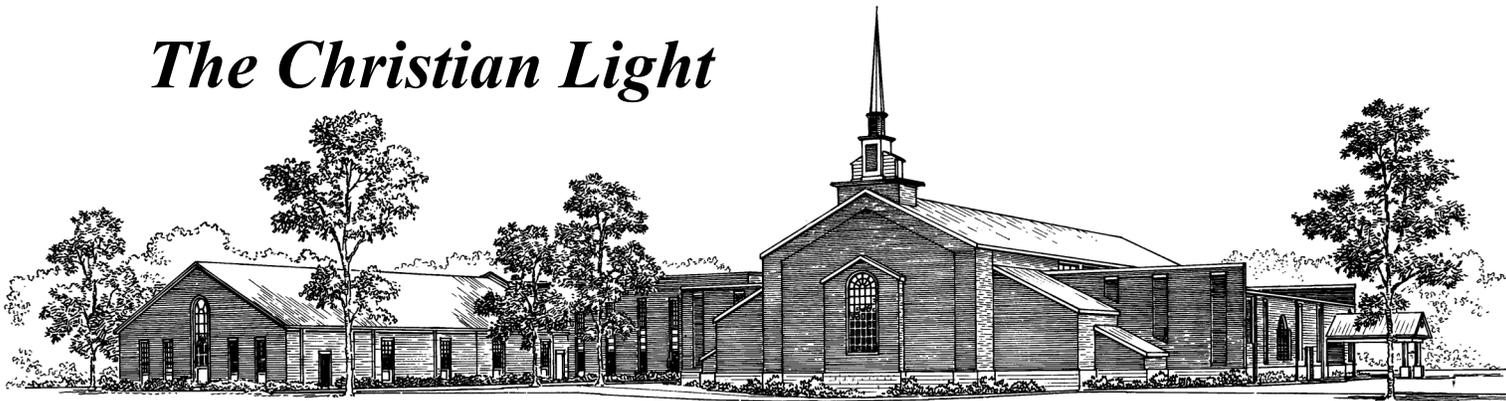


# The Christian Light



## North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, Tennessee

### DOES THE BIBLE CONTAIN SILLY WARNING LABELS?

Jeremy Hall did an outstanding devotional several years ago about whether the Bible contains silly warning labels. It made an impression on me. The premise is that some instructions (and warnings) appear so obvious they seem unnecessary. But is this how we treat God's instructions and warnings? Before we answer that question, look at some of these silly warning labels below for comparison:

1. CAUTION: MAY BE HOT (cup of hot chocolate)
2. DO NOT USE IN SHOWER (hair dryer)
3. USE CARE WHEN OPERATING A CAR (bottle of dog pills)
4. REMOVE OCCUPANTS FROM STROLLER BEFORE FOLDING IT (baby stroller)
5. WEARING THIS GARMENT DOES NOT ENABLE YOU TO FLY (child-size Superman costume)
6. MAY CAUSE DROWSINESS (sleeping pills)
7. SIMPLY POUR THE BISCUITS INTO A BOWL AND ALLOW THE CAT TO EAT WHEN IT WANTS (bag of cat biscuits)
8. WARNING: MAY CONTAIN NUTS (bag of peanuts)

What about the Bible's warnings? Are they just silly warnings to be added to this list? Sometimes I think we treat them like they are exactly that. But the warnings are necessary, and the consequences do not appear to be obvious.

Prophets and godly men struggled to reach their audiences with warnings from the Lord. God declared to Jerusalem in Jeremiah 6:10, "To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of the LORD is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it." God spoke to Ezekiel saying, "But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted. Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads. Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house" (Ezk. 3:7-9).

Genesis begins with a warning concerning a forbidden fruit. Revelation ends with a warning not to add to or take away from the words of this book. Between these two there are numerous other—and likewise, vitally important—warnings that we need not ignore. Perhaps the Bible's most sobering passage, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9, reads, "since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

Will you heed God's instructions? Will you esteem them or deem them silly? May we ever treat God's word as being in a category all on its own, never subject to rolled eyes, squirmy disapproval, or yawns of contempt. It will be the difference between death and life. And that's no joking matter.

