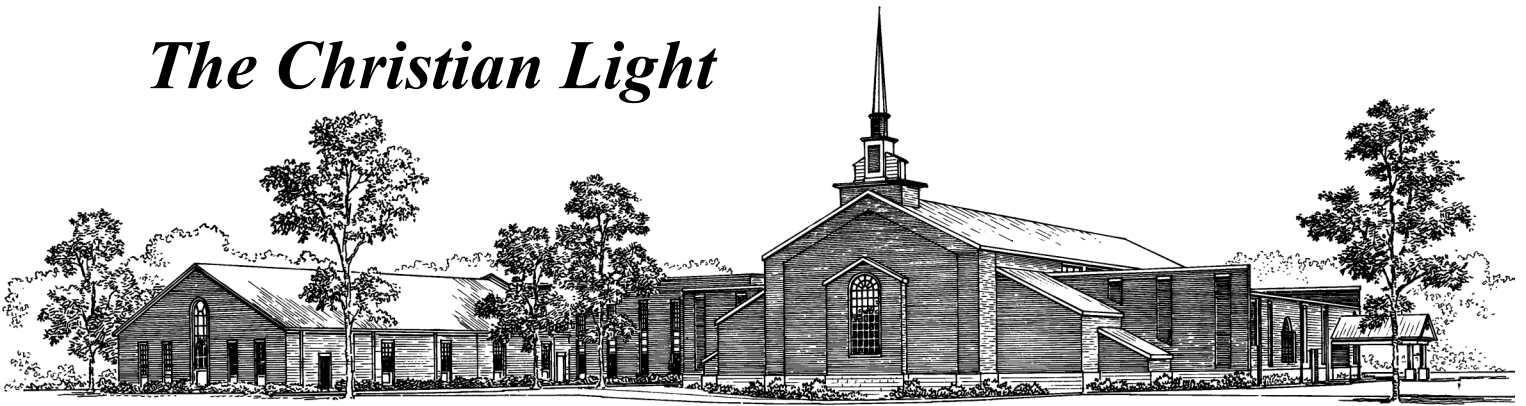


The Christian Light



North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, Tennessee

SATAN'S THREE-POINT PLAN OF ATTACK

What was Satan's scheme against the Thessalonians to try to ruin their faith? It appears to be threefold:

1. Satan **separated** Paul & his companions from the brethren. How did he do this? In 1 Thessalonians 2:17 Paul says, "we, brethren, having been taken away from you." The word "taken away" means they were orphaned from the brethren in Thessalonica. In Acts 17 some from the Jews caused problems for the missionaries and basically had them run out of town. The brothers had to send them away by night. And thus, their efforts in Thessalonica were cut short.

2. Satan **isolated** the brethren from Paul. He blocked them from Paul. It is rare that Paul attributes anything to an act of God or an act of Satan in scriptures. For example, instead of evangelizing in Asia Minor, Paul received the vision at night of the man from Macedonia saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." The prophet and New Testament penman, Luke, says in Acts 16:10: "Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them." He concluded it was from God. Paul was qualified to make such a statement because he was an inspired apostle, but even this information was not always revealed to him. Here, in 1 Thessalonians 2:18, we have in no uncertain terms the apostle Paul saying, "we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us." Paul's not careless about pinpointing Satan's involvement. The word "hindered" carried the idea of undercutting a path to make it impassable. Notice how Satan operates. He divided the two parties and kept them separated. Lions do the same thing during the hunt. According to nearly every Discovery Channel episode I've ever seen on lions, the lion's main strategy of attack is to separate the young, sick, or weak from the rest of the pack and then isolate them until they give out from exhaustion. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). The "whom he may devour" were at this time all the new Christians in Thessalonica, separated from their father in the faith, Paul.

