announcements**

John McLaughlin

**Closing Prayer**

Greg Massey

**SUNDAY EVENING**

**Nursery**

TBA

**Singing**

Nathan Judd

**Prayer**

Bishop McLaughlin

**Closing Announcements**

John McLaughlin

**Closing Prayer**

Jeremy Northrop

**Lord's Supper**

Rodger Holtin

 **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, June 3 ..... Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10  
 Tuesday, June 4 ..... Proverbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Romans 11  
 Wednesday, June 5 ..... Proverbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Romans 12  
 Thursday, June 6 ..... Proverbs 11-13; Ps 8; Romans 13  
 Friday, June 7 ..... Proverbs 14-15; Romans 14

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