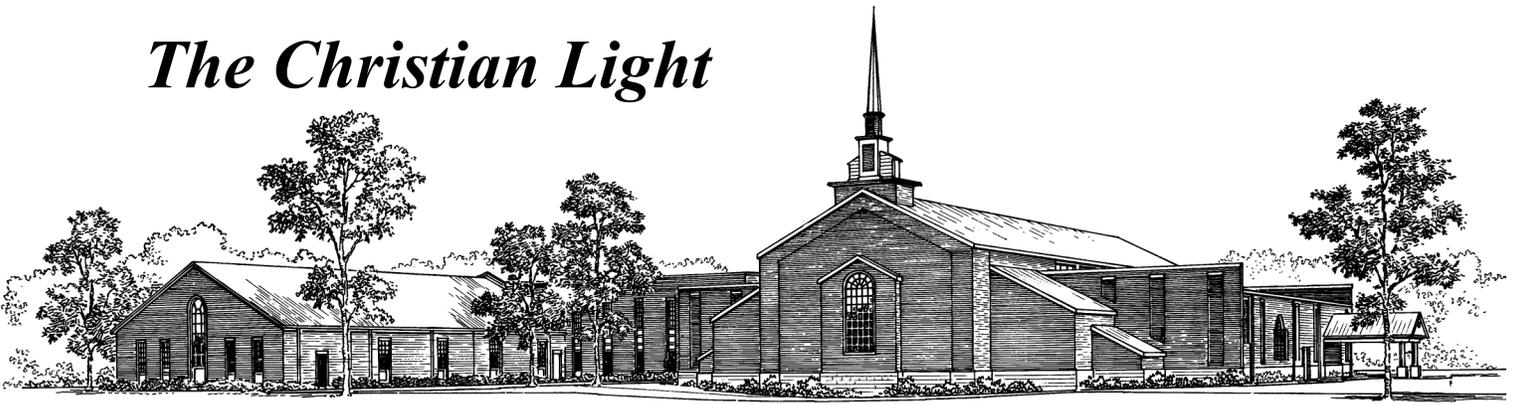


The Christian Light



North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, Tennessee

MY TIME HAS NOT YET COME

John 7:6-10: “Then Jesus said to them, ‘My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.’ ...when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.”

The word for “time” anticipates a different condition or opportunity—not a specific period of time. One of the threads running through the Gospel of John is Jesus’ *hour* (see 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:27; 13:1; 16:32; and 17:1). This *hour* theme is what Jesus means by “My time has not yet come.” The explanation for this appears clearer in hindsight of the triumphal entry (Jn. 12:12-23). In Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem before the Passover, we see the “show Yourself to the world” (7:4) approach to Jerusalem that Jesus’ brothers had been urging Him to do for this present feast. Importantly, it was immediately after Jesus made this kind of an entry that He both says, “the hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified” (12:23), and ““And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.’ This He said, signifying by what death He would die” (12:32, 33). Jesus knew that such an entry would spell His death. Thus, Jesus is able to reason with His brothers on this occasion, having all the pieces to the puzzle. No doubt, Jesus’ words remain a mystery in their hearing of it.

There is an additional commentary here by Jesus which helps us. It’s not just about being ready for the right moment to die; it’s about possessing the right cause for which to die. This is something Jesus’ brothers lacked. His testimony and preaching against the blind leaders of the Jews made Him their target. While it is ideally true that, “rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil” (Rom. 13:3), it is also true that, “. . . the rulers take counsel together, against His Anointed . . .” (Ps. 2:2). Jesus was not out to break the Law, He was on a mission to usurp the Law enforcers, the rulers. But more than this, Jesus is testifying against “the world.” The world is Satan’s domain. He is its prince and ruler. The Jewish authorities are nothing more than pawns in a greater battle being waged beyond the sight of mankind. Since Jesus is on the correct side of this battle and His brothers are not, they have nothing to fear, but He has everything.

