



Tusculum
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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To our guests...

We were all visitors once, too, and we really are glad you're here! We know you may have some questions. We did. All we ask is that you give us a chance to answer them and help you in any way we can—no strings attached.

Not sure where to go? Need something?

Ushers are waiting to help you with anything you may need, as well as direct you to restrooms, the nursery, etc. All you have to do is ask, and we'll do everything we can to help.

About our worship

All of our acts of worship are strictly voluntary, and you may participate according to your comfort level. (*Return communion cups to the tray; please do not stack cups.*)

Nursery

There is an attended nursery available for children birth through 36 months. We also have Bible story coloring sheets and crayons available in the Sprouts unattended common area, along with a streaming of the ^{service}, for those who have children older than 36 months. An usher will be happy to show you the way.

Children's Worship

We offer a time of worship and learning for children ages 3 to Kindergarten. Since we feel that it is important for these children to get some exposure to our larger gathering as well, the dismissal time is usually 15-20 minutes into the worship service. The "Kids' Praise" logo will appear on the screen when it's time to dismiss. An usher will be happy to show you the way.

Bible Study

Following our worship service, we invite you to stay for a time of Bible Study. We believe you'll be glad you did. A list of classes is available in the foyer.

Want to know more about us?

Tusculum 101 meets the first Sunday of each quarter during class time. This is a time for you to ask, listen, and learn all about being part of the Tusculum family!



TODAY'S THEME:

How do you know you have really forgiven someone? How do you forgive yourself? Those are just two of the questions we'll look at today in the sermon series on forgiveness.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Welcome Walt Malone

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 Miles Jackson

Great Is The Lord Almighty

10,000 Reasons

Fairest Lord Jesus

Refiner's Fire

Lord Take Control

Shepherd's Prayer Dan Florida

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Communion Pete Sullivan

Kids' Praise

The Joy of the Lord

Sermon..... Steve Cummings

Song of Encouragement

Lamb of God

Announcements Walt Malone



worship
serve
connect

baby shower



Everyone is invited to a **potluck** baby shower for **Katherine (Qualls) Stanifer**, daughter of **Laura Qualls TONIGHT** in the gym following the chapel service. Katherine and her husband, Zach, will be welcoming a sweet baby girl into their family. Since they live in Memphis, we are showering them with a money tree and gift cards. Please give your money or gift cards to Linda Brock or Debbie Frankum.

happy birthday



We want to wish a “Big” happy birthday to **Jeane York**, who will celebrate her **86th** birthday on **Tuesday, December 12**. Also, **Ed Lankford** will celebrate his **86th** birthday on **Wednesday, December 13** (we have his address in the office).

tym Christmas bake sale



TYM's Christmas bake sale will be next **Sunday, December 17**, in the Great Hall. Please plan to support our teens as they raise funds for camp, mission trips, retreats, and Impact.

3x3x



The elders have targeted **December 17** as our last opportunity for **this year** to give above and beyond our normal weekly contribution. As in the past, we are requesting that you prayerfully consider giving 3 times your normal contribution on that date.

Scriptures for the week: Isaiah chapters 31 thru 35 (ca. 740–710 BC)

Verse(s) for the week: Isaiah 35:8-10

8 And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.
9 No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there,
10 and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (NIV)

Email comments/suggestions to: Ray Falconberry—rayfal627@gmail.com



holiday schedule



Sunday, December 24—9:00 a.m. Worship Only, no classes. No Evening Service.

(no coffee will be served Sunday morning)

Wednesday, December 27—Devo Only

Sunday, December 31—9:00 a.m. Worship Only, no classes. 5 p.m.—Singing

(no coffee will be served Sunday morning)

Office will be closed December 22-25 and January 1

children's Christmas



The Benevolent Committee will be assisting families for our annual Christmas Gifts for Children again this year! At this time, we have received 50+ children needing assistance. Last year we were able to help over 150. If you, a Sunday School Class, or a Life Group would be interested in participating this year,

please see Jim or Mary Pomeroy, or give the church office a call (615-833-1660). Your support is very much appreciated, as we could not do this without YOU! You make the difference! As always, keep us in your prayers. The Benevolent Committee

pajamas for mamas



Our annual collection of pajamas for women and children at a local safe house has begun. New pajamas in all sizes for ladies and children and any season are needed. Please **DO NOT** wrap the gifts. Collection boxes will be outside the office door.

