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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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Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am
AM 1000, 97.5 FM
Charter-Channel 195
Sunday @ 9:00am

Daily Mini-sermon email:
eastwoodpreacher@icloud.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

REMEMBER NOW YOUR CREATOR

by Josh Manning

This past Monday Jason Smith asked Ethan and me to help move the Guyana missions, supplies from the church basement into the church van. When I arrived to help, Ethan (as an awesome youth minister would do) had already assembled an impressive East Wood youth group work force to get the job done. Together we got everything moved rather quickly. I was impressed with our youth group and how well they worked together and how enjoyable it was to be working with them—and yes they moved a lot more than I did. It reminded me of one of the closing verses in Ecclesiastes. As “the Preacher” (Ecc. 1:1) is drawing his writing to a grand conclusion, he makes this statement: “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’” (Ecc. 12:1).

That phrase, “remember now” is a powerful statement of exhortation that the wisdom of age speaks to those of us whose youthful attentions can sometimes get distracted by the flow of life. The call to “remember” is not given to individuals who have forgotten that there is a God. It is an exhortation to remember through life—by the way we live our lives—our God. And, it is an exhortation that is not limited to a single age group. However, the Preacher does direct his words to those who are characterized as experiencing “the days of... youth.” I would like us to consider a few reasons why it is so important to “remember now our Creator in the days of our youth.”

First, there is power in creating positive life habits. While it is difficult, at times, to create permanent lifestyle habits, their benefits are truly profound. This is especially true when we think about how important it is to develop an attitude of “remembering our Creator” by the way we conduct ourselves at all times. Paul spoke to this point in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, “¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” If we can learn how to be engaged in the work of the church when we are young, then as we continue to mature, our roles in the church should also mature and grow.

Second, the Preacher mentions “days” and “years” (12:1) when our ability to work will lessen and our opportunities for service will be diminished by the natural obstacles of age (12:2-7). Not only is there power in godly life habits, but in a general sense, there is the natural strength and energy that comes with being young. Since God is the one who blesses us with our talents and energy, spiritual wisdom dictates that we should utilize those gifts for the glory of the Great Giver (James 1:17).

Third, the reason “remember” and “youth” are connected in Ecclesiastes 12:1 is because of how many new and exciting opportunities we face in life that can easily consume every waking moment. Many times the word “remember” is used wistfully by someone who has forgotten something important. In our text, the Preacher uses “remember” preemptively to remind us that there should never be a day that we enjoy living in this creation without walking with the Creator.

STATE OF THE YOUTH

THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPTY-NESTERS

by Ethan Schulte

One would be hard pressed to find a bittersweet moment more intense than when a child leaves home to begin life on their own. It is sweet and full of joy because it is the realization of years of hard work. The goal ever since the pregnancy test was positive was to teach and train this child to be able to independently care for himself or herself physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. The time for that training to be put into practice has finally come, and parents cannot help but swell with pride as their baby, who has grown up right before their eyes, begins a new chapter of maturity and responsibility. However, this is also a bitter moment, for these past few years have been more than just teaching and training as a teacher would do to a student. They have been full of caring, worrying, encouraging, disciplining, and loving one's own flesh and blood, the natural result of the loving marriage already established with one's spouse. How could a parent not feel as part of themselves is being torn away, as the one in whom they have invested their hearts for twenty-plus years drives away to call another place home?

While we may normally think of this bittersweet moment as a new chapter in the life of a young person, it is also a new chapter in the life of a married couple. For some short period of time, they were married and had only each other to worry about. Then the child/children came, and the next 20-30 years have been consumed with childcare. So now that the children are out of the house, where does this married couple stand? Ideally, they have grown closer together through their teamwork and closer to God through their new understanding of a parent's love for their child. They have matured from their new and ever changing responsibilities, but they also now have a restored freedom as that walking and talking responsibility has left home. These qualities make empty-nesters very valuable to the work of the church.

While every Christian should seek to love God as He loves them, parents can more fully appreciate God's metaphor of loving His children. They understand that love seeks to give what is needed above what is wanted, even if that causes tension, and they are able to bring this raw, real form of love into the church.

Empty-nesters have conquered what almost every human tries to hide from: responsibility. From caring for their completely dependent baby, to being liable for their 16 year-old's first car accident, veteran parents know how to

handle responsibility and succeed in difficult situations. The church is in need of leaders and volunteers who can make use of this valuable real-world experience.

