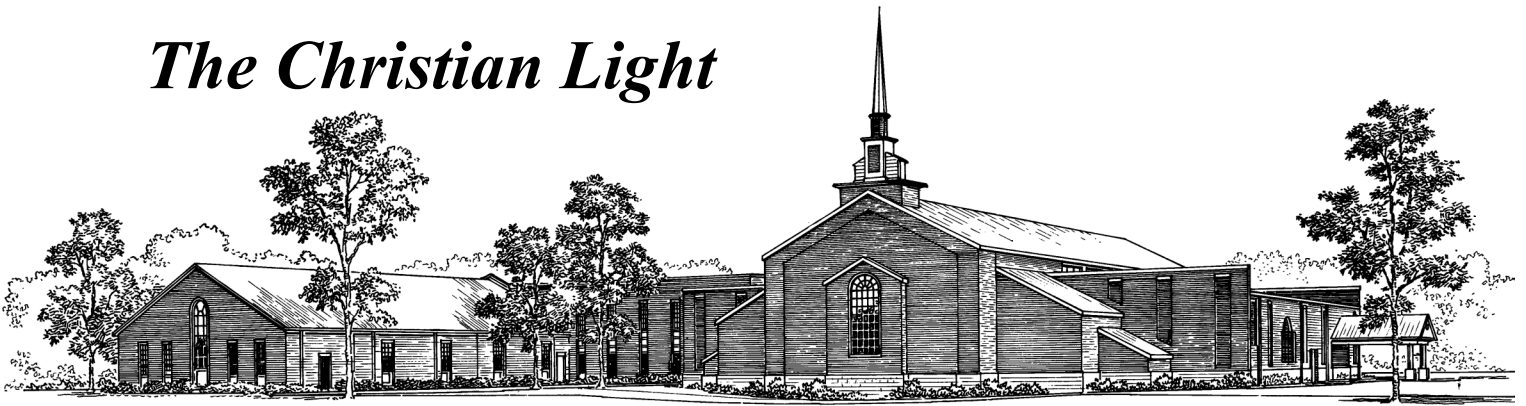


The Christian Light



North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, Tennessee

HOW DO I REPENT?

First, repentance does Godly things. "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance" (Mt. 3:8 & Lk. 3:8). Paul explains in Acts 26:20 that when he preached to the Gentiles, he taught them, "that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance." The verse following our familiar passage, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, supports this as well. Look at verse 11: "For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter." Paul says the Corinthians wanted the record set straight, that this is how they intended to live and be known for living by others.

Second, repentance ceases wicked things. "Our old man was crucified with [Jesus]," according to Romans 6:6, "that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin." Ephesians 4:17-24 and Colossians 3:9 both liken repentance to one putting off the old man, as in putting off the former conduct of your old way of living.

Third, penitent minds allow God's word to shape their thoughts, speech and decisions. Penitent minds are not under brain control to Jesus. They have just as much imagination and potential to choose evil as the impenitent. Yet, they submit to transformation, breaking out of the mold that produces worldliness and being cast altogether new in the image of Jesus Christ. Romans 12:2 reminds us, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

It's funny to me how in the business world or sports world we see successful people and say to ourselves, "Well, they must have applied themselves to being that way." Yet, in matters of religious conviction, we think I'm as strong as I'll ever be the moment I rise from the waters of baptism. Well, that's not true. We are always being perfected in Christ. The penitent mind agrees with the Hebrews writer, "But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:14). Remember the lyrics of the song, "I've been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Emphasis on "Nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me." What's the opposite of a penitent mind? It's the one described by Stephen in Acts 7:51, based on the Old Testament description of the fathers: "Stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! Always resisting the Holy Spirit."

Fourth, How do I repent? Urgently! God indeed "is unwilling that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pt. 3:9), but time can run out. To the member of the Thyatira congregation, so-called "Jezebel," Jesus said, "I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent" (Rev. 2:21). Poor Esau, "When he wanted to inherit the blessing" that he bargained away for a bowl of stew was still, "rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears" (Heb. 12:17). Time may run out for us to reclaim the inheritance God wants for us. Therefore, repent sooner rather than later. If I wait too long, then perhaps one day I'll be rejected though I seek it diligently with tears.

--josh

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Allen Verell

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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

Send Them Out...

Key Verses: Matthew 10, Mark 6:7-13, Luke 9:1-6

I always find what each of the gospel writers is inspired to write about to be fascinating. Some go into great detail, while others speak very little, or not at all, concerning the same account or subject. Last week, we saw that Luke and Mark speak greatly of the healing of the woman, but Matthew doesn't. This week Matthew goes into great depth while Mark and Luke give a smaller account and John just doesn't. But this aspect of Jesus' life is important because, while he already called his disciples, here is the moment when he sends them out. As stated before, Matthew gives a much greater explanation of what occurred, but each offers a different look. Each tells that Jesus gave them authority over disease, spirits, and afflictions. Mark states outright that he sent them in twos, but Matthew eludes to it by giving each name linked by the word *and*. For example, Matthew mentions "Philip *and* Bartholomew; Thomas *and* Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, *and* Thaddeus;" (Mt. 10:3). This also indicates that Simon the zealot and Judas Iscariot would have been teamed up, which again, I find pretty interesting. And just because Mark and Luke don't go too in depth, this by no means takes away the importance of Jesus' instructions found in Matthew. I encourage you to read our key verses each week, and Matthew 10 is no different. If we gave a sales pitch similar to what Christ did, we'd see folks quit right there. He told them to take nothing with them, do God's will without looking for gain, stay encouraged when you aren't well received or run off. Realize you will face persecution, possible pain, and beatings. He reminded them that he came to turn the world right side up again and even turn family against family, as those who followed Christ would be giving up centuries worth of family religious traditions. Again, it would be hard to hear all of that and yet still choose to follow, but we see the disciples did it. We're never promised an earthly reward for following Christ or told that it would be easy. But we, like the disciples, aren't ever alone. It was important on their first excursion out as missionaries that they go with a brother. I'm encouraged knowing that, while it will be difficult, I have my brothers and sisters to lean on.

In love, Adam.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

August 25: HS Escape Rooms

August 27: MS Skating @ Family Fun Center
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

August 30: Empty Chair Meal

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

DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, August 27

Regency Retirement Village @ 1:00 p.m.

HUGS FROM HOME

Hugs From Home, a work of the Dorcas Ministry, maintains contact with and supports our North Jackson college students. Those who will be attending college this coming school year are asked to send your college mailing address to **Chelsea Jones**. Chelsea's email address is chelseajones209@gmail.com.

SYMPATHY

We continue to remember **Jeanne Mallard** and all the family in the recent death of her son, Roy Mallard. A memorial service was held Thursday, August 17, in Friendship, Tennessee.

We continue to remember **Martin & Janice Redfearn** in the recent death of Martin's brother, Edward Lynn Redfearn. The funeral was held Sunday, August 13, in Conyers, Georgia.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Jeff & Kim Watson** and their daughters, **Taylor** and **Sydney**, to the family of God that meets at North Jackson. They live at 167 Bent Creek Lane in Jackson (38305). Jeff's email address is jeffdwatson2@hotmail.com, and his cell number is (731) 217-8934. Kim's cell number is (731) 618-1494, and her email address is kim.watson@jcseagles.org. They will be in Group 5. If you have not already done so, please give this family a warm North Jackson welcome at your earliest convenience. A picture will be in a later publication.

RESPONSE

On Wednesday evening, August 16, Jeff Beard requested prayers for anything that might be amiss in his life, and for the encouragement of the congregation as he strives to grow spiritually. It was our privilege to pray for Jeff.

BAPTISM

Nichole Baker was baptized into Christ on Sunday, August 20. Along with her husband, **Jeff Baker**, and all the family, we rejoice with Nichole in her decision to become a Christian.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

Registration for the 2017-2018 Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program will take place on Sunday, August 27, in room 101 following the morning service. This will be the final opportunity to register for the upcoming year.

APOLOGETICS PRESS BENEFIT DINNER

- Thursday, August 31, at 6:00 p.m.
- At Henderson (TN) church of Christ building
- Speaker: Kyle Butt
- Free to attend
- Buffet meal will be served

If you have questions, please text or call Chad Thompson @ (731) 879-0868, or you may email him at chad_thompson@hotmail.com.

OUR SICK

JACKSON GENERAL HOSPITAL: Ben Way, room 932 ; Dottie Taylor (following a stroke), ICU 671, aunt of John Taylor;

MAPLEWOOD HEALTHCARE: Netta Mitchusson, grandmother of Heather Young, is in Room 410A

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Don Agnew; Virginia Agnew; Susan Clayton; Vivian Dickerson; Sandra Goodwin (scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, 8/22); Ron Hickman; Alan Highers; Betty Jackson; Marilyn Jones; Therman Hodge, brother-in-law of Betty Cooper; Terry Harris, brother of James Harris; Rodney Mullins, brother of Carol Holland; Liz Evans, aunt of Angie Hysmith; Helen Lents, sister-in-law of Ron & Beth Lents; Cleo Michael, mother of Paulette Pippin; Charles Reeves, father of Steve Reeves; 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 chips/cheez-its

(snack-sized & individually wrapped packages)

PANTRY NEEDS beef stew/beefaroni

Pantry Workers for September 1-15



Dear North Jackson,

We can't begin to tell you how much this congregation has meant to us during the forty-three years we worshipped with you. You have always been there for us whenever there was a need.

