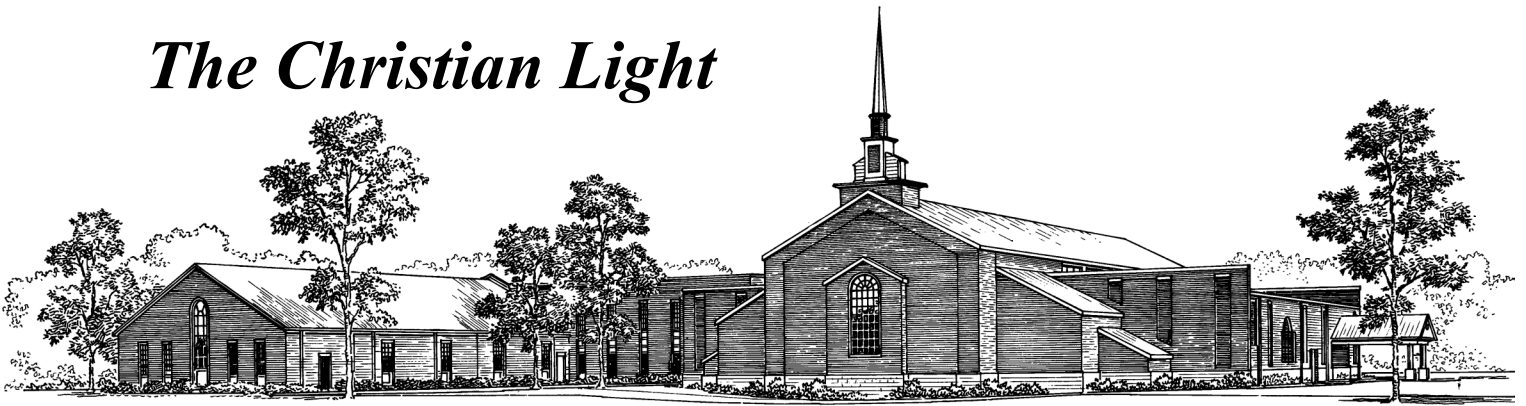


# The Christian Light



## North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, Tennessee

### IS JESUS WORTH REPENTING OF MY SINS? (PART 1)

The story goes, “A man dialed a wrong number and got the following recording: ‘I am not available right now, but I thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes.’” Making powerful and life-altering changes like these can be tough. One Person makes it worth doing when nothing else seems to provide the motivation: Jesus Christ.

Some people are best encouraged to make the right decision by being led with honey. There is no sweeter honey to speak of than what God can do for the penitent. What if I decide that Jesus is worth repenting of my sins? Here are a few of the important consequences of such a decision:

**With repentance I can be forgiven my sin.** 2 Chronicles 7:14 reads, “If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land.” But there is much more.

**With repentance I can be forgiven by others.** Luke 17:3 reads, “If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.” Until my brother repents I may have a spirit of forgiveness towards him, but only through his mutual repentance can forgiveness occur between us. In other words, I cannot forgive my brother who is unwilling to be forgiven. It doesn’t mean I’m unwilling, it just means that forgiveness takes two.

**With repentance God can move me from darkness to light.** In the context of Paul retelling his conversion story, he quotes Jesus’ mandate for Paul’s own ministry to the Gentiles. Paul was sent “to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in [Jesus]” (Acts 26:18).

**With repentance I become God’s servant.** “For he who has died has been freed from sin . . . And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness . . . But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life” (Rom. 6:7, 18, 22). God’s servants are called “slaves of righteousness.” This is not a term by which we should feel offended. This is reflective of the commitment God deserves from us. The song “Pierce My Ear” is not about teenage girls going to the jewelry store; it’s about a slave making a choice to continue as a slave in his master’s house forever rather than leave as a free man (Ex. 21:6).

Jesus once said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance” (Mk. 2:17). So, **with repentance God can bring my life healing.**

**With repentance God can save me.** 2 Corinthians 7:10 reads, “For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation . . .”

Finally, **with repentance there is more joy in heaven.** Luke 15:7, 10 reads, “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance . . . Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Though we cannot see it, heaven erupts with joy when we repent.