--josh

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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

### *The Miracle Within The Miracle (Part 1)...*

For this week in our look at Jesus' life, we're going to move ahead a little to the second year of His ministry, possible around 27 AD. We've aptly named this week's article, *The Miracle Within The Miracle (Part One)*. Jesus had earned a reputation at this point and was often met by a following in most of the cities He entered. Some were looking for hope, while others probably were more interested in seeing a miracle, and still others were looking to disprove Him. One name or title that Jesus was frequently called in these settings was Teacher or Rabbi by many in the crowd. While rabbis and teachers knew extensively about the Law of Moses, customs and culture, medicine wasn't something that most were familiar with. (This seems obvious, but stay with me for a second.) AND YET, we read in 3 gospel accounts (Mt. 9:18-26, Mk. 5:21-43, and Lk. 8:40-56) that Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet to have Him heal his child. He didn't calmly walk up or discretely speak to Him, but publicly fell before Him. Being a ruler, I'm sure Jairus tried many options and consulted with many very educated physicians. But when the ways of this world failed, He turned to One greater than this world. Matthew's account says that the flute players and minstrels were already at the house when they arrived, so more than likely his daughter died between Jairus leaving and his return. One from the household even came and confirmed that. As the story goes, Christ does in fact, bring her back from the dead. Luke's account says her spirit returned to her, meaning it had previously left her. Afterwards He tells them to tell no one. But as previously mentioned, the town already knew she was gone, had already brought in minstrels, so what would happen when she walked out? Jairus knew that they couldn't realistically keep this secret and knew that many rulers of the synagogue despised Jesus. This could have affected Jairus' standing or even cost him his life. But the life of his child was more important than anything that he might have to face later from men of this world. He had already seen the failure in "this world" and knew that the only way to life was from Christ. Are we ready to make a public display for Christ like Jairus, regardless of who sees or is around? Are we ready to realize that the only one with the power over problems of this world, is the One who created it? Oh, and remember the title of this article, *The Miracle Within The Miracle*? Next week we'll look at what happened in the midst of all this, as if this day wasn't crazy enough!

In love, Adam.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- August 10:** THUMP Day/Medina/7:00 a.m.  
@ home of **David & TyJunah Martin**
- August 13:** Back to School Kickoff - Grades 6-12  
Following evening worship  
@ home of **Adam & Tavia Carlucci**  
Families are invited.
- August 17:** THUMP Day/Jackson/7:00 a.m.  
@ Chick-fil-A

<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, August 13  
Regency Retirement Village @ 1:00 p.m.

## SYMPATHY

We offer our love and heartfelt sympathy to **Mike & Corene Welch** and all the family in the death of Mike's grandfather, Luther Welch on Tuesday, August 1. The funeral was held Friday, August 4, in Memphis, Tennessee.



**OCTOBER 8-11**

North Jackson church of Christ  
Fall Gospel Meeting  
Speaker: Sam Jones

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Agee and Simons families to the family of God that meets at North Jackson. If you have not already done so, please give them a warm North Jackson welcome at your earliest convenience. Pictures will be in a later publication.

**Jerry & Pam Agee** live at 189 Rust Road in Bells, Tennessee (38006). Jerry's cell number is (731) 617-0462. Pam's cell number is (731) 617-1802, and her email address is [pagee150@yahoo.com](mailto:pagee150@yahoo.com). They will be in Group 5.

**Jack & Barbara Simons** live at 178 Commanche Trail in Jackson (38305). Their cell number is (573) 202-4498. They will be in Group 4.

## WELCOME BACK

We welcome **David Beach, Susan Henry, Maddie Henry, John & Andrea McCadams, Maddie McCormick, Mark & Alice Moore, Denise White, and Tommie K. Wyatt** back from a mission effort in Soesdyke, Guyana. We appreciate their efforts and are grateful for their safety. Please continue to pray for Patrick & Roxanne Welcome, their family, and the Lord's work in Soesdyke.

## GOSPEL MEETING

**David Powell** will be speaking in a gospel meeting at the Greenfield church of Christ in Greenfield, Tennessee through Friday evening, August 11. Please pray for a fruitful meeting and for David's safety when traveling.

## PB & J BACK TO SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Begins Friday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m.  
Concludes, Saturday, August 12, at 9:00 a.m.  
Parents are asked to sign the list posted on the PB & J board for items they will provide, and to provide money for pizza. They are also reminded they are responsible for their own "camp out" gear.

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

Please join us on Sunday afternoon, August 13, at 4:45 in the fellowship hall for our 6th annual Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes kickoff meeting. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program and for our youth to sign up to participate this upcoming season.

## OUR SICK

**NORTHBROOKE:** Ben Way, room 408-B

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** Don Agnew; Virginia Agnew; Susan Clayton; Vivian Dickerson; Steve Greenway; Ron Hickman; Betty Jackson; Alan Highers; Marilyn Jones; JoAnn Stover (following surgery at Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic on Friday, August 4), grandmother of Sarah Cook and Josh Cook; Therman Hodge (kidney cancer surgery scheduled Wednesday, 8/9, in Meridian, MS), brother-in-law of Betty Cooper; Brittany Savage, daughter of David & Gail Forbis; Terry Harris, brother of James Harris; Rodney Mullins, brother of Carol Holland; Helen Lents (hospitalized in Florida), sister-in-law of Ron & Beth Lents; Bobby Crittendon, brother of Cathy Powell; Edward Lynn Redfearn, brother of Martin Redfearn; Shawana Wade, niece of Mary Tole; Jim McClain, brother of Janelle Waddell; Kay Wyatt, mother of Scott Wyatt; our shut-ins; those dealing with cancer & other serious illnesses