3. Satan **tempted** the Thessalonians through persecutions and afflictions. Temptations reach us at our weakest hour—not our strongest. Satan separated, isolated, and tempted. Can you think of another person that Satan tempted with whom he employed this exact same strategy? Look at Matthew 4:1-3. Jesus was in the wilderness—that's separation. Jesus remained there for 40 days and 40 nights fasting—that's isolation. Then, what do you know, the tempter shows up. Why then? Because that is when Jesus was at his most susceptible. Paul feared that Satan would quickly undo all that he and his coworkers labored so hard for in Thessalonica. Paul was certain that, even if he couldn't make it, one of his coworkers should go soon. So, Timothy was sent to encourage the brethren and bring back news of their situation.

If Satan preached a sermon it would be to separate, isolate, and tempt. This doesn't mean Satan attacks the loners and leaves the socialites alone. We can be surrounded by people and completely separated from their Christlike influence. We can be utterly alone and clutching firm to the rock of our salvation, Jesus Christ.

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Schedule of Services

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 & NOTES

Baptism...

Baptism has always been a popular topic, especially for us as Christians. Not only is it a hot topic, but it is also essential for us to enter heaven. We all know that in Acts 2:38 Peter demands we must be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit, but Christ was baptized Himself in Matthew 3:13-17. Jesus came to pave the way for us as sinners; baptism is where it all begins. Previously here John the Baptist is teaching, preaching, and preparing the way for Jesus' ministry when He came to earth. Once Christ is baptized, this is where His ministry begins. Just like Christ, our ministry begins when we are baptized into Christ. Even if we are not the best teacher or speaker, we are all ministers to everyone we come in contact with in our daily lives.

Caleb Nowell

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

June 18-23: MSYC

June 19-22: Junior Camp MSYC

DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, June 25

Regency Retirement Village @ 1 p.m.

TWEENS DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, June 25, following evening worship

At the home of **Chris & Penni Morris**

PB & J POTLUCK MEAL

Sunday, June 25, following morning worship

NJ Fellowship Hall

Attend a movie following lunch

BARRANTES FAREWELL EVENT

On July 2, following the evening service, Group 1 will host a finger food meal for the Barrantes family. After serving our North Jackson family for twelve years, Rafael and Kattia will be returning to Costa Rica to begin a new work, establishing a preacher training school. Everyone is invited to bring finger foods and join us as we wish them well in this new endeavor. If you would like to give toward a money tree or make a donation toward their work in Costa Rica, please give your contribution to one of the elders by Sunday morning, July 2. Members writing a check should make the check payable to North Jackson church of Christ with a notation for Barrantes Farewell. We love the Barrantes family and hope you will plan to join us as we bid them Godspeed in their new journey.

I thank my God,
*making mention of thee
always in my prayers.*

Philemon 1:4

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Christ proved this to be true. However, the key is not to be separated from godliness or isolated day in and day out from godliness. When we sense we've become detached from regular prayer, regular study, regular fellowship, regular worship, regular hospitality, regular involvement with the life of the church, then we may very well be separated and on our way to being isolated, the point at which Satan will lay upon us a more receptive temptation we fancy.

Couple this three-point plan of attack with Satan's three ways of tempting (i.e., "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16)), and we're dealing with a very shrewd and calculating enemy. These form the three sub points of our third point in Satan's repertoire. This three by three approach to the destruction of our souls is not to be taken lightly. It brings down the proudest hearts and leaves no flawless victory among us.

May God help us as we resist the father of lies and fix our eyes upon the True Father of heaven. Through Him we may be victorious over sin and death, that is through His grace and His mercy, not through our own feats of strength and perfection. Thank the Father for His magnificent grace and mercy considering our enemy the devil, and his three-point plan of attack.

--josh

SYMPATHY

We continue to remember **Scott & Carmen Chandler** and all the family in the recent death of Scott's grandmother, Elsie Essary. The funeral was held Saturday, June 10, in Sharon, Tennessee.

NEW MEMBER



Jeff, Nichole, and
Cole Baker

We welcome **Jeff Baker** to the family of God that meets at North Jackson. Jeff, his wife Nichole, and their son Cole live at 28 Red Deer Cove in Jackson (38305). His cell number is (731) 514-0630, and his email address is jefreyblaine baker@gmail.com. He will be in Group 1. If you have not already done so, please give this family a warm North Jackson welcome at your earliest convenience.

