

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday – Nov. 12
Bible Study – 9:00 A.M.
Classes for all ages

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

Announcements.....Dawson Campbell
 Lead Singing.....Marion Turner
 Prayer.....Wade Farley
 Sermon.....Joey Davis

LORD’S TABLE:

PRESIDING – PRAYER.....Kenneth McAfee

SERVE COMMUNION

Larry Williams.....Dave Herrin
 Shane Wilson.....William Dyer

Dismiss.....Frank Turner

Evening Worship, 5:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Dawson Campbell
 Lead Singing.....Paul Stubblefield
 Prayer.....Ike Turner
 Sermon.....Joey Davis
 Dismiss.....Shane Wilson

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Johnny Parker
 Lead Singing.....Marion Turner
 Prayer.....George Roberts
 Dismiss.....Frank Turner

If unable to serve, please contact
Mark Parker – 668-9003

Pick Up Communion Cups - **Nov. 12**
 Supervisor – **Ashlyn Meacham**

Isaac Brewer.....Matthew Brewer
 Ethan Cowan.....Journey Cowan
 Kaylon Davis.....Sarah Davis

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 (CST) 5:00 P.M.
 (CDT) 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class (Oct. – May) 10:00 A.M.
 Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY

Ladies Bible Class (Oct. – May) 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

ELDERS

Dawson Campbell Johnny Parker
 Glenn Woodlee

DEACONS

Mark Parker Don Prater
 Ike Turner Marion Turner

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“SHE BURNED THE TOAST”

Joey Davis

“She burned the toast,” said the preacher stating the reason why one man wanted to divorce his wife. Can you imagine such? Is that all it takes to break a bond that was agreed upon to last for a lifetime? Can our words be trusted? The Proverbs writer said, “Seest thou a man (or a woman for that matter) that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him” (Proverbs 29:20). Do promises and vows mean anything anymore? Let’s go back to the marriage vows for a moment:

Do you (bride) take (groom) to be your husband – to live together after God’s ordinance – in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, in sadness and in joy, to cherish and continually bestow upon her your heart’s deepest devotion, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her as long as you both shall live? **“I DO!”**

Do you (groom) take (bride) to be your wife – to live together after God’s ordinance – in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, in sadness and in joy, to cherish and continually bestow upon her your heart’s deepest devotion, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her as long as you both shall live? **“I DO!”**

These vows express the seriousness of the union which is created when a man and woman scripturally enter into this divine relationship. It is a permanent union (Genesis 2:24). It is a union sealed by God (Matthew 19:4-6). **(CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)**

THE RECORD

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Bible Study, Sun. 11-05.....	104
Morning Worship, 11-05.....	158
Contribution, 11-05.....	\$2, 618.50
Wed. Ladies Bible Class, 11-01.....	14
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Wylene McMahan, Shaun Malloy, Pat Cantrell, Mary Elizabeth Martin, Athelia Herrin, Rose McKelvey, Thedra Newby, Bobby Prater, Mildred Hoover, Louise Pellum, Georgia Willis, Mildred Williams, Dan & Dell Simpson, Lucille Fletcher, Bill Flowers, Jake Davis, Alice McCormick, Janette Murphree, Kenny White, Jimmy Rogers, Frank Pierce, James Floyd, Faye Willey, Debby Pavatte, Josie Love, Ethel Dyer, Lyte Northcutt, Lillard Vandagriff, Sandra Thurne, Jimmie Hulett, Pat Julian, Jackie Johnson, Connie & Marion Turner, Wanda Paul, Estelle Panter, Juanita Lemons, Opal Woodside, Gean Pirtle, Dot Holder, Doran Thompson, Martha Bouldin, Lucile Campbell, Eric Frazier, David Sharpe, Hallis Northcutt, Gretchen Jernigan, & Cindy Terrell Owen. Bernard McAfee remains about the same in NHC. Willard Bouldin remains about the same at his home. Avare Ramsey is back at her home. Donald Prater had his procedure done last Thursday and is doing ok. Connie Turner had corrective surgery on Monday. She is sore but doing ok. Glad to see her out.

Tyler Farley responded to the invitation last week.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Visitation Group #3 will be hosted by Joyce Hix, Ada Jones & Joyce Simmons next Sunday, Nov. 12 in the fellowship room, following evening service.

