



## YOUTH NEWS AND NOTES

### *"Forgiveness Starts At Home"...*

Last week, we talked about a crucial step in forgiveness being forgiving ourselves, but this week our reading comes from the Old Testament. That hasn't occurred up to this point, but I could think of no better place to go about forgiveness than Genesis 45. If anyone should have had a hard time forgiving, it was Joseph. Not only was he sold into slavery, jailed, forgotten about by men, but all of this occurred initially because of his own family. And when given the chance to exact his revenge on his brothers, he chose not only to forgive, but to see the beauty in his circumstances. I love this line from our ONE WORD book; Tim Frizzell writes, "instead of focusing on his brothers' cruelty, he chooses to see God's hand of providence." (GEN. 45 VERSE 5) Let's ask ourselves a very simple but sobering question: is it harder sometimes to forgive our family? As young people, we're still trying to sort through all of these complex emotions, and very often it's so easy to get mad and stay mad at family. If we did that to our friends, we might worry that they won't stay our friends, but it's almost like, because we know our family loves us, we treat them the worst. And when that happens, do we forgive? And not just forgive, as in moving forward but holding on to distrust or caution, but forgiveness like we see from Joseph. He saw the good in the bad that he had been dealt and met those same brothers with love. He didn't hold that animosity over them and use it as a constant guilt trip. Our family is also not just blood, like it was here. We're part of a bigger family, and yet how many of us have held grudges against our Christian brothers and sisters? Note too that Joseph's brothers hadn't asked for his forgiveness at this point; he GAVE it. Do we offer forgiveness only if they come and ask for it, or do we give it freely?

In love, Adam

THIS WEEK'S CHAPTER IS ACTS 9.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- March 31: Middle School Retreat
- April 2: Singing @ Sitka church of Christ
- April 4: Makin' Music Dress Rehearsal @ F-HU
- April 5: 6th Grade Meal
- April 9: Devotional for Boys
- April 12: L2L Send-off
- April 16: All Senior Items Due for Graduate Luncheon
- April 23: Devotional for Girls
- April 30: Fifth Sunday Evening

<b>PB &amp; J: Grades K-2</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>Tweens: Grades 3-5</b>
<b>Junior High: Grades 6-8</b>		<b>High School: Grades 9-12</b>

## DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, April 2

Regency Retirement Village @ 1:00 p.m.

## NEW CLASS STUDIES

- On Wednesday evening, March 22, the adult Bible class that meets in the fellowship hall began a new class study, "Heaven And Life After Death." The class study is being taught by **Jared Jackson**.
- On Sunday morning, April 2, the adult Bible class that meets in the fellowship hall will begin a new class study, "The Bible Versus The Quran." This class study will be taught by **Al Earls**.

All adults are welcome to bring your Bibles and be a part of these class studies.

## SYMPATHY

We continue to remember **Christine Grisham, Gary Grisham**, and all the family in the recent death of Christine's sister, Faye Montgomery. The funeral was held Saturday, March 25, in Memphis, Tennessee.

## CARD MINISTRY

Recipients this week

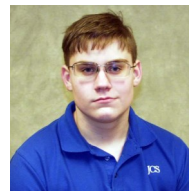
**Dorothy Rambeau and Mary Whitt**

Please bring cards by Wednesday, April 5.



## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Kathy Weirs** to the family of God that meets at North Jackson. Kathy is the mother of **Heather Martin**. She lives at 287 Greenhill Drive, Jackson (38305). Her cell number is (731) 697-1760, and her email address is kathywmtn@yahoo.com. She will be in Group 3. If you have not already done so, please give Kathy a warm North Jackson welcome at your earliest convenience. A picture will be in a later publication.



Jonathan Morris

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(Baptized 3/19 - Information was in a previous publication.)

## L2L CONVENTION - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Lads To Leaders/Leaderettes Convention will be held April 14-16 in Nashville, Tennessee. To help offset the cost for these young families, we are planning to provide meals. Monetary assistance is needed to purchase food items. If you would like to help, please give money to **Susan Henry** or to **Diana White**.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Trujillo, Peru, one of North Jackson's mission areas, is experiencing major flooding. Please keep our brethren and all the people in that area in your prayers.



## NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to **Lee & Larissa Morningstar Barton** who were married Saturday, March 25, in Paris, Tennessee. We wish them every happiness in their future.

## WELCOME BACK

**Rafael Barrantes, Doug Hays, Randy Hysmith, and John McCadams** returned from Santiago, Dominican Republic March 27. They visited with the missionaries supported by North Jackson and worshiped with the brethren there. We are thankful for their safety. Please continue to remember the Lord's work in Santiago in your prayers.

We are also grateful for the safe return of **Katy Mullins, Kelsey Rice, Jonathan Richardson, and Sarah John Taylor**. We appreciate the work that was done for the Lord in Zimbabwe and in Nicaragua.

## OUR SICK

**JACKSON GENERAL:** Becky Aspden, room 623, mother of **Tiffini Forsythe**; Nancy Skinner (following bypass surgery), ICU 240, mother-in-law of **Ann Woods'** son

**REGIONAL ONE HEALTH (The Med - Memphis):** Brian Ridley, TICU # 12, cousin of **Mary Neal**

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** **Virginia Agnew; Susan Clayton; Rickey Cupples; Vivian Dickerson; Ron Hickman; Mary Ann Phillips; Susie Summer;** Peggy Minyard (Cards may be sent to Greenbrier Meadows, 436 Hannings Lane, Martin, TN 38237.), mother of **Melanie Brown**; Lesley Dickerson, mother of **Darren Dickerson**; Lyndia Long, sister of **Mary Ferguson**; Terry Harris, brother of **James Harris**; Lacosta Townsley, niece of **Sheila Harris**; Jonah Harrison (suffered a concussion), grandson of **Don & Helene Holcomb**; Rodney Mullins, brother of **Carol Holland**; Betty Frost, mother of **Pam Holmes**; Jimmy Smith, father of **Angie Hysmith**; Brett McCaskill, son of **Red & Lorie McCaskill**; James Bailey, uncle of **Mary Ann Phillips**; Vickie Smith, niece of **Susie Summer**; Jim McClain, brother of **Janelle Waddell**; Bill Mitchusson, father of **Heather Young**; Jim Benton, friend of **Don & Helene Holcomb**; Kelly Gaffney, friend of **Jennifer Kee**; Carolyn Simmons, friend of **Janelle Waddell**; our shut-ins; those dealing with cancer & other serious illnesses

### ICU SNACKS

instant oatmeal packets/variety pack cereal  
(snack-sized and individually wrapped, please)

### PANTRY NEEDS

tuna/chicken noodle soup  
Pantry Workers for April 1-15  
Ann Argo and Carol Holland

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO ... Gravice Rouse** for providing 14 cases of green beans and 5 cases of corn to the pantry.

**thank you**

Dear North Jackson Family,

Gary and I want to express our heartfelt thanks for all the cards, calls and especially the prayers from so many. We do truly appreciate everyone. Also, a special thanks goes to Group 2 and Janice & Barry for the memorial gift in Gary's mom's memory. We love and miss everyone there.

Thanks again.

In Christian love,  
Gary, Jodie, & family

The family of Gilbert B. Pope would like to thank each member of North Jackson church of Christ who came by to see him in the hospital, for the cards, and for any other act of kindness. Each prayer in his behalf was also appreciated. Your congregation is blessed with caring and compassionate people. We appreciate Josh Cook and Gary Martin coming by the hospital to pray for the family. Thank you so much.

Love,  
His children

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during Paul's surgery and recovery. Special thanks to David and Perry for bringing us lunch in the hospital. Special thanks to the hands that prepared that meal!

Love,  
Paul & Jennifer White

Thank you all contributors. Thank you for providing the hotel and starting this great conference.

La Iglesia de Cristo en Greer  
(The church of Christ in Greer, S.C.)

## RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, March 26, 2017

Bible Study.....	469
A.M. Worship.....	562
P.M. Worship.....	396
Wednesday P.M., March 22.....	433

*Thank you so much for bringing food for the ICU! We greatly thank you! God bless!*

*Tennova Regional Hospital ICU*

**Thank You**  
so much!

**Rafael & Kattia Barrantes** express their appreciation to everyone who helped make the 6th Annual English & Spanish Bible Conference a tremendous success. Those who provided desserts, worked in the kitchen, provided child care, and provided housing in your home or monetary assistance for housing in motels helped ensure the success of the conference. Your prayers and your attendance were especially encouraging and appreciated.

### PRIMETIMERS

The Primetimers will eat dinner at Crenshaw's Restaurant in Trenton, Tennessee on Friday evening, April 7. The bus will leave North Jackson's parking lot at 4:15 p.m. Those planning to participate are asked to sign the list that is posted on the foyer bulletin board by Wednesday, April 5.

### PB & J ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Ages: Birth - Grade 5  
April 8  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



At the home of Johnny & Crissy Verell  
Cost: \$5.00 per child  
(Each child will need to bring a basket.)  
Please give money to Johnny or Crissy.



### BRIDAL SHOWER

All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a bridal shower honoring Jasmine Hockett, daughter of **Kaye Hockett**, on Sunday afternoon, April 9. The shower will be held from 1:30 - 3:00 in the fellowship hall. Jasmine's selections are at Target, Macy's, and Bed Bath and Beyond.

### AREA GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

(See the foyer bulletin board for further details.)

- April 1:** Ripley (Tennessee) church of Christ  
Ladies' Day - "Living A Faithful Christian Life"  
Speaker: Cindy Colley - Registration @ 9:00 a.m.
- April 1:** Plainview church of Christ  
Ladies' Day - "His Song Shall Be With Me"  
Speaker: Clara Shannon - Registration @ 9:00 a.m.
- April 2-6:** Southaven (Mississippi) church of Christ  
Gospel Meeting - Weeknights @ 7:00  
Speaker: Steve Higginbotham
- April 7-8:** Greenfield (TN) church of Christ Gospel Meeting  
Speaker: Glenn Colley  
A Seminar on Marriage and the Home - @ 7 p.m.
- April 8:** North Henderson church of Christ  
Ladies' Day - "Strength Training For Women"  
Speaker: Carolyn Meeks - Registration @ 9:15 a.m.

## Those Privileged To Serve

*The elders request that those leading in worship and those ushering, please wear a coat and tie. Your understanding and cooperation are deeply appreciated.*

**Sunday, April 2, 2017      10:00 A.M.**

Greeting & Announcements ..... **John McCadams**  
Song Leader ..... **Ray Poston**  
Scripture Reading/First Prayer ..... **David Beach**  
Lord's Table ..... **(H) Gene Chaffin, Chris White**  
**(S) Darren Dickerson, Ronnie Haley, Adrian Jones**  
**Trevor Jones, Benjamin Martin, Brian Vaughn**

*Men serving the Lord's Supper are asked to meet outside the training room immediately following the auditorium Bible class.*

Closing Prayer ..... **Booth White**  
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)  
Alternates: **Barry Cary, Sean Jones, Phillip Mullins, Larry Petty**

Nursery Attendants ..... **Amy Anderson, Valarie Anderson**  
**Beth Beard, Nicole Young**  
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

**Sunday, April 2, 2017      6:00 P.M.**

Greeting & Announcements ..... **John McCadams**  
Song Leader ..... **Ray Poston**  
Scripture Reading/First Prayer ..... **Matthew Orphanides**  
Lord's Table ..... **(H) Jim Humphreys, Travis Johnson**

*Please use one of the following translations: King James, New King James, American Standard, or New American Standard.*

Closing Prayer ..... **Wells Kirby**  
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)  
Nursery Attendants ..... **Gloria Anderson, Nell Briley**  
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017      7:00 P.M.**

Greeting & Announcements ..... **Josh Cook**  
Song Leader ..... **Michael Young**  
Closing Prayer ..... **John Verell**  
Collect Cards ..... **John Brown, Jerry Yarbrough**  
(If unable to serve, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)

### Ushers For April

**Gary Anderson, Donnie Colbert, Billy Gordon, Keith Jackson**

**Balcony Communion: Justin Neal, Jeff Whitt**

(If unable to serve, call **John Brown, 803-2823** or **Jerry Yarbrough, 422-5388.**)

**Bus Driver For April: Will Malone (731) 217-9495**

**Communion Preparation/Open & Close Building For April: Group 2**

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