EVANGELISM MEETING

Please mark your calendars. This coming Sunday, June 25, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall we will have a 'Special Ops' meeting (open to the whole congregation) to discuss the new visitor prospects/contacts that have come North Jackson's way in the recent past. Time spent sharing and gathering information in these meetings may ultimately serve our Lord through numerous conversions, restorations, and new memberships at North Jackson - all to the glory of God!

WELCOME BACK

Melanie Brown, along with a group from Wayne County, has returned from a mission effort in Honduras. We are appreciative of their work and are grateful for their safety. Please continue to pray for the Lord's work in Honduras.

OUR SICK

JACKSON GENERAL: Wes Forsythe, rehab room 4119;

Ben Way, rehab room 4103 (It is best to visit after 4:00 p.m.)

REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Virginia Agnew, room 207

WEST TN TRANSITIONAL CARE: Dorothy Laws, room A-203

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Susan Clayton; Vivian Dickerson; Steve Greenway; Ron Hickman; Alan Highers; Earl Andrews, brother of James Andrews; Peggy Minyard, mother of Melanie Brown; Harry Summer, brother of Mary Frances Christie; Dale Foglyano (scheduled for brain surgery 6/21), brother-in-law of Chuck & Susan Clayton; Lesley Dickerson, mother of Darren Dickerson; Terry Harris, brother of James Harris; Rodney Mullins, brother of Carol Holland; Jimmy Tippet, husband of Peggy Tippet; Jim McClain, brother of Janelle Waddell; Bill Mitchusson, father of Heather Young; our shut-ins; those dealing with cancer & other serious illnesses

ICU SNACKS

hard candy/bite sized candy bars

(snack-sized & individually wrapped packages)

PANTRY NEEDS

oatmeal packets/pop tarts

A Special Thank You To...Gravice Rouse for providing a total of 25 cases of green beans and corn to the pantry.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

At Home

Flossie Allbert, 3620 N. Highland (05), 668-8632

Bill Bryant, 235 McIntosh Drive (05), home (731) 660-8005, cell (731) 426-3507

Velma Churchwell, 7 Sagewood Cove (05), 668-7552

Shirley Cordle, 125 West Grand (01), 427-0070

Mary Duncan, 900 Rushmeade Road (05), 668-9358

Wes Forsythe, 40 Glen Eden Drive (01), (731) 616-0479

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Tom Phillips 21 Beechwood (01), 668-5908

Mary Whitt, 52 Markwood Lane (05), 424-0373

Assisted Living

Elmcroft of Jackson, 911 Old Humboldt Road (05)

Dorothy Rambeau, #-B-101, 668-2766

Brookdale Jackson Oaks, 3131 N. Highland (05)

Sayden Wood, Apt. D-75, 410-1434

Bells Retirement Village, 366 Herndon Drive, Bells, TN 38006

Polly Neal, Apartment 33, (731) 663-3322

Nursing Homes

Maplewood Health Care Center, 100 Cherrywood Place (01)

Laura Jones, room 311-B, 234-3500

Maxine Plunk, room 121, 803-4137

Henderson Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, Juanita Drive, Henderson, TN 38340

Dot Williams, room 506

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Amber Carwile - New cell number: (731) 695-8328

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, June 18, 2017

Bible Study.....	451
A.M. Worship.....	654
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Wednesday P.M., June 14.....	467



We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring family as North Jackson.

Early on Saturday morning, a group of Christians in Action came to our house and did a whole lot of yard work for us.

Continue to pray for Ben. It is going to be a slow process for him to get the strength back in his legs. He will be in rehab for a while longer.