### ICU SNACKS

peanuts/raisins

(snack-sized & individually wrapped packages)

### PANTRY NEEDS

spaghetti sauce/chicken noodle soup

Pantry Workers for August 16-31

Amber Carwile and Sherry Carwile

### NEW CLASS STUDY

On Wednesday, August 9, the Wednesday Night Ladies' Bible Class will begin a new class study, Woman-to-Woman. It is a sixteen-week Biblical study that aims to bring women of all ages to a deeper understanding of their roles through life while strengthening their personal relationship with Christ. We will learn that women in the Old and New Testaments were sometimes as flawed and broken as we can be today, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Through their stories in scripture, they reach out and touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way. Cathy Powell will be teaching the class.

### PRIMETIMERS

The Primetimers invite everyone to join them at the Old Hickory Steakhouse for a Dutch treat lunch immediately following morning worship on Sunday, August 13. If you plan to join them, please sign the list that is posted on the foyer bulletin board by Wednesday evening, August 9.

### REQUIRED TEACHER TRAINING

If you teach or plan to teach youngsters, ages birth through high school, or serve as a teacher assistant for those ages, you are required to attend a Youth Protection Training Class taught by Sean Jones. If you have not taken the class, please plan to attend the class that will be taught at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 13. See Sean Jones or call the church office to sign-up.

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, August 6, 2017

Bible Study.....	450
A.M. Worship.....	604
P.M. Worship.....	433
Wednesday P.M., August 2.....	454

### NEW MISSION PROGRAM

On Sunday, August 6, the elders announced that a new mission program, Mission Minded Women, is being organized by the Senior Singles women. It is a ministry especially suited for women who desire to become involved in teaching correspondence courses to World Bible School students and in writing letters to missionaries and Christians serving in the military. Women who are interested in this mission effort are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting in room 101 at 5:00 on Sunday afternoon, August 13. If you have a family member in the military and wish for them to be a recipient of this effort, please write the family member's name and contact information and give it to one of the elders.

### SENIOR SINGLES

North Jackson's Senior Singles will eat lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse immediately following morning worship on Sunday, August 20.

### EVANGELISM MEETING

There will be an evangelism meeting in the fellowship hall from 4:00-5:30 on Sunday afternoon, August 20.

### TWEENS DEVOTIONAL

Following worship on Sunday evening, August 20, there will be a devotional for Tweens at the church building.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



John & Carolyn Verell will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary on Monday, August 14.

On Thursday, August 17, Bob & Glenda Gordon will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

We wish both couples the happiest of anniversaries, and we thank them for their example.

### AREA GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

(See the foyer bulletin board for details.)

#### August 13-16

Plainview church of Christ (Henderson, Tennessee)

Gospel Meeting: "Biblical Messages for Today"

Speaker David Lipe

Weeknights @ 7 p.m.

#### August 27-30

Maury City (TN) church of Christ

Gospel Meeting

Speaker: B.J. Clarke

## 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, August 13, 2017 10:00 A.M.**

Greeting & Announcements ..... **John McCadams**  
Song Leader..... **David Briley**  
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Arthur Davis**  
Lord's Table..... **(H) Charlie Butler, Tommy Maupin**  
**(S) Gary Anderson, Calvin Bailey, Darren Dickerson**  
**Larry Forsythe, Billy Gordon, Tim York**

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

Closing Prayer ..... **John Myers**  
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)  
Alternates: **Lee Barton, Steve Greenway, Chris Ramey, Randall Renfroe**

Nursery Attendants ..... **Sue Poston, Cathy Powell**  
**Dana Proctor, Kristi Riddle**  
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

**Sunday, August 13, 2017 6:00 P.M.**

Greeting & Announcements ..... **John McCadams**  
Song Leader..... **David Briley**  
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Greg Henry**  
Lord's Table ..... **(H) Aiden Chandler, Kevin Kee**

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

Closing Prayer ..... **Alan Highers**  
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)  
Nursery Attendants ..... **Mary Ramey, Mindy Renfroe**  
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

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

### Ushers For August

**Jeff Baker, Scott Dahlstrom, Nick Earls, Daniel Rogers**  
**Balcony Communion: Brian Riddle, Logan Riddle**

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

**Bus Driver for August: Mark Moore (731) 787-0000 or (731) 693-6330**  
**Communion Preparation/Open & Close Building For August: Group 1**

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