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Brian Foster Billy Hensley Adam Killion Will Little Mike McDaniel Jason Smith Lance Winders

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am Worship-10:30am Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm Wednesday AM Adult Bible Study10:00 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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#### 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 2024: DISCIPLESHIP ON DISPLAY

# By This All Will Know That You Are My Disciples by Josh Manning

We have been spending a good deal of time this year viewing our Christianity through the lens of John 13:34-35. Jesus said, "*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*" By saying these words, He was selecting love as an identifying mark of His followers. Jesus's own apostles would continue this love-emphasizing teaching in several places. 1John 4 is full of *love for brethren* instruction: verse 7 states, "*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God*"; verse 11 says, "*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this command-ment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also."* Having heard Jesus's New Commandment, John powerfully repeated it.

Peter also built on the Lord's New Commandment. In 1Peter 1:22-23 he wrote, "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever." Notice that Peter sees our new birth as bringing us into a new family where love characterizes our actions and attitudes. A little later in the book he would write, "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing" (1Peter 3:8-9). We find Peter again emphasizing Christian love in 4:8, "And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins." Then, it comes as no surprise that the book ends with Peter saying, "Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to vou all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen" (1Peter 5:14). Now don't try and salute me with a holy kiss after reading this. But please do not miss the thread that winds its way through the writings of the apostles: Christians must love one another.

Now let's spend a few minutes thinking about whether or not the Lord Jesus sees any exceptions to His New Commandment. Like the lawyer in Luke 10:29 who sought to know which people were NOT his neighbors (and thus he was NOT responsible for loving them...), can we identify which Christians Jesus does not expect us to love? It seems silly to even ask, doesn't it? What about Christians who are much older or younger than we are, must we love them? How about those Christians who do things differently than my family does, must I love them? What if I disagree about something scriptural with a brother or sister? Does that give me license to withhold Christian charity from that person? What about when a Christian sins and falls "short of the glory of God"? Does the imperfection or *the imperfections* of a brother or sister dissolve the command to love that Jesus gave? The New Testament teaches us that love must be what we give to one another at all times (cf. Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 13:8).

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| of Wit play this game   | of dots with someone you think you can outwit!                                 |  |  |
| YOUTH ACTIVITIES  |  |  |  |
| Basics: Saturday, March 2nd, at the Schulte home; 1020 West TN Retreat: Friday, April 5th-7th |  |  |  |
| Diggs Road/Paris.   |  |  |  |
| Family Skate: March 9th, \$10 per person.   | <b>UNITE Family Youth Retreat</b> : Friday-Sunday, April 12th-14th. Cost \$20. |  |  |
| Youth Devotional: March 17th. Guys bring drinks/Girls Bring desserts.                         | Youth Devotional: April 28th Guys bring drinks/Girls Bring desserts.           |  |  |

# BIRTHDAYS

Evangeline Atkins Clint Wynn

March 5th March 14th Emery Brown Madden Belisle March 18th March 19th

### **OUR ATTITUDE**

| Sunday AM Bible Study    | 158      |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Sunday AM Worship        | 192      |
| Sunday PM Worship        | 102      |
| Wednesday PM Bible Study | 126      |
| This week's contribution | \$ 6,539 |
| Weekly Budget            | \$8,480  |

### FOOD PANTRY

Disposable Salt and Pepper Shakers, Pasta Noodles, Smaller Boxed Cereal, Potatoes, Rice, Canned Beef

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| SUNDAY A.M.       | FEBRUARY 25      | MARCH 3          |
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| Announcements     | Steve Delaney    | Josh Coleman     |
| Opening Prayer    | Phillip Brown    | Ethan Schulte    |
| Scripture Reading | Bob Comer        | Will Little      |
| Closing Prayer    | John McDavid     | Michael Williams |
| Preside           | Stan Wilson      | Jason Smith      |
| West Side         | Steve Durham     | Micah Sutton     |
|                   | Mike McDaniel    | Logan Davidson   |
|                   | Philip Davidson  | Blake Morton     |
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| East Side         | Lance Winders    | Daniel Belisle   |
|                   | Dave Perry       | Hunter Bethune   |
|                   | Bill DeWees      | Levi Dodd        |
|                   | Edwin Carrington | Matt Ellis       |
| SUNDAY P.M.       | FEBRUARY 25      | MARCH 3          |
| Opening Prayer    | Max Henry        | Troy Buttrey     |
| Scripture Reading | Eddie Lane       | Donald Drinkard  |
| Communion &       |                  |                  |
| Contribution      | Patrick Peale    | Steve Durham     |
| Closing Prayer    | Dan Patterson    | Javan Winders    |
| WEDNESDAY         | FEBRUARY 28      | MARCH 6          |
| Song Leader       | Troy Buttrey     | Logan Davidson   |
| Invitation        | Bob Comer        | Eric Owens       |
| Closing Prayer    | Jim Russell      | Mark Brown       |
| MARCH             |                  |                  |

