

Central Courier

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Minister's Moment—This Little Light of Mine

I can vividly remember holding up my finger, like you would a candle, and singing this little light of mine. We would raise up that finger, twirling it in the air, refusing to allow it to be blown out by Satan, and never allowing it to be covered up by a bushel. I'm sure many of you had that same experience as a child. The problem is that we look at that song now and we consider it childish, but the truth is it is far from childish, it is a foundational truth of our faith.

Matthew 5:14-16 - You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Jesus specifically calls on His followers to be lights shining in the dark. We are supposed to be beacons of hope that draw people to safety by sharing with them the truth about Jesus. Our good deeds are supposed to be attracting others to the Lord and displaying for others what it looks like to live in hope. We look at kids joyfully singing about their little light while holding up their finger and we think, oh how cute, while we forget that their uninhibited joy is, at least in part, the very attribute that Jesus is wanting all of His disciples to display. It's not just the good deeds that shine the light, it is the good deeds done with the right attitude, joy, excitement, compassion, and presence that actually shines brightly.

Colossians 2:23,24 CSB - Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord—you serve the Lord Christ.

2 Corinthians 9:7 - You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

Ephesians 6:7 - Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

We shine brightly when we serve enthusiastically. Our attitude often speaks louder than our actions alone do. I don't know about you but I often fall short in the attitude department; instead of joyfully and cheerfully, sometimes I am begrudging, instead of enthusiastically and excitedly, sometimes I am simply going through the motions. The world needs to see more and quite frankly God absolutely deserves more. Service is not an obligation it is an opportunity to reach the lost, love on our community, share with our faith family, and say thank you to the Father for all He has done for us.

So let me challenge all of us; hold up that finger, both literally and figuratively, and belt out This Little Light of Mine! Jesus is watching, the faith family is watching, and the world is watching! Let them see Christians who are excited because of what the Lord has done for them, not simply a group of people who are going through the motions!

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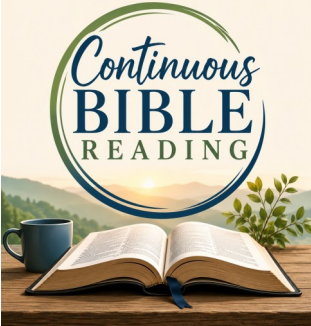
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Just a reminder that there is a Prayer board in the hallway off of the foyer where you can find index cards to share your requests. Also, visit the board to pray for the requests that are posted.		1 5am-Men's Group	2 6:30pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Adult & Children Bible Stdy	3 5:30pm- 	4	5 8am 
6 9:00am-Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 6pm-Bible Study in the auditorium Connection Groups Begin (at various times-see sign-up sheet)	7 5pm-Men's Group	8 5am-Men's Group 10am-Ladies Craft Group	9 5:15pm-Family Meal 6:30pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Kid's (K-5th) Christmas Program practice 6:30pm-Adult Bible Stdy	10 5:30pm- 	11	12
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20 10am-Combined Worship (Followed by a Carry-in Meal) 12:30pm-Deacon's Meeting	21 5pm-Men's Group	22 5am-Men's Group	23 5:15pm-Family Meal 6:30pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Kid's (K-5th) Christmas Program practice 6:30pm-Adult Bible Stdy	24 —————Favored Women's Conference—————	25	26
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- 1-Betty Davis
3-Donna Hughes
3-Jill Hughes
3-Henry Turbyfield
4-David McKinney
4-Lisa Morrow
6-Haley Edney
7-Briana Arnold
7-Marcia Haley
7-Kimber Winningham
8-Mikala Lee
9-Vivian Crawford
11-Courtney Dailey
11-Kemp Haley
12-Michael Hyden
13-Aiden Hennequin
15-Debbie Vance
16-Ezra Fowler

16-Kaitlyn Hill
17-Tom Caraway
17-Robin Pearman
17-Stephanie McKeehan
17-Levi Wolfe
18-Barry Edney
18-Carmella Price
19-Layne Hughes
19-Stephen Turbyfield
21-Judy Clark
22-Julie Murphy
24-Owen Moody
24-Tim Shelton
26-Pam Jackson
27-Paul Arnold
27-Dallas Vance
30-Azariah Payne



- 3-Bryan & Jill Hughes
4-Steve & Christy Burrough
18-Keith & Melissa Carr
20-Sam & Melissa Gilley
22-Wesley & Samantha Price
25-Dave & Theresa King
26-Jeff & Connie Neubert
27-Joe & Sheila Hughes



Mark Your Calendar
Once again we will read through the entire Bible starting after church on Sunday, October 25 concluding on Wednesday! Plan now to be involved!

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Workers' Schedule

Children's Ministries

Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship:

6: Sarah Turbyfield & Megan Vines
& Kimber Winningham
13: Theresa King & Mikkayla King
& Elias Norman
20: Courtney Dailey, Lissy Valentine
& Lori Whitson
27: Becky Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly
& Abigail Kelly

Nursery 2nd Worship:

6: Susie Wolfe & Julie Yunker
13: Karen Robey & Jennica Norman
20: Combined Worship
27: Sharon Hammons & KC Wolfe

Preschool 2nd Worship:

6: Leora Hendrix
13: Carolyn Caraway
20: Combined Worship
27: Connie Wade

Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:

6: Jenny Turbyfield
13: Lori Smith
20: Combined Worship
27: Lori VanDyke

Kid's Worship:

6: Janice Greene/Ryan Greene
13: Allen & Tasha Dykes
20: Family Sunday
27: Julie Murphy/Jeremiah McClain

Worship Ministries

Communion Meditations:

Worship #1 & 2

6: Nathan Winningham
13: Bill Turbyfield
20: Jeremiah McClain
27: Jeff Carter

Sound Room:

6: Josh Carter, Ian Wolfe
& Henry Turbyfield
13: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Wesley Price
20: Josh Carter, Henry T.
& Wayne Turbyfield
27: Daniel Hill, Matt Wolfe
& Ian Wolfe

Brew Crew:

6: Jessica Greene
13: Lori Whitson
20: Combined Worship
27: Larry & Sharon Hammons

Medical Attendant:

6: Janet Wolfe
13: Allen Dykes
20: Bonnie Hoover
27: Jill Hughes

Worship #1 Greeters:

6: David & Theresa King
13: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes
20: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
27: Russell & Megan Vines

Worship #2 Greeters:

6: Larry & Sharon Hammons
13: Alan & Robin Taylor
20: Combined Worship
27: Bob & Fetty Judge

Welcome Team

6: Bryan & Jill Hughes
13: Betty Fernandes & Susie Wolfe
20: Combined Worship
27: Paul & Courtney Dailey

Van Drivers Schedule

6: Bruce & Karla Hennequinn
13: Nathan & Delanie Winningham
20: David & Becky Hays
27: Allen & Tasha Dykes

Service Attendants:

6: Red Team
13: White Team
20: Green Team
27: Blue Team

Family Ministry Moments

Jeremiah's Contact info:

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Let's unleash a generation of students who are ready to live for Christ!

- **Cost:** FREE for C4 Students (MUST REGISTER ONLINE)
— includes food, games, and all activities
- **When:** September, 13th
- **Activities:** Axe throwing, inflatables, games, and more!
- **Merch:** T-shirts and stickers will be available for purchase

Register online at:

<https://forms.gle/Fy6LMT5fjCaueksHA>
or with the QR Code by Sept 9.

Schedule:

- **4:15PM**—Arrive at C4, check in
- **4:30PM**—Depart C4
- **5:00 –6:00 PM** – Registration, food, and games in the gym
- **6:15–8:00 PM** – Main Session
- **8:15PM**—Depart Poplar Ridge
- **8:30PM**—Estimated return to C4



FAMILY Ministry Text updates

Jeremiah McClain

Sign up for Gloo and stay up to date!!

Make sure you are signed up for the free texting service to receive updates for the Kids ministry and student ministry. All you have to do is talk to Jeremiah and he will add you to it. Texts come from the phone number 1-833-463-7010. Add that number to your contacts. The great thing about this service is that you can respond directly to the messages if you have question and it goes to Jeremiah without going to every member of the group message.

September Sunday School Lesson Schedule



Adults/Youth:

September 6:	Unit 13 Session 2	—	Divided (1 Kings 12-14)
September 13:	Unit 13 Session 3	—	A Divided People (1 Kings 18)
September 20:	Combined Worship	—	No Sunday School
September 27:	Unit 13 Session 4	—	A Divided Response (1 Kings 21)

Children:

September 6:	Unit 13 Session 2	—	Israels Evil Kings (1 Kings 14-15)
September 13:	Unit 13 Session 3	—	Elijah Confronted Ahab (1 Kings 18-19)
September 20:	Combined Worship	—	No Sunday School
September 27:	Unit 13 Session 4	—	The Reign of Ahab (1 Kings 20-22; 2 Kings 1)



Sunday, September 20th 10:00am

(Followed by a Carry-In Fellowship Meal)



tools, gloves and a serving heart!

We have two opportunities to serve for Thursday Serveday! On September 3rd & 10th we will meet at the church at 5:30pm. We will spend a couple of hours serving in the community. Bring

On Saturday, September 5th, at 8am, we will have a Work Day to work around the building with cleaning, yard work, etc. Bring tools and come on out to help out!



CONNECTION GROUPS

On Sunday, September 6th, we will begin our Connection Groups. Most groups meet on Sunday evenings and at different locations. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer for the various groups. See Todd Wolfe for more information.

Children's Program



Practice begins on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm for our Children's Christmas Program! We will meet in the upper room! The performance will be on Sunday, December 20th at 5pm. See Jeremiah McClain or Ashley Church for more info.

Wednesday
Family Meal



Join us on Wednesdays at 5:15 for our Family meal before Bible Study at 6:30! Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!

September 2: Chili & Baked Potatoes
September 9: Hot dog, beans, crispy potatoes
September 16: Breakfast for dinner
September 23: Potato Soup, corn bread, grilled cheese
September 30: Chicken tenders, Green beans, mashed potatoes, mac n cheese

On Sunday, September 20th, following Combined Worship, we will have a Carry-in Fellowship meal. The church will provide hamburger & hotdogs.

Please bring side dishes, desserts and drinks for your family and to share with visitor's. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!



On Sunday, September 13th, we will feed the homeless in Johnson City. We will meet at 2pm to prepare the meal. If you would like to volunteer to prepare and/or serve the meal, see Billy Murphy.

Carter County Men's Fellowship

On Tuesday, September 15th, the Carter County Christian Men's Fellowship will meet at the pavilion at 7pm on September 15. Jeremiah McClain is speaking. All men are invited!



It's time to get ready for the Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3rd, 11am-3pm!

There will be basket raffles, cake walks, bake sale, fresh market, concessions, coffee bar, fried pies and inflatables! This event is something that we look forward to each year and it takes many volunteers to pitch in and get it done! The funds raised will go toward work on the pavilion.

Items we are seeking:

- ⇒ Canned drinks
- ⇒ Individual bags of chips
- ⇒ Cakes (to sale and for cake walk)
- ⇒ Pies
- ⇒ Cookies, brownies, fudge and candies
- ⇒ Fresh market items
- ⇒ Home canned goods
- ⇒ Baskets (see examples in foyer)
- ⇒ Volunteers! Lots of volunteers!
- ⇒ There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to volunteer for inflatables!