--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 Space Between...*

As we've previously talked about, the life of Jesus is incomplete if we don't also talk about the life of John the Baptist. During Christ's ministry, before His transfiguration, we read of the death of John by Herod. It's easy to forget sometimes, but they were family. This wasn't someone who upon meeting Jesus a few times or seeing a miracle followed after Him. They were kin. And after Matthew's account of John's death, it goes into the feeding of the 5000. But there's a space. A moment between both stories that goes to show this very human side of Christ. In Matthew 14 and verse 13 it says, "Now when Jesus heard this, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself..." The end of the verse tells how the people followed Him, but it doesn't tell us how long He was out there or the list of emotions He must have experienced. Mark's account tells us that He instructs the disciples to do the same thing, to recharge and rest, but again, Jesus was by Himself. He knew the mission was too big to stop for too long, but even He needed time alone. We encounter moments like this more often than we realize; moments where we are in between good times or normal times, times when life seems to gut punch us, and we need to catch our breath. We can assume, based on the text, that the news of John's death greatly impacted Jesus. He separated Himself to process. Jeff Manion, the author of the book The Land Between, says that these are the moments, the spaces between our normal, good, or even bad times, that our faith can either be fertilized and grow or can be starved, and we let the devil creep in. Do we have those moments, where we ask if it's all worth it, or what's the point? I'm sure once the disciples heard the news, they asked themselves those very questions. But we see Christ sees the people, has compassion, and gets back to His Father's will. What will we do in the space between? In love, Adam

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- August 30: Empty Chair Meal
- September 3: Game Night/Youth Suite open til 11 p.m.
- September 7: THUMP Day/Medina @ 7 a.m.
- September 10: Sitka Singing @ 5 p.m.
- September 14: THUMP Day/Jackson @ 7 a.m.
- September 17: GGG Girls' Devo & Shoot Day/2-4 p.m.
- September 23: I Can Tri Triathlon @ Lift Center
- September 24: Service Day @ church building/2-4 p.m.
- September 27: Empty Chair Meal
- September 29-30: RUSH @ FHU


## MISSION MINDED WOMEN

Mission Minded Women will meet in the fellowship hall from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 1.

## DEVOTIONAL

September 3: Regency Retirement Village @ 1:00 p.m.

## PB & J

 PB & J will have an outdoor movie night at **Steve & Heather Young's** home following evening worship on Sunday, September 3. Those planning to attend are asked to sign the list on the PB & J board ASAP so that we will have an accurate count for sandwiches. Please bring drinks, chips, and desserts. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on.

## NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome several new families to the North Jackson congregation. If you have not already done so, please extend a warm North Jackson welcome to them at your earliest convenience.



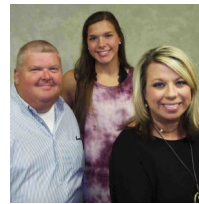
Don & Teresa Britt

**Don & Teresa Britt** live at 39 Cardinal Estates in Lexington, Tennessee (38351). Don's cell number is (731) 614-7369, and his email address is [bidderdon@gmail.com](mailto:bidderdon@gmail.com). Teresa's cell number is (731) 614-7370. They will be in Group 1.



Allen, Brandi, and Britt Holland

**Allen & Brandi Holland** and their son, **Britt**, live at 789 Browns Church Road in Jackson (38305). Brandi is the daughter of Don & Teresa Britt. Allen's cell number is (731) 217-6862, and his email address is [wasbritt@gmail.com](mailto:wasbritt@gmail.com). Brandi's cell number is (731) 217-6888, and her email address is [bbrittholland@gmail.com](mailto:bbrittholland@gmail.com). They will be in Group 1.



Jeff, Kim, and Sydney Watson

**Jeff, Kim, and Sydney Watson** (Information is in a previous publication.)

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

North Jackson's church office will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Bulletins will be emailed Wednesday, September 6.



## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

The men's and ladies Bible classes that meet on Tuesday mornings will resume at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5.

## GOLDEN LUNCH BUNCH

North Jackson's Golden Lunch Bunch will eat lunch in the fellowship hall at noon on Saturday, September 9. Group 2 will host the meal.



## MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been made to North Jackson church of Christ in memory of Jeanne Mallard's son, Roy Mallard, by Bill & Frances Jones and by Group 3.