*In Christian love,
Ben & Sandra Way*



July... 1 Ron Lents, Madison Grace Lilly, Fred Rogers **2**-Barry Cary, Howell Ferguson, John Myers **3**- Mary Flor Malone **4**- Jeff Baker, Henry Banks **5**- Alan Highers, Lee Johnson, Joe Tackett **6**- Frances Maupin, Clayton Phillips **7**- Jack Christie, Justin Neal **8**- Michelle Arnold, Hudson Little **9**- Anita Green, Jannie Griffin **10**- Will Gordon **12**- Chris Barrantes, Hayley Brown, Larry Forsythe, Stephen Goodwin, Leisha Johnson, Kevin Kee, Tenley Neal, Lilah Whitt, Amanda Witherspoon **13**- Donnie Matthews, Tim York **14**- James Biggs, Heather Goslee, Sandra Witherspoon **15**- Nieta Austin, Doris Davis, Gary Lentz **16**- Logan Argo, Becky Colbert, Adam Forsythe, Sandra Goodwin **17**- Chad Banks **18**- Gene Chaffin, Josh Hertzka, Sherilyn Martin **19**- Jon Anderson, Linda Giorgio, Will Malone, Cathy Powell, Mack Walker **20**- Alex Greenway, Jeanice Patrick, Jordan Ralph **21**- Chuck Cooper, Janice Jones, Wells Kirby, Donald Laux, Walt Mestan, Jeanette Tinsley **22**- Mary Frances Christie, David Pippin **23**- Chuck Clayton, Jakob Coleman **24**- Lucas Brown, Ellen Poague **25**- Beth Beard, Denise White **26**- Aiden Chandler **27**- Nicholas Jackson, Cathy McKnight **28**- Avonlea Banks, Kaleb McCaskill, Clarita McKee **29**- Jack Johnson **30**- Luke Martin, Virginia Petty **31**- Kaye Hockett, Bob Jenkins, Margie Robinson, Collin Wyatt

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

forever & always

2- Jamie & Holley Webb **4**- Jack & Jackie Crabtree **5**- Jerry & Faye Yarbrough **8**- Jim & Judith Humphreys, David & Pam McAlexander **11**- Don & Virginia Agnew, Matthew & Jennifer Orphanides **12**- Ken & Trina Lilly **13**- Richard & Cathy McKnight **15**- Chad & Rose Banks **16**- Allen & Samantha Bishop **18**- Joe & Amy Tackett **21**- Keith & Tina Jackson **22**- John & Freda Hall, Henry & Beverly McDonald, John & Kim Taylor **24**- Carl & Virginia Petty **26**- Jeff & Nichole Baker, Mark & Stephanie Christensen, Kenneth & Ashlyn Lilly **27**- Tim & Becky York **29**- Keith & Carrie Moffitt, Walter & Jeanina Rice **30**- Brian & Tiffany Forbis, Red & Lorie McCaskill, John & Alice Sawyer **31**- Michael & Nicole Young

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, June 25, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader..... **Randy White**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Jon Anderson**
Lord's Table..... **(H) Robert Brooks, Ron Lents**
(S) Chuck Clayton, Donnie Colbert, Tommy Dinwiddie
Nick Earls, Adrian Jones, Brian Vaughn

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

Closing Prayer **Chad Banks**
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)
Alternates: **Glynn Carden, Roger Swaim, Michael Wilson, Scott Wyatt**

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

Sunday, June 25, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader..... **Randy White**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Arthur Davis**
Lord's Table **(H) Rafael Barrantes, Daniel Rogers**

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

Closing Prayer **Scott Dahlstrom**
(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, June 28, 2017 7:00 P.M.

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

Ushers For June

Gary Grisham, John Hall, Chris Morris, Drew Rush
Balcony Communion: Oakley Vandiver, Shaun Vandiver
(If unable to serve, call **John Brown, 803-2823 or Jerry Yarbrough, 422-5388.**)

Bus Driver for June: Doyle Neal (731) 736-1080 or (731) 571-1506
Bus Driver for July: Paul Anderson (731) 394-3462
Communion Preparation/Open & Close Building For June: Group 4

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