The Bible Bowl practice will be here at the building on Nov. 12 at 4pm.

On Nov. 10th. Windrow church, Rockvale, TN will host the singing. Then on Nov. 17th Pleasant Knoll church will host the singing. Both singings beginning at 7pm.

Remember that we will have a **Covered Dish lunch** on Nov. 12th, following our morning worship service. Please bring your lunch and stay.

East End church will have a Weekend Seminar, by **Stan & Sheila Butt, Nov. 18-19**. There will be a class for Men & a class for Women on **Sat.** at **6pm**. **Sunday** there will be a **class for men** and a **class for women**, plus the morning sermon and then at **6pm** the **evening sermon**.

GRASS CUTTING

Jeff Youngblood is scheduled to cut the grass at the church building the week end of **Nov. 10th**.

LOCK THE BUILDINGS

Ike Turner will be responsible for locking both buildings, all services **Nov. 12th & 15th**.

BENEFIT

There will be a benefit for **Sis. Angie Rutledge**, who has cancer, on **Nov. 18th at 5:00 pm** at **Hiwassee church**. If you cannot attend you may send your donation to Hiwassee church, 8773 Manchester Hwy, Morrison, TN 37357.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy: to **Paul Stubblefield & Family** at the death of Paul's uncle, **James Edward Stubblefield** who passed away last Sunday. His funeral service was conducted last Wednesday. To **Larry & Donna Williams** at the death of Donna's uncle who passed away in the Carolina's. To **Mick & Erica Ralph** at the death of Erica's uncle who passed away in Cookeville. His funeral service was conducted on Monday.

Lectureship

Leoni church will have a lectureship **Nov. 10-12** with the following speakers: **David Costello, James Watkins, Jeff Archey, Bryan Pitts, Vernon Joines, James Boyd, Keith Young** and for the Women's class, **Janet Barnes**.

Highland Heights church, Lebanon will have **Open Bible Lectures, Nov. 10-12, Friday night 6:30 – 7:30 James Watkins, Jim Dearman & Kay Randolph (Ladies); Sat. 9am – 2pm Dale Jenkins, Hugh Fulford, Stacey Grooms-**

(Ladies), Gary Hampton & Phil Sanders; Sunday 9am – 2pm Michael Grooms, Winford Claiborne & Tom Holland.

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It is a union that must last until one partner dies (Romans 7:3; I Corinthians 7:39). It is a union that can only be terminated where adultery has taken place (Matthew 19:9). However, in many cases, the vows are quickly forgotten, the governing bounds set by God are ignored, and the search is on for a reason to call it quits.

The usual reasons may not sound as ridiculous as “She burned the Toast;” however, the excuses so often given are just as pathetic and unacceptable. They usually sound something like these: “He spends more time with his friends,” “He works too much,” “She doesn’t clean the house,” “She doesn’t respect my leadership,” “He never shows any affection,” “She will not stop nagging me,” “We just don’t communicate,” “We are just not compatible.” Admittedly, all of the aforementioned excuses are sources of marital difficulty that can be and must be resolved; regardless, they do not meet the requirement for divorce as stated by God. Burning toast, being lazy, and incompatibility are simply not the same as adultery.

So, before you make your way to the court house to apply for your freedom, you need to remember that:

1. God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16) and marriage is for life (Romans 7:3; 1 Corinthians 7:39).
2. Jesus gave one reason for divorce (Matthew 19:9). Therefore, any divorce that is not for the purpose of putting away a spouse who is guilty of adultery is not recognized by God. Consequently, if you divorce for any other reason, you must remain unmarried.
3. Husbands and wives are bound by God to meet the intimate needs of their spouse (1 Corinthians 7:1-5). Therefore, divorce for any reason that does not meet Jesus' stipulation puts those individuals in a vulnerable position of temptation to fulfill their intimate needs elsewhere. Consequently, the one who brought about the divorce can be guilty of causing their spouse to commit adultery. This would violate their obligation to that mate (1 Corinthians 7:1-5) and would be sinful.

Dear reader, God is not interested in burnt toast. He is desirous of men and women who will, instead of unlawfully putting away their spouses, be spiritual enough to put away their worldliness and to devote themselves to Him, His church, the marriage bond, and the family (Matthew 6:33; Romans 1:1-2).