Twice the text hints at the significance of Jesus’ brothers not only going up separately, but arriving before Him (v. 8 & 10). Why does this separation matter? Perhaps some of Jesus’ brothers were also persons of interest, in the sense that when any one of them was spotted at the feast, Jesus would not be too far away. Perhaps His enemies were hoping to catch Him outside the city before He could gather the crowds to buffer their advances. Jesus tells His brothers, “I am not going up to this feast.” This is the preferred translation. Some try adding the word “yet.” This is unnecessary. The word “time” relates to quality of time and not quantity. Plus, Jesus’ brothers would not expect Him to miss one of the feasts required by Law for every male Jew to attend. They knew what He meant. Regardless, Jesus did not lie. The “yet” is implied, whether it’s actually a part of the original text or not. Jesus’ brothers understand He’s not going up to the feast in such an open way as they are. Plus, by the repetition of “My time has not yet fully come,” He admits that one day He would approach Jerusalem, showing Himself to the world in triumphal entry—just not now.

--josh

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Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M./6:00 P.M.
Sunday Hispanic Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Hispanic Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Hispanic Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.
Tuesday Ladies’ & Men’s Classes.....10:00 A.M.
(September – May)

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YOUTH NEWS AND NOTES

Who is this Jesus, you talk about every day?

As I started thinking about a theme for our family Bible study this summer, I must admit that my thoughts became convoluted and cloudy with all the possibilities. We've discussed social issues and traits of a Christian, and hopefully we've grown from that, but I've often worried that we get so focused on these topical type studies that we overlook the textual studies. So that having been said, I want our focus this summer to be on the best example we have, the Life of Christ. Our mission trip, work camp, Horizons, Bible camps, and the like will all relate back to the greatest life ever lived, so who better to study to try to be like than Christ. When we have a sports hero or pop star "role model", we immerse ourselves in their lives; what they like, what they don't, what they wear and can I wear that too, and yet, with Christ, we can often view His life as a fairy tale in a book or an un-relatable character. At times, I've had young people tell me that it's hard to relate to Christ, because He was perfect, and He performed miracles, and we can't do that today. To those folks, you're right in that He was perfect and did indeed perform miracles. But the life He lived and the way He treated people, and the importance He placed on God's Word, we can mirror today. Don't use those as excuses stopping us from trying. Next week, we're going to look at the prophesy of Christ, specifically in Isaiah 53, and look at the ways He was described before He was ever on this earth. This goes to show the amazing plan that God had for us, as sinners undeserving of redemption, and the cost He paid for us to receive an eternal home with Him. This, by no means, was a backup plan or an afterthought, but this was God thinking about you specifically and me specifically from the beginning.

In love, Adam

This week's chapter is Isaiah 53.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

May 26-31: Mission St. Louis!!!

PB & J: Grades K-2	YOUTH	Tweens: Grades 3-5
Junior High: Grades 6-8		High School: Grades 9-12

DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, May 21

Regency Retirement Village @ 1:00 p.m.

SENIOR SINGLES

North Jackson's Senior Singles will eat lunch at Coyote Blues following morning worship on Sunday, May 21.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits:
Psalm 103:2

SYMPATHY

Our hearts are saddened at the death of our dear brother, **Max Harville**, on Thursday, May 11. We express our deepest sympathy to his son, Anthony Harville, his daughter, Nona Adams, and all the family. The funeral was held Sunday, May 14, in Jackson.

We continue to remember **James & Barbara Andrews** and all the family in the death of Barbara's brother, Archie Wilson. He passed away in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

We continue to remember **Randy & Angie Hysmith** and all the family in the recent death of Angie's father, Jimmy Smith. The funeral was held Friday, May 5, in Pinson, Tennessee.

We continue to remember **Kenny & Sandy Merritt** and all the family in the recent death of Sandy's father, Leroy Carnal. The funeral was held Tuesday, May 9, in Jackson.

GOSPEL MEETING

David Powell is speaking in a gospel meeting in Vernon, Alabama. The meeting will conclude Wednesday evening, May 17. Please pray for a fruitful meeting and for David's safety when traveling.

VBS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting in the fellowship hall for VBS group leaders and those involved with registration at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

TWEENS

The Tweens will have a devotional following evening worship on Sunday, May 21.

PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers are asked to mark your calendars. **Tony & Ann Woods** will host a Hobo Party at their home at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26. For more information and to sign up, see the foyer bulletin board.

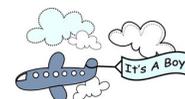
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

forever & always

Gary & Jodie Durbin will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 28. We appreciate their example, and we wish them the happiest of anniversaries.

NEW BABY

Congratulations to **Allen & Samantha Bishop** on the birth of their son, Pryor Patrick Bishop, on Wednesday, May 10. Pryor weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Proud big brother is Sayle.



