Sharing, Serving, and Growing in the Love of Christ to the Glory of God

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Craig Brown Phillip Brown Troy Buttrey Bob Comer Jon Davidson Philip Davidson Levi Dodd 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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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 2024: DISCIPLESHIP ON DISPLAY

# BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES by Josh Manning

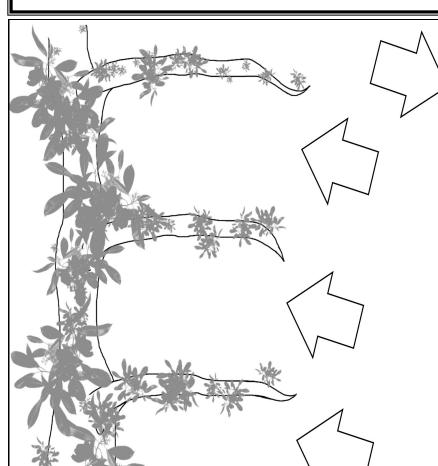
There are two words that we are going to think about: "know" and "love." The time honored tradition of pulling petals off a flower and saying, "He loves me...he loves me not" is all about these two words. This act of pulling petals off a flower (of course hoping that the last petal will correspond with you saying, "he (or she) loves me") is a childish activity motivated by a desire to know if you're loved. And we all long to know whether or not we are loved. One of the greatest feelings in the world (if not *the* greatest) comes from knowing that you are loved. We also know that one of the greatest sources of pain is the pain inflicted by a loved one, or the pain of loving someone who does not reciprocate your affection. How many stories have been written about unrequited love?

Wouldn't it make life easier if we could just know without a shadow of a doubt that someone loved us, or not? Wouldn't our lives be so much happier if we could only know, truly, that someone completely loved us? And if you did know that you were loved, fully and completely, would that change anything about the way you live?

Well, do you know that you are loved? This question prompts us to ask another question: How can one know with confidence that they are loved by another? To that we might say something to the effect that we know we are loved by the actions of others. The Bible would agree with this line of reasoning: "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1John 3:16-18). There is a profound relationship that exists between the words "know" and "love." How do you know that God loves you? John's answer is simple, look at what God did to demonstrate His love. Paul says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Demonstrates? This is an interesting word which means to stand with or to set up prominently (to be seen). In Romans 5:8 it is almost as if someone asked Paul, "What do you mean 'God loves me'? How can I possibly know that?" To which the apostle would respond, "Let me declare to you the mighty works of God. Are you aware of what Jesus did on your behalf when you were living as His enemy? God does not simply state that He loves you; rather, He sacrifices Himself and sets up that act next to His love as a proof of His affection." God demonstrates His love.

Can we know that we are loved? The answer is yes. Actions provide evidence to the declaration of love. Because God loved us, "He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Because Jesus loves us, "He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). Because God desires for us to know that we are loved, He demonstrates His love through actions. Can we apply these ideas to ourselves: do others know that we love them? Do we demonstrate love through actions?

### STATE OF THE YOUTH



# Dreams of the Butler and Baker



Joseph is in prison with Pharaoh's butler and baker. They have had dreams and need Joseph to interpret them. Can you draw in the missing parts of their dreams?

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

West TN Retreat: Friday, April 5th-7th

**Dorcas Meeting:** Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30-8:00PM in the

Multi-Purpose Room.

UNITE Family Youth Retreat: Friday-Sunday, April 12th-

14th. Cost \$20.

Youth Devotional: April 28th.. Guys bring drinks / Girls Bring

desserts. At the home of Will and Kayla Little,

High School Graduation 2024: To all high school seniors and their parents / guardians who attend East Wood church of Christ, please prepare the following things: a statement regarding your plans after high school, your preferred translation of the Bible & how you would like your name to appear on the Bible, and at least 20-25 pictures of yourself through the years. Please send these things to Ethan no later than April 21st to ensure your inclusion in our Graduation Program on May 19th. (email: ethan.schulte94@gmail.com)

**Spring Formal:** Saturday May 4th. Cost \$40.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Ally Morton

April 7th

Tucker M

Jack McCollum

Sophie Taylor

May 3rd

Logan Day

Tucker McCollum May 7th
Eva Coleman May 9th
Logan Davidson May 17th

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#### FOOD PANTRY

Cranberry Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Tuna, Granola Bars, Canned Carrots, Salt and Pepper Shakers