USHERS: Craig Brown / Brian Foster BENEVOLENCE: Jason Smith / Lance Winders CONTROL ROOM VIDEO: Philip Davidson EAST SIDE DOOR: Brad Smith

# **KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Betty Moody:** had a total knee replacement, February 22nd, at the Tri Star Centennial Hospital in Nashville, TN; 7620 Hwy 79N / Buchanan TN 38222

**Helen Blackwell:** having health problems; 1065 Flatwoods Lane/ Paris

**Ellen McNatt:** broken hip. Surgery at TriStar Skyline Medical Center, this past Sunday. Room 329; TriStar Skyline Medical Center, 3441 Dickerson Pike / Nashville, TN 37207

**Sue Horn:** (Jim Russell's Cousin) had a massive stroke. family asking for prayers.

**Lois Long:** (Sandi Smith's mother) health is declining, moved to rehabilitation facility. Requesting prayers; Lois Long c/o Copper Basin Health & Rehabilitation PO Box 518 / Ducktown, TN 37236

**Molly Harris:** (Daughter of Dan & Ann Patterson) lymphoma, awaiting plan of treatment, prayers appreciated.

**Turlean Tharpe:** (Brittany Easley's grandmother) is in poor health.

# CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Zora Adams Leon and Carolyn Bumpus Buddy Goad Bob Perry Zet Presson Darla Russell Peggy Shepherd Ray Tucker Valerie Wynn Amber Cate Darlene Humphreys Dale & Kathy McCant Mary Schooley Stan Summers Marcia Wimberley

# THANK YOU

Dear East Wood church of Christ, Thank you so much for the many wonderful desserts and donation for the FHU lectureships. They were much appreciated and very much enjoyed. Ms. Martha Alls would have been proud that this work is continuing. In Christian love, Jennifer Sellers and FHU Associates

### **BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS**

Wednesday, February 28th: Owen Smith and James Wilson Wednesday, March 6th: Clint Wynn and Gavin Wynn Return Service Requested

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIA Team 4:** will meet today, February 25th, at the home of Steve and Danette Delaney after Morning Service for potluck; 189 Jackson Estates Drive / Paris

West Cancer Center and Research Collection: last day for collecting snacks and small canned drinks for the West Cancer Center

**TN Children's Home Spring Food and Supply Drive:** We will be collecting food and supplies through April 15th. These items can be placed in the library behind the desk. It is also asked that each family consider giving \$25.00 or more in cash/check for the purchase of perishable foods. Please Make checks out to "TN Children's Home" and give them to an elder. Lists are at the exits.

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING: March 3rd-6th, 2024 Guest Speaker Eric Owens.
Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM "The Gateway to Happiness"
Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:30 AM "Why You Can't Find Happiness"
SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL after AM Service
Sunday PM Service: 1:30 PM "Why Religion is Not Making You Happy"
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: Fellowship Meal 5:45 PM / Service: 7:00 PM

Monday PM: "Do We Serve God or Does He Serve Us" Tuesday PM: "Do You Have Eyes to See or Are You Blind?"

Wednesday PM: "A Joy That Can't Be Taken"

**Widow/Widower Fellowship**: meeting at the building, Thursday, March 7th, at 11:00 AM . See Mary Lynn Summer with questions.

### **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

| February 25: | FIA Team 4 will meet after AM Service  |
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| , v          | for potluck meal at the home of Steve & Danette Delaney  |
|              | West Cancer Center and Research<br>Collection, last day to bring items                                 |
| March 2:     | Basics at the Schulte home   |
| March 3:     | FIA Team 1   |
|              | TN Children's Home Spring Food and<br>Supply Drive to begin / Flyers at exits                          |
| March 3:     | Spring Gospel Meeting with Eric Owen<br>Fellowship Meal after AM Service, 1:30<br>PM Service to follow |
| March 4-6:   | Fellowship Meal at 5:45 PM/ Spring<br>Gospel Meeting to follow at 7:00 PM                              |
| March 7:     | Widow/Widowers Fellowship will meet<br>at building at 11:00 AM   |
| March 9:     | Youth Family Skate   |
| March 10:    | FIA Team 2   |
| March 17:    | FIA Team 3   |
|              | Eiffel Gardens Singing   |
|              | Youth Devotional Guys bring drinks/Girls bring desserts.   |