Contact Amy Goode for more information. Pajamas should be brought **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 13**. Thanks in advance—you always do a fantastic job with this. Amy Goode.

shut-in lists

Lists of our shut-ins are available at the Welcome Center.



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remember our sick...

The following is a recent update. A full list of those to remember in prayer is available in the literature racks in the Great Hall.

Al Greenfield's health is failing; cards and prayers have been requested. His address is VA Hospital, Room 114, Alvin C. York Campus, 3400 Lebanon Rd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

Leona Hall is in room 6132, Centennial Medical Center.

Beverly and Jimmy Dawson, mother and father of Julie Whisler are in need of our prayers.

Ken "Coach" Redmond, father of Dee Burgess and Jolee Brantley, is in Room 246B, Bethany Health Care Center

Laura Jones is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Her bone marrow transplant went well. Please keep Laura, her sister, Hannah, and her parents, Larry and Angela, in your prayers. The girls would love to receive cards! Their address is 933 Bluff Road, Brentwood 37027. No visitors at this time.

Marie Gregory Petty is under hospice care. Her address is 3268 Greens Mill Rd., Spring Hill, TN 37174.

Ruth Cato, sister of Bobby Mullins, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Her address is 5512 Lebanon Road, Lebanon 37087.

Bobby Cox, brother of Cindy Hundley, is undergoing cancer treatments. He has been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer. His address is 79 Southernaire Loop, Stewart, TN 37175-7409.

Molly Strong, 4-year-old friend of Toni Miller, has been diagnosed with liver cancer, and it has gone to her bones. She has been taking chemo treatments at Vanderbilt. Toni has asked us to send cards of encouragement to her at P.O. Box 50117, Bowling Green, KY 42102.

RETURNED HOME: Charles Little, Hannah Jones

our sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Dale and Shirley Brown on the death of Dale's sister-in-law, **Mary Brown**. Visitation with the family is today (Sunday) from 3-8 p.m. and Monday at 11 a.m. at the Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Road, Nashville. Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Ms. Brown was the aunt of **Kay Frey, Sandy Lambert, and Michelle Hurley**.

library news

In memory of **Zelma Moran**, Sherry Culbertson donated an historical fiction book titled *Christmas at Carnton* by Tamera Alexander to the Tusculum Library.

room in the inn

Our Room In the Inn program needs our help! The success of the program depends on the volunteers. Please come and sign up at the Room in the Inn table in the Great Hall.

pantry items for december

These are the items requested by the Benevolent Committee for **December**: instant potatoes and drink mixes. There is a box for these items outside the office door.

privileged to serve

North Servers

- 1 Tim Lampley
- 2 Philip Culbertson
- 3 Gene Hendon
- 4 Josh Dickerson
- 5 Ellis Kelley
- 6 Cory Davis
- 7 Graham Davis

South Servers

- 1 Jeff Clifton
- 2 Bobby Queen
- 3 Mark Nichols
- 4 Bobby McPherson
- 5 Rick Hatcher
- 6 Andy White
- 7 Steve Clifton
- 8 David Waddell

If you are unable to serve for the month or any week during the month, please call (North Side) Jim Pomeroy (615-207-7416), or (South Side) call or text Jack Cromer (615-429-5989) or Brad Scott (615-406-5023).

5:00 Worship

- December Speaker—Dan Florida
 Opening Prayer—Rob Frankum
 Preside—Doug Hughey
 Closing Prayer—Gene Hendon

If you are unable to serve, please call Charles Watson (615) 832-2986 or Rodney Richardson (615) 419-3302

Sunday A.M.

Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Classes 10:30 a.m.

Sunday P.M.