SUNDAY A.M. Announcements Opening Prayer Scripture Reading Closing Prayer Preside	APRIL 7 John McDavid Bill DeWees Levi Dodd Michael Williams Rudy Peoples	APRIL 14 John McDavid Brian Foster Max Henry Josh Coleman Michael Williams
West Side  East Side	Matt Ellis Billy Hensley Mike McDaniel  Bobby Barton Stephen Blackwell	Adam Killion Eddie Lane Will Little Blake Morton Daniel Belisle
SUNDAY P.M.	Mark Brown Logan Davidson  APRIL 7	Hunter Bethune Craig Brown  APRIL 14
Opening Prayer Scripture Reading	Jim Russell Randy Mabe	Troy Buttrey Bob Comer
Communion &	Randy Made	Bob Comer
Contribution	Steve Durham	Philip Davidson
Closing Prayer	Dan Patterson	Edwin Carrington
WEDNESDAY Song Leader Invitation	Mark Brown Billy Hensley	APRIL 17 Troy Buttrey Will Little
Closing Prayer	Charles Clark	Donald Drinkard

#### **APRIL**

USHERS: Jon Davidson / Phillip Brown BENEVOLENCE: Troy Buttrey / Bob Comer CONTROL ROOM VIDEO: Javan Winders EAST SIDE DOOR: Mike McDaniel

#### KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Ann Patterson:** knee surgery re-scheduled; 2807 Lone Oak / Paris

**Zora Adams:** has fluid in her left lung and gluteal tendinopathy at the hip site. May have up to eight weeks physical therapy exercises to help relieve pain; 191 Woodland Acres Road / Paris

**Clint Graff:** went to Vanderbilt last Tuesday for a 2 week preventative chemotherapy, to keep leukemia from returning; 705 Maple Street / Cottage Grove TN 38224

**David Webb:** (brother of Jack Webb) cancer in liver and pancreas. He lives in Florence, Alabama

**Joy Russell:** (Lydia Russell's sister-in-law) pneumonia, at NHC, after having heart surgery in March; 1321 Cedar Lane/ Tullahoma, TN 37388.

#### CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Leon and Carolyn Bumpus
Buddy Goad
Ellen McNatt
Bob Perry
Peggy Shepherd
Ray Tucker
Valerie Wynn
Wendy Wynn
Jason Judd
Dale & Kathy McCant
Marcia Wimberley

Molly Harris Darlene Humphreys

Karen Frederick

#### **THANK YOU**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ. Thank you for the card with words of hope and encouragement. However, your prayers are most appreciated. In Christian love, Karen Frederick

#### MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING CLOTHING

Dress and Casual Dress Men's Clothes are still being accepted.
Call Jason Smith.

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

Wednesday, April 10th: Charles Atkins and Ty Davidson Wednesday, April 17th: Owen Smith and James Wilson

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Return Service Requested

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIA Team 1:** will meet, in the Multi-Purpose Room, Sunday Evening after PM Service for finger foods. If unable to attend, please see Bill DeWees.

**Mighty Oaks Trip**: Cypress Springs Resort, Thursday, April 11th at 3:30. Sign up sheet is on the Family Committee Board.

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.

**Game Night**: Friday, April 19th at 6:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Bring Games, Mexican foods and drinks.

**Office Closed:** Friday, April 26th for Fish Fry.

PM at the Park: Eiffel Tower Park Picnic and Sunday PM Services. April 28th starting at 4:00 PM / Meal at 5:00 PM / Worship at 6:00 PM. There will be provided: Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments and drinks. Individuals are to bring: sides, desserts and chairs.

**Baby Blankets Program:** If you can crochet or sew or would like to learn, we really need you to help with the baby blanket program. Please join us on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 2:00. See Marty Olive 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

**April 7:** FIA Team 1 MPR after PM Service for

finger foods

**April 9:** Dorcas Meeting from 6:30 PM—8:00 PM

in the MPR

**April 11:** Mighty Oaks Trip: Cypress Springs

Resort at 3:30 pm. Sign up on Family

Committee bulletin board.

**April 12-14:** UNITE Family Youth Retreat

**April 14:** FIA Team 2 potluck meal in MPR after

AM Service

**April 16:** TN Children's Home Food Truck Spring

Food and Supply Drive Pick up early AM

**April 17:** Wednesday Night Meal Team B

**April 19:** Game Night at 6:30 PM in the MPR,

Mexican food theme (Bring games, food,

drinks)

**April 21:** FIA Team 3

Eiffel Gardens Singing

High School Graduates last day to submit

information needed to participate in

**Graduation Banquet Program** 

**April 26**: Fish Fry Office Closed

**April 28**: FIA Team 4

Youth Devotional, Guys bring drinks/

Girls Bring desserts at the home of Will and

Kayla Little

"PM at the Park" Eiffel Tower Park picnic and Sunday PM Services/ Starting at 4:00

PM/ Meal at 5:00 PM/ Worship at 6:00 PM

May 1: Wednesday Night Meal Team C

May 4: Youth Spring Formal

May 5: FIA Team 1

May 12: FIA Team 2

**May 15:** Wednesday Night Meal Team D

May 19: FIA Team 3

#### **BLOOD MOBILE UPTOWN**

Thursday, April 4th, from 12:00 PM—6:00 PM