Finally, it must be noted that empty-nesters have a lot of life left to live. One of life's greatest challenges may be over, but the adventure continues on. Part of that adventure is continuing to grow and work in the Lord's church, with the family that continues to be there even when the children have moved away. The church is in need of empty-nesters who know that their greatest work, a life of service unto God, is still in full swing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Notes: available for grades K - 5th. Pages are given out in their Sunday morning class and after pew packers (located on the front pew in the large auditorium). Let's help our children interact with the Worship Service.

TNT (Thursday Nights Together):

9th-12th grades at Ethan Schulte's home, every Thursday, @ 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Youth Devotionals: Every Third Week of the Month

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 Gr. is usually from 1:30-2:00 P.M.

Devotional Date Moved for April:

April 22: 3rd-6th grade @ home of Jeff & Nichole Figurelli. 7th-12th grade @ home of Edwin Carrington, bring lawn chairs.

Spring Retreat: April 13-15 @ Mid-South Youth Camp. For grades 7th-12th. Cost \$15.00. Sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board, write T-shirt size next to name. Must be paid by the 13th. The bus leaves at 4 P.M. from the building.

1. <https://www.remind.com/join/ewyg> --- go to this link and follow the instructions.
2. Text "@ewyg" to the number 81010.

BIRTHDAYS

Jenna Scarbrough	April 2
Ryder Scearce	April 2
Clara Currence	April 11
Everett Belisle	April 27

GREETER <u>April 8</u> Judy and Buddy Goad <u>April 15</u> Zach & Paige Golson	OUR ATTITUDE Sunday AM Bible Study.....252 Sunday AM Worship.....335 Sunday PM Worship.....175 Wednesday PM Bible Study.....229 This week's contribution.....\$9829 Weekly Budget.....\$8472	KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS Claytus Wilson: returned home on Wednesday; 1160 Anderson Drive / Paris Zora Adams: home after a hospital stay, due to heart issues; 191 Woodland Acres Road /Paris TN 38242 Herman Jackson: to have come home this past Thursday; 1408 Patriot Ave / Paris Mark Brown: home; 101 Crestview Circle / Paris Fred Grosbeier: home. Cleared by the doctor; 3075 Guthrie Rd. / Paris Jimmy Wynn: cancer treatments; 16970 Hwy 69 N / Cottage Grove TN 38224 Dale Crain: bladder cancer. To see a surgeon at the Vanderbilt Hospital, May 31st; 3640 Hwy 79 S / Paris Bobby Bradley: (grandson of Carolyn Ray) pneumonia, propable trach placement. No movement in lower extremity; Vanderbilt Hospital with serious injuries. Bryan Russell: (Lydia Russell's son) Plumley Rehabilitation Room 84; 239 Hospital Circle / Paris Judy Bumpus Horton: (daughter to Leon and Carolyn Bumpus) home recovering and having rehabilitation. R.C. Evans: (Brenda Cloy's brother-in-law at St. Thomas in bad condition.
FOOD PANTRY		
<p>Jelly, Saltine Crackers, Pop Tarts, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti pasta, Dry beans, Chili with beans, Cereal, Spam/Canned ham, and Canned Fruit</p>		
FUTURE WORSHIP LEADERS		
<p>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.</p>		
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	APRIL 8 Steve Delaney Daniel Williams Lance Winders David Belisle Bill DeWees Phillip Brown Charles Clark Brian Foster Stan Wilson Jon Davidson Ron Brown Jason Scarbrough Rick Moody Ned Morris Silas Winders Titus Winders Joe Millraney Jerry Crouch Bobby Sadler Wes Knee Clay Durham	APRIL 15 Steve Delaney Philip Davidson Jason Smith Caleb Griffin Charlie Neal Alan Shaffer Charlie Neal Mike McDaniel Jerry Peale Steve Durham Steve Blount Bobby Barton Troy Buttrey Jacob Cuthbertson Charles Backer Harrison Hutson Clay Durham Charlie Morton Blake Morton Rayburn Thomason David Belilse
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIA Team 1: Today after evening services, will meet at the home of Bill and Luane DeWees for finger foods; 9145 Hwy 79 N / Springville

Henry County Healthcare Singing: Today @ 2:00 P.M

Spring Retreat: April 13th-15th, Mid-South Youth Camp / "UNITE" theme. Bus leaves 4:00 P.M.

