

PARIS TN

# East Wood

church of Christ

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Adam Currence	Rudy Peoples
Lavelle Davidson	Jason Scarbrough
Philip Davidson	Jason Smith
Levi Dodd	Lance Winders

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am  
Worship-10:30am

Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm  
Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00pm

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731-642-7751 & leave message  
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Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am  
AM 1000, 97.5 FM

Charter-Channel 195  
Sunday @ 9:00am

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email: jpboarder720@yahoo.com

**HEAR THE GOSPEL ON CABLE  
TV AND SATELLITE EACH  
SUNDAY**

**Charter Cable:**

6:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-  
Channel 15  
6:30am Fabric of Family-  
Channel 16  
7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-  
Channel 13  
7:30am Preaching the Gospel-  
Channel 13  
8:00am Good News Today-  
Channel 13

**WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708**

7:00am A Bible Answer

**Dish TV & Direct TV-Channel 30:**

7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way  
7:30am Preaching the Gospel  
8:00am Good News Today

## THEME FOR 2018: "BE TRANSFORMED" Romans 12:1-2

### REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF LIFE

by Josh Manning

I enjoy the end of December for different reasons. There are, of course, the obvious times of holiday celebrations that fill the final days of December. It is wonderful to enjoy these days surrounded by friends and family. There are also the joys of looking forward to an entirely new year. Laura and I always have a date night shortly after the beginning of the new year where—in addition to going somewhere nice to eat—we talk about all the things we would like to do together that year and we make a yearly "To Do" list. Part of this process includes looking at the previous year's "To Do" list and seeing how successful we were in accomplishing our goals and whether or not our unfinished goals need to be carried over into the new year.

Psalm 8:3-4 says, *"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?"* David said that he contemplated the mighty works of God's creation when he looked at the night sky. When he considered the awesome works of God, it humbled him that the Creator of the Universe would lovingly care for mankind. This contemplation moved David, humbled by the creative might and loving kindness of God, to write a psalm of praise to God which both begins and ends with these words: *"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth"* (Psalm 8:1, 9). Notice the progression of the psalm: David saw the works of God, he then considered the magnitude of God's works, he was then humbled by God's greatness, and then from a heart of humility and awe he praised and worshiped his God. All of this happened because David paused to think.

It is always good for God's people to be reminded of the gracious works of God. It is also good for God's people to take inventory of their own activities. As the year 2018 winds down to a close, each of us should reflect on the year of life that God has blessed us with and consider three things: 1. How has God been at work in my life in 2018, 2. How well have I glorified God through my life in 2018, and 3. How can I better serve God in 2019? The following are a series of questions that will help us reflect on the year 2018:

Of the books of the Bible I read this year, which was my favorite and why?

Which Bible character do I most relate with this year?

What have I spent more time doing, asking *for* things from God or praising Him?

Have I shared the Gospel with anyone this year?

Am I more able to engage in confession and repentance or pretending to be perfect?

Who have I honored with my wealth, myself or the Lord (Prov. 3:9)?

What word would characterize my worship to God in 2018?

Let's use these questions to reflect on 2018 and then think about how we would like to answer them next year. As a church and as individuals, our goal should be to honor our God through everything we do. *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

# STATE OF THE YOUTH

## TREE OF GRADUAL PROGRESS

by Ethan Schulte

Jesus was an incredible healer. His compassion for people and His divine power made Him the greatest physician the world has ever known. The collaboration of verses such as Matthew 4:23: “*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people,*” and the accounts of Jesus bringing deceased people back to life, gives the strong implication that there is not a physical ailment that could not be healed by the power of Jesus. This is not to say that Jesus did not employ different methods of healing people. In fact, He used quite a few different methods, including touching the person, speaking over the person, speaking about the person from afar, and having his clothing touched. Perhaps His most unusual method for healing was the use of spit. On only three occasions, God’s word specifically records that Jesus used His saliva in the process of healing: in John 9:6 to make mud with which to anoint the eyes of a blind man, in Mark 7:33 to touch to the tongue of a deaf-mute man, and again in Mark 8:23 to heal a different blind man. This blind man of Mark 8 is the focus of our discussion today, because in addition to the interestingly rare use of spit we see in this account, we also see here the only time that Jesus did not immediately heal someone completely.

Once Jesus spit on this man’s eyes, He asked him if he could see. The man replied, “I see men like trees, walking,” (Mark 8:24, NKJV). Instead of being able to see clearly, the man’s vision is rather blurry, and the people around have the appearance of trees. Jesus then touched the man’s eyes a second time, and his vision was completely restored.

What might we learn from this rather peculiar account of Jesus healing a man gradually rather than immediately? The message here is that growth is not an instantaneous process. If encountering Jesus face-to-face requires additional time, additional faith, and additional compassion, then we can be sure that encountering Him through the word and through the church will require some additional things as well. All too often we limit the process of changing from a slave of sin to a courageous Christian, to the few minutes it takes to confess and be baptized. However, if we know it takes between 21 and 66 days (depending on who you ask) to break one habit or form a new one, imagine how long it must take to change one’s entire character. Let us show some additional patience to

those who are just beginning their spiritual transformation. On the other hand, let those who have been undergoing their spiritual transformation for quite some time be wary of becoming content with “seeing trees.” The process of spiritual growth is one that takes a lifetime, and I fear that too many of us become complacent with seeing trees, with incomplete growth, and we stop imploring Jesus to heal us further. May we all grant ourselves some additional motivation and diligence, that we may progress towards an ever-clearer outlook on life, and a deeper appreciation for our Savior.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TNT (Thursday Nights Together):** Every Thursday night at Ethan and Alyssa Schulte’s home @ 6:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

### Youth Devotionals:

Every FOURTH week of the month starting January 2019

3- 6 grade after A.M. Service

7-12 grade after P.M. Service

Guys Bring Drinks, Girls Bring Desserts.

Pick-up time for 3-6th grades is usually from 1:30-2:00 P.M. from the building.

**Lock-In:** December 31st at 8:00 p.m.—January 1st at 7:30 a.m. at the church building.

**BLAST! :** 3rd—6th Grade. Saturday, January 5th from 9:00 a.m.—Noon at the church building.

**ENGAGE:** Sunday, January 6th. Morningside Singing @ 2:00 p.m.

**Worship Notes:** available for grades K - 5th grade. Pages are given out in their Sunday morning class and after pew packers. Let’s help our children interact with the Worship Service.

## BIRTHDAYS

Bella Millraney	January 1
Callie Taylor	January 1
Allie Grace Veglio	January 18
Hannah Wofford	January 19
Taylor Berry	January 31

# **GREETER**

## **December 30**

Rick & Lisa  
Moody

## **January 6**

Lori & Sarah  
Backer

# **OUR ATTITUDE**

Sunday AM Bible Study.....231  
Sunday AM Worship.....334  
Sunday PM Worship.....138  
Wednesday PM Bible Study.....177  
This week's contribution.....\$9453  
Weekly Budget.....\$8646

# **KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Pansy Henry:** January 9th to schedule esophageal dilation with surgeon; 135 Max Drive /Paris  
**Joe Elkins:** home, difficulty breathing. Prayers for his condition to improve; 506 Country Club Drive / Puryear TN 38251  
**Lowell Brisendine:** home with hospice care. Short visits unless there is a sign on the door. (Preferred mailing address: 1801 Guthrie Road / Paris); 412 S. Wilson Street / Paris  
**Lillie Mae Odom:** Lymphoma. Cards and calls welcome, please no visits; 185 Green Hills Estate Rd. / Paris  
**Jack Valentine:** admitted to St. Thomas, Wednesday, December 26th, due to kidney's shutting down; 320 Clifty Creek Road / Paris  
**Eugenia Castleberry:** home. Visit before 4:00 p.m. Call first; 16 Laurel Lane / Paris  
**Melanie Shaffer:** home; 378 Sunnyside Drive / Paris  
**Frank Parker:** home; 1114 Chickasaw / Paris  
**Jimmy Wynn:** home; 16970 Hwy 69 N / Cottage Grove TN 38224  
**Charlotte Loines:** home; 316 Jackson Street / Paris  
**Kenneth Holt:** (brother of Reba Crouch and Marty Olive) please remember in prayer. Would appreciate cards as he continues to battle cancer; 1390 Mifflin Road / Jackson, TN 38301  
**Carol Ellison:** (Daughter of Ray & Helen Tucker) fell, broke bones above the ankle in the right leg; 145 Melissa Drive / Puryear TN 38251  
**Alex Widener:** (Carolyn Burton's great niece) was moved to a Knoxville hospital. Removed most of her heel due to severe infection. Probable below knee amputation.  
**Dale Crain:** upcoming procedure at the first of the year; Dale & Fran Crain, 3640 Hwy 79 S / Paris  
**Larry Evans:** (Stephanie Winders' father) home; 455 Shiloh Church Road / Mansfield TN 38236

# **FOOD PANTRY**

Saltine Crackers, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Vienna Sausages, Spam, Canned Ham, Any Canned Meat Products, Cold & Hot Cereals

# **FUTURE WORSHIP LEADERS**

**If unable to serve, please contact Phillip Brown @ 336-1497. Participants in the A.M. service are asked to please meet in the library following the second bell.**

## **SUNDAY A.M.**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
Closing Prayer

Lord's Supper  
Presiding

East Side

West Side

Nursery

Balcony

Alternates

Overhead Projector

## **DECEMBER 30**

Steve Delaney  
Jason Smith  
Rick Moody  
John McDavid  
Steve Delaney

Chalie Neal

Bob Comer  
Troy Buttrey  
Edwin Carrington  
Lance Winders

Alan Shaffer  
Bobby Sadler  
Silas Winders

Wes Knee

Reece Killion  
Dominic Figurelli  
Blake Morton

Brian Foster  
Patrick Peale  
Luke Schieffer

Aaron Hutson

## **JANUARY 6**

Charlie Neal  
Adam Currence  
David Belisle  
Rudy Peoples  
Charlie Neal

Michael Williams

Jerry Peale  
Billy Hensley  
Eddie Lane  
Bobby Barton

Craig Brown  
Joe Millraney  
Daniel Williams

Ned Morris

Hayden Figurelli  
Charlie Morton  
Charles Backer

Ron Brown  
Mike McDaniel  
Adam Killion

Aaron Hutson

## **SUNDAY P.M.**

Song Leader  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
Lord's Supper  
Closing Prayer

## **WEDNESDAY**

Song Leader  
Invitation  
Closing Prayer

## **DECEMBER 30**

Jason Smith  
Max Henry  
Donald Drinkard  
Zach Golson  
Jerry Olive

## **JANUARY 2**

Ethan Schulte  
David Belisle  
Dan Patterson

## **JANUARY 6**

Adam Currence  
Phillip Brown  
Ethan Schulte  
Jon Davidson  
Charles Clark

## **JANUARY 9**

Jason Smith  
Craig Brown  
Rayburn Thomason

## **BAPTISM**

Larry Evans was baptized into Christ, Thursday, December 20th, 2018.

## **THANK YOU**

Thanks for all the calls, prayers and the fruit plate. Jack and Peggy Valentine

This is to East Wood for the lovely fruit plate that you sent me. I'm glad to be a part of this wonderful congregation. Thanks so much and love to all, Carnell Lowry

I want to thank everyone who sent me cards, calls and your prayers. I also want to thank East Wood for the fruit basket and thank Janis Brown for bringing it to me. In Christian Love, Lillie Mae Odom

Dear Church Family, I have been blessed with much love and kindness as I recover from the concussion. The cards, food, fruit basket, visit from the 1st grade class, and treat bag from the Ladies Wednesday Night Class have been such an encouragement to me. I love all of you. Please continue to pray for me. Love, Helen Wilson

Thank you so much for the fruit basket. It was so thoughtful of you. Thanks to Janice Wade for delivering it to us. In Christian Love, Max and Pansy Henry

## **SYMPATHY**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Laura Manning and the family of her Great Uncle, Cecil Thelbert Henderson. He passed December 25th, 2018. Services were held at the Beard & Giles Funeral Home in Hopkinsville, Kentucky on Friday, December 29th, 2018.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Young Men's Service:** this evenings service.

**Lock-in:** 7th - 12th grade. Monday, December 31st @ 8:00 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 1st in the multipurpose room.

**Office Closed:** Tuesday, January 1st, 2019.

**BLAST! :** 3rd - 6th Grade. Saturday, January 5th from 9:00 a.m.—Noon at the church building.

**Morningside Singing:** January 6th, Next Sunday, @ 2:00 p.m.

**Host Youth Devotionals:** Please sign-up for hosting youth devotionals, for the 2019 year. Several openings are available. Sign-up sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

**Youth Devotionals:** starting January 2019, will be conducted on the 4th Sunday of the month.

**Sewing Ladies:** will meet again Tuesday, January 8th, 2019.

**Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:** There will be class beginning Wednesday morning, January 9th, 2019.

**New To The Library:** "Baptism and the Greek Made Simple" by Dave Miller, Ph.D. Paperback book printed 2018. Donated by Apologetics Press

### ELDER'S CORNER

**REMINDER:** The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

December 30: Young Men's Service  
December 31: Lock-In 7th– 12th grade @ 8:00 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. January 1st  
January 1: Office Closed New Year's Day Observance  
January 5: BLAST! 3rd -6th Grade 9:00 a.m.- Noon at the church building  
January 6: Morningside Singing @ 2:00 p.m. ENGAGE  
January 8: Sewing Ladies Ministry will resume  
January 9: Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study resumes @ 10:00 in the MPR  
January 10: TNT 9th—12th @ 6:00 p.m.  
January 13: HC Healthcare Singing @ 2:00 p.m. ENGAGE

### DEACON COMMITTEE LISTING

**Benevolence:** Troy Buttrey, Lance Winders, Rudy Peoples, Brian Foster

**Building / Grounds:** Craig Brown, Bob Comer, Mike McDaniel, John McDavid, David Belisle

**Communication / Advertising:** David Belisle, Philip Davidson, Jeff Figurelli, Steve Blount, Aaron Hutson

**Education:** Adam Currence, Jason Scarbrough, Philip Davidson

**Family:** Mike McDaniel, Steve Blount, Adam Killion, John McDavid, Lavelle Davidson

**Membership Care:** Lavelle Davidson, Phillip Brown, Bob Comer, Levi Dodd

**Evangelism / Missions:** Jason Smith, Rudy Peoples, Troy Buttrey, Craig Brown, Adam Currence

**Worship/Security:** Phillip Brown, Levi Dodd, Brian Foster, Adam Killion, Jason Scarbrough

**Youth:** Aaron Hutson, Jeff Figurelli, Jason Smith, Lance Winders