OUR SICK

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Don & Virginia Agnew; Mary Frances Christie; Susan Clayton; Rickey Cupples; Vivian Dickerson; Steve Greenway (now @ home of his daughter in Nashville following surgery for multiple facial fractures sustained in a softball game); Ron Hickman; Peggy Minyard, mother of Melanie Brown; Harry Summer, brother of Mary Frances Christie; Lesley Dickerson, mother of Darren Dickerson; Terry Harris, brother of James Harris; Lacosta Townsley, niece of Sheila Harris; Rodney Mullins, brother of Carol Holland; Betty Frost, mother of Pam Holmes; James Bailey, uncle of Mary Ann Phillips; Jim McClain (now @ McKenzie Healthcare & Rehab Center), brother of Janelle Waddell; Bill Mitchusson, father of Heather Young; Jim Benton, friend of Don & Helene Holcomb; Bobby Mullins, friend of Kellie Jones; our shut-ins; those dealing with cancer & other serious illnesses

ICU SNACKS

peanuts/raisins

(snack-sized & individually wrapped packages)

PANTRY NEEDS

cheese snack crackers/canned chicken

Thank You so much!

Thank you to the church family for your acts of kindness during this difficult time.

*In Him,
Sandy Merritt*

Dear Dorcas Ladies,

We are so thankful for your gift basket. We are grateful for all of you making us feel welcomed.

*In Christian love,
Wayne & Betty Jackson*

North Jackson church of Christ,

Thank you so much for remembering my father at his recent passing. He loved the North Jackson church.

Thank you for the visits, the flowers, the hugs, the food, and most of all for the love that you have shown my family.

The flowers were beautiful!

Steve Brown

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of Carl Brown.

*Steve & Melanie Brown
Bill & Kathy Clements*

Thank you on behalf of Tennova Regional Hospital for supplying the wonderful snacks you bring for the ICU waiting room for families in need! We appreciate your kindness!

*Thank you,
Patient Services*

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, May 14, 2017

Bible Study.....	501
A.M. Worship.....	717
P.M. Worship.....	392
Wednesday P.M., May 10.....	478

WEDDING INVITATION

Jasmine Hockett and Alex Sweet
(Jasmine is the daughter of Kaye and the late Emerson Hockett.)

Jasmine & Alex

ARE GETTING MARRIED

and you're invited

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH, 2017

5 O'CLOCK PM

NORTH JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

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TN CHILDREN'S HOME - GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tennessee Children's Home Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 2, at Woodland Hills Golf Club. Registration will be held from 5:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., with Shotgun Start at 9:00 a.m. Please see Paul Norris or Michael Wilson for more information.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Bill & Frances Jones have made memorial gifts to North Jackson church of Christ in memory of Carl Brown and in memory of Jimmy Smith, father of Angie Hysmith.

Group 2 has made a memorial gift to North Jackson church of Christ in memory of Max Harville.

AREA GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

May 19-20

Great Oaks church of Christ (Memphis, TN)
Love For A Lifetime Marriage Seminar
Cost: \$30 per couple (includes lunch Saturday)
Register @ www.greatoaks.org

May 20

East Jackson church of Christ Ladies' Day
"Generations For Jesus; Examples For Our Family"
Registration @ 10:30 a.m.

May 28-June 4

1st Annual Show Me State Bible Lectures
Branson (Missouri) church of Christ
"Show Me What The Bible Says About..."

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, May 21, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader **Ray Poston**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer **Doug Hays**
Lord's Table **(H) Brandon Curlin, Danny Morris**
(S) Calvin Bailey, Tucker Curlin, Josh Hertzka
Walter Rice, Steve Tyler, Booth White

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

Closing Prayer **Charles Colley**
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)
Alternates: **Jon Ewing, Todd Jones, Ron Lents, Jason Smith**

Nursery Attendants **Beverly McDonald, Mikall Norris**
Jennifer Orphanides, Gina Petty
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

Sunday, May 21, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader **Ray Poston**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer **Scott Beard**
Lord's Table **(H) Benjamin Martin, Joe Pickler**

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

Closing Prayer **Greg Henry**
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)
Nursery Attendants **Becky Mullins, Sandie Neal**
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:00 P.M.

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

Ushers For May

John Borner, Steve Crabtree, Lance Norris, Terry Robinson

Balcony Communion: Mike Welch, Tim York

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

Bus Driver for May: Chris White (731) 437-9090
Communion Preparation/Open & Close Building For May: Group 3

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