We were overwhelmed with the assistance that was given us when we were packing to leave. So many went so far beyond the call of duty. Your help was such an encouragement as we began this difficult but necessary transition.

You will forever be in our hearts and minds as we continue our Christian walk on this earth. We look forward to visiting with all of you whenever we can be in the Jackson area. As we keep you in our prayers, we ask that you keep us in your prayers as well.

*In the love of Christ,
Wells & Robbie Kirby*

MEMORIAL GIFT

A memorial gift has been made to North Jackson church of Christ in memory of Roy Mallard, son of Jeanne Mallard, by Marian Jernigan.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Lance & Ashley Norris

New Address: 6005 Friendship Eaton Road
Friendship, TN 38034

Terrance "Moe" Cleghorn

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, August 20, 2017

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| Bible Study..... | 461 |
| A.M. Worship..... | 622 |
| P.M. Worship..... | 419 |
| Wednesday P.M., August 16..... | 472 |



September... 1 - Kynlea Sheffield **2** - Nolan Arnold, Kayce Beam, Beth Lents, Greg Ryan **3** - Hunter Butler, Gary Durbin, Carrie Fincher, Debi Swaim **4** - Betty Swims **5** - Ann Argo, Thomas Jones **6** - Madalynn Anderson, Jim Holland, Caleb Rice, Zach Rice **7** - Sydney Christensen **8** - Allie Butler, Jenny Martin, Mark Moore **9** - Jeanna Rice, Roger Swaim, Mable White **10** - Richard McKnight **11** - Kathyne Gordon, Virginia Mayfield **13** - Brian Vaughn, Bryson Wyatt **14** - Ethan Martin, Anna Grace Morris, John Parker **15** - Hannah Brewington, Blythe McCollum, Dorothy Rambeau, Jonathan Richardson **16** - Gerald Swims **17** - Sandy Stampfly **18** - Katie Renfroe **19** - Kellie Jones, Dawson Matthews **20** - Jason Brashier **21** - John Sawyer **22** - Jimmy Chandler, Emily Christensen, Jackie Crabtree, Randy Elston, Norma Wood **23** - Michelle Jones, Robert Mullins, Jennifer Orphanides, Ethan Renfroe, Shirley Roberts **24** - Roy Howell, Gravice Rouse **25** - Drew Matthews **26** - Deborah Beach, Jan Hickman, Randolph Myers **28** - Hunter Haley, Casey Vandiver **29** - Sherry Carlson, Stephanie Christensen, Kathy Colley, Ashley Norris, Mary Belle Tackett **30** - Mary Ferguson, Tiffini Forsythe, Nilah Harris, Marilyn Jones

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

forever & always

1 - Eric & Haley Russell **5** - Arthur & Doris Davis, Mike & Bonnie Gordon **7** - Tony & Ann Woods **8** - Ron & Jan Hickman, Jim & Carol Holland, Stanley & Sherrie Rush **9** - John & Barbara Borner **10** - David & Gail Forbis, Jerry & Emily Milligan **12** - Denver & Norma Meek **14** - Phil & Angie Bradley **16** - Adam & Tiffini Forsythe **18** - Kevin & Nieta Austin **19** - Monte & Linda Snider **21** - Darren & Lisa Dickerson **23** - David & Nell Briley **25** - Hunter & Cassie Butler **30** - Randy & Angie Hysmith

AREA GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

August 26: Cairo church of Christ (Alamo, TN)
Ladies' Day - Speaker: **Cathy Powell**
"When Did Old Ladies Get So Smart?"
Registration @ 9:30 a.m.
Meal to Follow

August 27-30: Maury City (TN) church of Christ
Gospel Meeting - Weeknights @ 7:00
Speaker: B.J. Clarke

September 9: Antioch church of Christ (Ramer, TN)
Ladies' Day - Speaker: **Cathy Powell**
"Pearls of Wisdom"
Registration @ 8:30 a.m.
Lunch will be provided

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 27, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader..... **Randy White**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Jared Jackson**
Lord's Table..... **(H) Adam Minton, Mark Moore**
(S) Adam Beam, Justin Neal, Jim Roberts
Steve Tyler, Horace Wamble, Roger Wood

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

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

Nursery Attendants **Debi Swaim, Kim Taylor**
Barbara Tyler, Beth Van Wyk
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

Sunday, August 27, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader..... **Randy White**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Adam Carlucci**
Lord's Table **(H) Larry Jones, Ron Lents**

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

Closing Prayer **Jon Ewing**
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)
Nursery Attendants **Stacy Vaughn, Michele Verell**
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements **Josh Cook**
Song Leader **Michael Young**
Closing Prayer **Gene Chaffin**
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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