## OUR SICK

**JACKSON GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Jimmy Chandler, room 220; Dottie Taylor, room 259, aunt of John Taylor

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

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

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** Don Agnew; Virginia Agnew; Susan Clayton; Vivian Dickerson; Sandra Goodwin; Ron Hickman; 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

hard candy/bite-sized candy bars

(snack-sized & individually wrapped packages)

### PANTRY NEEDS

baked beans/variety pack cereal

thank you

*My heart is filled with gratitude for the great outpouring of love and sympathy for me and my family during our recent loss of my dear son, Roy. The prayers, the calls, the cards, and the plant were appreciated. David Powell's words at the memorial gave us comfort. The visits from Josh Cook, several elders, and many members helped sustain us.*

*It is a great privilege for me to be a part of this group of God's family.*

Jeanne Mallard

Dear North Jackson Family,

*Thank you so much for the calls, cards, visits, food, and especially your prayers for us as I recover from knee surgery. We feel so blessed to be a part of this loving and caring congregation.*

*In Christian love,  
Marilyn Jones*

Dear Youth Group,

*Sorry, so long to say to you—Many thanks for coming to the Jackson General Hospital and giving out the thank-you hand made cards in appreciation for the work we do at the hospital.*

*It was an unexpected surprise which brought tears to my eyes. May God be with each of you daily. I'm keeping you in my heartfelt prayers. People like yourself help make the world a better place to live.*

*Thanks again,  
Robert R. Butler*

## 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](mailto:chad_thompson@hotmail.com).

## RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, August 27, 2017

Bible Study.....	482
A.M. Worship.....	639
P.M. Worship.....	484
Wednesday P.M., August 23.....	496

Happy Birthday to you!

Mable White will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, September 9. We wish her an especially happy birthday!

Happy Anniversary

Ron & Jan Hickman will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on Friday, September 8.

On Saturday, September 9, John & Barbara Borner will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

We wish each of these couples the happiest of anniversaries, and we appreciate their example.

## PRIMETIMERS ACTIVITY

September 16 (Bus leaves NJ @ 10:00 a.m.)  
Reelfoot Lake and Dutch treat lunch at Boyette's  
Boat ride to "see the eagles" - \$6.00 per person  
(See the foyer bulletin board for details and to sign up.)

## AREA GOSPEL ACTIVITY

September 8-9: Diana Singing

September 9: Antioch church of Christ (Ramer, TN)

Ladies' Day - Speaker: Cathy Powell

Registration @ 8:30 a.m. - Lunch provided

## TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME

Tennessee Children's Home has begun its Fall Food & Supply Drive. This year's pickup date for North Jackson is September 14. Please bring items you wish to provide and deposit them in the containers in the foyer by Wednesday, September 13. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping provide food and supplies.

### FOODS NEEDED

100 % Bottled Juice	Rotel or Salsa
(Apple, Orange, & Grape)	Brownie Mix
Sugar	Pop-tarts (Frosted)
Pickles or Pickle Relish	Kool-Aid and Lemonade
Little Debbie Snack Cakes	(Canisters)
Chicken/Beef Broth	Pancake Mix and Syrup
Canned Fruit	Instant Rice/Instant Potatoes
(Mandarin Oranges/Pineapple)	Tomato Paste or Tomato Sauce
Peppers	Spaghetti Sauce
(Jalapeno, Pepperoncini, Banana)	

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

Zip Lock Bags (quart or gallon)	Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels	(HE Liquid)
Hand Soap (Liquid)	Liquid Dish Detergent
Wax Paper	Men's Shampoo & Conditioner
Automatic Dishwasher Detergent	Men's Deodorant
Garbage Bags w/Drawstrings	Lip Balm
(39 Gallon)	Lotion
Cleaners (Kitchen, Bathroom, and All Purpose)	

### 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, September 3, 2017 10:00 A.M.**

Greeting & Announcements ..... **John McCadams**  
Song Leader..... **David Briley**  
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Dwight Jones**  
Lord's Table..... **(H) Red McCaskill, Roger Swaim**  
**(S) Larry Curlin, Matthew Jackson, Kenny Merritt**  
**Keith Moffitt, Larry Petty, Mike Welch**

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

Closing Prayer ..... **Caleb Nowell**  
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)  
Alternates: **Logan Argo, Jack Christie, Kevin Martin, Jason Smith**

Nursery Attendants ..... **Lisa Dickerson, Amy Rogers**  
**Laura Walker, Bonnie Wamble**  
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

**Sunday, September 3, 2017 6:00 P.M.**

Greeting & Announcements ..... **John McCadams**  
Song Leader..... **David Briley**  
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Matthew Orphanides**  
Lord's Table ..... **(H) Barry Carry, Phillip Mullins**

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

Closing Prayer ..... **Tom DeBerry**  
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)  
Nursery Attendants ..... **Sandra Highers, Sandra Witherspoon**  
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

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

### Ushers For September

**Calvin Bailey, Don Mitchell, Joe Pickler, Gerald Swims**  
**Balcony Communion: Keith Jackson, Trevor Jones**

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

**Bus Driver for September: George Cherry (731) 616-2955**

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

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