Tennessee Children's Home: West Campus Spring Food and Supply Drive. The Food Truck will be here, Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Lists are at the main exits.

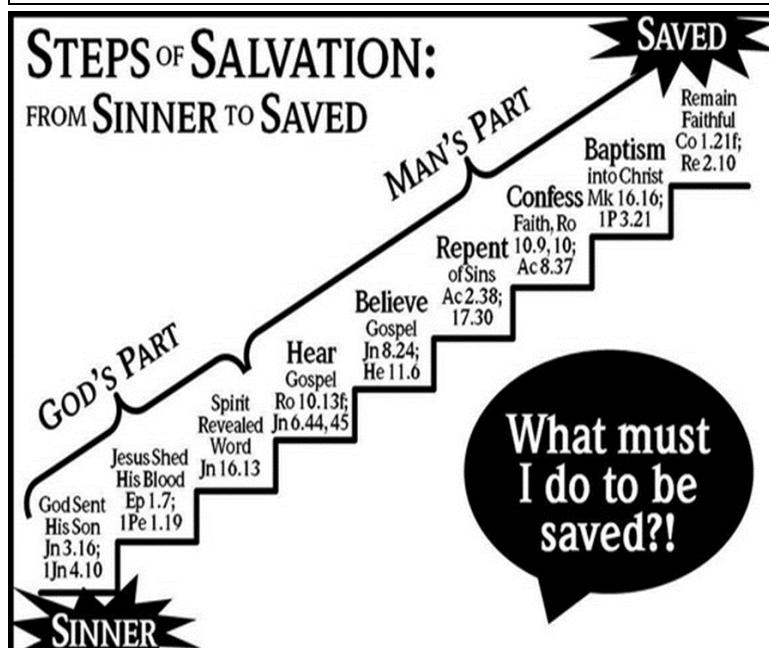
Wedding Tea: April 15 @ 2:00—3:30 P.M.
Alyssa Greenwald and Ethan Schulte in the multi-purpose room. They are registered with Kohl's, Target, My Favorite Things, and Merison's.

Clean Up Day: April 21st @ 8:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon

NEW ADDRESS

Rayburn and Rebecca Thomason
501 Franklin Drive
Paris, TN.

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 15: Eiffel Gardens Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
April 21: Wedding Tea 2:00-3:30 P.M.
April 22: Clean Up Day @ 8 A.M.—12 Noon.
April 27: Youth Devotionals
April 29: Deacons Meeting after P.M. Service
May 6: Fish Fry / Office Closed
May 13: Young Men's Service
May 20: Morningside Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
May 27: HC Healthcare Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
May 28: Graduation Banquet
May 29: Youth Devotionals
June 3 - 8: Eiffel Gardens Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
June 3: Deacons Meeting after P.M. Service
June 4: Office Closed for Memorial Day observance
June 4: Zoo Trip
June 4: West TN Workcamp, Rogersville, AL
June 4: Morningside Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
June 4: SYS @ Roan Creek

LEARN FROM PSALMS

by Nadia LeMay

Despite being faithful Christians serving the Lord, we can forget about our relationship with God. Even Bible students who study God's word full time, can read the bible as a textbook and "forget" or not really focus or realize who God is and what He is doing in our lives. It is easy to lose our spiritual perspective on life when we are busy, stressed or not making a conscious effort to work on our relationship with God.

One of the best books to develop our relationship with God is studying the Psalms. The key concepts in are God, man, righteous, wicked, enemies and heart. We thus understand the Psalms are about seeing Who God is, who man is in God's eyes, and how we can know the way of the righteous and the wicked.

The writers of the Psalms include David, Solomon and Levitical priests and so they give us insight into the hearts of men when they praise God and how they handled different situations such as blessings, hardships and being confronted with their sin. Psalms can be referred to as "Jesus' favorite book" in that it is the book most frequently quoted by Jesus. In fact 40-50% of New Testament quotes are from the Psalms. We can get a deeper understanding of the New Testament when we study the Psalms.

Some people may be put off from studying such a large book, but it becomes more 'spiritually digestible' or easier to understand and draw meaning from it when we have a method of studying the psalms.