Life Groups various times
 Chapel Life Group worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M. 610
 Bible Study 405
 Wednesday P.M. 204
 Contribution 25,196
 Budget 21,000
 YTD Total 1,090,167
 YTD Budget Total 1,079,000

connect

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TUSCULUM YOUTH MINISTRY

sunday night connect

Today is a really busy day for lots of our teens and volunteers, so we are going to take a break and not make it busier with a TYM activity!

Next Sunday we are going to go Christmas shopping for our adopted family. We will have a FREE lunch right after class and then go shopping. We should be back to the church building and finished by 2:00. This will give plenty of time that evening for teens to still study for finals!

winterfest

Winterfest sign-ups are underway! You can pick up the pamphlet for information about the trip and a registration slip. The trip to Gatlinburg is February 16-18. Winterfest is the largest Church of Christ youth conference and has powerful worship and challenging lessons. You can visit winterfest.org for more info.

new year's eve

We will have a New Year's Eve Lock-In on Sunday night, December 31. More details are coming soon, but make plans to join us for a fun night bringing in the new year together!

advent calendars

Each teen has received an Advent reading schedule. Let's all remember to read every day during December.

children's Ministry



ATTN PARENTS:

Please let our teachers know if your child has any food allergies, items of comfort, i.e. blanket, stuffed animal, or any other special things that would make your child's experience a great one.

4/5 grade Christmas party

4/5 grade will have their Christmas party, this afternoon from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Children's wing and gym. Please bring a \$5 gift for a gift swap.

children's worship bulletins

We have Children's Worship Bulletins, which go along with the sermons each week, available in the racks in the Great Hall. Also, "Read Write and be the Light" children's bulletins are available to earn Bible bucks!!!

From Steve...

PARTS MAKE THE WHOLE

Before forming definite conclusions about any one verse or teaching in the Bible, one should always use the basic fundamentals of Biblical interpretation. Specifically, we need to consider all the parts that make up the whole.

Allow me to illustrate. When you open a jigsaw puzzle and examine one of the pieces, you only get part of the picture. If you see a dog on that puzzle piece, you can know there is definitely going to be a dog in the picture once the puzzle is complete. However, you will never learn what the complete picture looks like until you put all the pieces together. There might end up being a cat in the picture, too.

The same concept is true when it comes to the Bible. We must take all the verses (pieces) from the Bible and put them together so the complete picture can be seen.

A good example of what I am talking about can be illustrated using the story of Jesus' arrest and a man who lost one of his ears during the arrest:

Matthew and Mark both record that one of those who was with Jesus on the night he was arrested drew his sword and cut the ear off the high priest's servant (Mt. 26:51; Mk. 14:47). From this one piece of the puzzle, we have no idea who struck the servant, which ear was cut off, or what the servant's name was. We just know that the high priest's servant got his ear cut off.

The next piece of the puzzle is found in the gospel of Luke. He informs us that it was the right ear of the high priest's servant that got cut off and that Jesus healed it (Lk. 22:50).

Now, John will make our picture complete. John informs us that Simon Peter was the one who cut off the man's ear, and we find out from John that the man's name was Malchus (Jn. 18:10).

It took all of the parts to paint the whole picture because not one of the four Bible writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) told the story entirely. Many people fail to follow the part-to-whole rule. Instead, they isolate one or two verses and base their entire belief system on them. This is one of the biggest reasons there is so much confusion, disagreement, and religious division in the world today.

Having said all of that, allow me to further illustrate my part-to-whole interpretive method by talking about what the Bible says a person has to do to be saved from his sins by Jesus.

Here's the scenario: A lost man hears a gospel sermon preached and forms the conclusion that it is Jesus who saves. So he decides to ask several different religious friends what they understand from the Bible he

must do in order to be saved. Here is what each well-intentioned friend tells him.

Friend #1 tells him: "All that is required for salvation is BELIEF in Jesus." And he quotes Acts 16:31 to him: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."

Friend #2 says to him, "All you have to do is simply CONFESS your belief in Jesus." