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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am
Worship-10:30am
Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm
Wednesday AM Adult Bible
Study 10:00
Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00

Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am
AM 1000, 97.5 FM

Spectrum-Channel 195
Sunday @ 9:00am

Live Streaming Youtube.com
Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM,
Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Sunday AM & PM / Leave Message

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Youth Group: www.ewyg.org
Closed Group

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

Charter / Spectrum Cable:

6:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-
Channel 15
7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-
Channel 13
7:30am Preaching the Gospel-
Channel 13

WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708

7:00am A Bible Answer

Dish TV 58 & 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 2023: "O to be Like Thee" 1 Peter 1:7

EVERY GOOD & PERFECT GIFT

by Josh Manning

In the introduction to the Flood narrative, we find God saying, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3). A rather cryptic statement indeed! Was God limiting how long man would live? Possibly, since we do find a drastic decline in lifespans after the Flood. Though we must qualify the 120 years here as *proverbial* and a general limiting since the ages after the Flood were not limited to an exact age (we find Abraham living to be 175 years old, Genesis 25:7, and Isaac living to be 180, Genesis 35:28, and others living less than 120 years). Consider *The Psalm of Moses* (Psalm 90) and how he (a man who would live to the ripe old age of 120, Deuteronomy 34:7) spoke of human life: "The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:10). Lifespans definitely decreased from the 900+ years of Genesis 5, the 120 years of Genesis 6, and then the 70-80 years of Psalm 90. Thus, one way to read Genesis 6:3 is to see the continuing negative effect of sin as God, having already separated man from the Tree of Life in Eden, is now setting another limiting boundary—man lives less.

What else could Genesis 6:3 be saying? When we keep reading and come to Genesis 6:5 we find very sad words, "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Now this verse (along with verse 7) really sets the stage for the Flood. Genesis 6 is a chapter all about God's righteous judgment of His creation which has entered into full-on sinful rebellion. The Lord God tells Noah that He will send a flood (Genesis 6:17). When? Well Genesis 7 tells us twice that the Flood came when Noah was 600 years old (Genesis 7:6, 11). When we compare that age with the genealogy information in Genesis 5:32 where Noah was 500 years old, we get a span of about 100 years. Some see the 100 years as an explanation for what God was talking about in Genesis 6:3 and say that God was offering a period of grace before He sent the Flood.

This brings us to our final thought about God's good and perfect gifts. What has God given to each of us? He has given us time. Time to enjoy life. Time to love one another. Time to develop faith. Time to experience grace. Listen to what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:20, "when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah...". Why did God wait so long to send the Flood? He wanted the lost to repent. Peter also wrote, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Finally, listen to Paul's beautiful words in Romans 2:4, "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" The years of our lives are a gift by which we are able to learn of God, His goodness, and His salvation. These years of life are also an opportunity for us to glorify the God Who has loved us so richly through His Son Jesus. What are we doing with the good and perfect gifts of God? What are we doing with time? Or better yet, what will we do with the New Year that awaits each of us?

STATE OF THE YOUTH

SERMON LINGO BINGO

Evangelism	Neighbor	Friend	God	Faith	Baptize / Baptism
2024	Social media	Paul	One more	Vision	Genesis
Goals	Isaiah	Seeds	Campaign	Peter	Love
Bible	Blueprints	Mercy	Family	Trust	Cut to the Chase
Plant	John	Mr. Rogers	Grace	Classroom	Jesus
Abraham	Hope	Next Year	Study	Hand to Hand	Water

Instructions:
 Listen to the sermon and mark off the words on this Bingo card when Mr. Ethan says them. If you get six in a row, whether up and down, left to right, or diagonally, then you win! Show Mr. Ethan your Bingo after services for a piece of candy!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

New Years Eve Lock-In: Sunday, December 31st after PM Service / Pick up at 7:00 AM Monday.

CYC 2024 at Pigeon Forge: “FAMILY” February 23-25th. For all 6th—12th Graders.

Basics: Saturday, January 6th from 5-8 PM at the home of Ethan & Alyssa Shulte; 1020 Diggs Road / Paris

Evangelism University 2024 (EU): “LOOK UP”
 January 12-14th, Savannah, TN.

Youth Devotional: January 28th. Guys bring drinks / Girls bring desserts.

BIRTHDAYS

Taylor Little January 20

OUR ATTITUDE

Sunday AM Bible Study.....	141
Sunday AM Worship.....	186
Sunday PM Worship.....	85
Wednesday PM Bible Study.....	108
This week's contribution.....	\$10,021
Weekly Budget.....	\$8,506

FOOD PANTRY

Canned Beef, Canned Ham,
Canned Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce, Soups,
Canned Fruit, Jelly and Peanut Butter

SUNDAY A.M.

Announcements
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Closing Prayer

Preside

East Side

West Side

DECEMBER 31

Steve Delaney
Will Little
Hunter Bethune
Josh Coleman

Michael Williams

N/A

N/A

JANUARY 7

Steve Delaney
Jon Davidson
Jason Smith
Steve Delaney

Rudy Peoples

Phillip Brown
Edwin Carrington

Bob Comer
Logan Davidson

Bobby Barton
Blake Morton
Patrick Peale

SUNDAY P.M.

Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Communion &
Contribution
Closing Prayer

DECEMBER 31

Bill DeWees
Mark Brown
Jerry Peale
Craig Brown

JANUARY 7

Dan Patterson
Micah Sutton
Eddie Lane
Stephen Blackwell

WEDNESDAY

Song Leader
Invitation
Closing Prayer

JANUARY 3

Phillip Brown
Lance Winders
Donald Drinkard

JANUARY 10

Troy Buttrey
Javan Winders
Matt Ellis

JANUARY

USHERS: Levi Dodd/ Brad Smith
BENEVOLENCE: Troy Buttrey / Bob Comer
CONTROL ROOM VIDEO: Javan Winders
EAST SIDE DOOR: Adam Killion

KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Zora Adams: heart cath at St. Thomas, January 9th; 191 Woodland Acres Road / Paris TN 38242

Sharon Crocker: had surgery at HCMC, December 27th; 2-B Washington Court / Paris

Darlene Humphrys: (Patsy Davidson's sister) continue prayers as she battles cancer; 4 Carriage Lane/ Barboursville WV 25504

Lois Long: (Sandi Smith's mother) needing prayers; 5409 Hwy 68 / Turtletown, TN 37391

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Leon and Carolyn Bumpus	Ray Tucker
Buddy Goad	Valerie Wynn
Joe Orawczyk	Dale & Kathy McCant
Zet Presson	Stan Summers
Peggy Shepherd	Marcia Wimberley
Jim & Darla Russell	

THANK YOU

East Wood family, thanks for the plate of fruit, to the Ladies Class for the bag of treats, and to Wes and Judy Knee for delivering them. Janice Jackson

To the East Wood congregation, Thank you so much for the men's suits and dress clothes that were delivered to us. These were a great blessing for the students. We appreciate your support of the school and especially your support of Robert Taylor. In Christ, Tri-Cities School of Preaching (signed by all the students)

SYMPHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Linda "Sue" Orawczyk. She passed away December 24th, 2023. McEvoy Funeral Home conducted the Visitation, December 28th, 2023. Graveside Service and burial followed at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Puryear, TN. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to the TN Children's Home, P.O. Box 10, Spring Hill, TN 37174-0010

We extend our deepest sympathy to Janice Wade and family with the passing of her brother, Elvy Sauls Jr. He passed away December 27th, 2023. Bruceton Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements which are incomplete at this time.

LIFE LINE BLOOD MOBILE

Thursday, January 4th, 12 noon-6:00 PM will be Downtown.

BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS

Wednesday, January 3rd: Clint Wynn and Charles Atkins
Wednesday, January 10th: Owen Smith and Ty Davidson

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Return Service Requested

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Closed: Monday, January 1st, for observation of the holiday.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals: at 5:45 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room January 3rd and January 17th.

Contribution: Starting January 7th, we will be passing trays for contribution. All men involved in AM Worship Service will need to meet in the library after Bible Class.

Baby Shower: Sunday, January 21st from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM for Laura and Josh Manning at the home of Ethan and Alyssa Schulte. They are registered with Amazon and Walmart for their little boy, Caleb; 1020 Diggs Road / Paris

WHAT IS FIA?

Faith in Action (FIA) is a fellowship and visitation program made up of four teams. One team meets each week for fellowship with other team members and receive an assignment to make during the week. Assignments can be personal visits, phone calls, or sending cards. Members can decide what type of assignments they are comfortable performing. After a four month period, the teams are reorganized so members are able to fellowship with a new group of individuals.

New teams will form starting January 1. If you would like to be added to a team or if you are currently on a team and need to take some time off during the next four months. New teams will be distributed on December 31 with the first team meeting January 7.

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 31:** New Years Lock-In begins after PM Service / Pick up at 7 AM Monday
- January 1:** Office Closed
- January 3:** Wednesday Night Meal Team C
- January 6th:** Basics from 5:00—8:00 PM at Ethan & Alyssa Schulte's home
- January 7:** FIA Team 1
- January 12-14:** Evangelism University, Savannah, TN
- January 14:** FIA Team 2
- January 17:** Wednesday Night Meal Team D
- January 21:** FIA Team 3
Eiffel Gardens Singing
Baby Shower for Laura & Josh Manning from 2:00 PM—3:30 PM at the home of Ethan and Alyssa Schulte.
- January 28:** Youth Devotional
FIA Team 4

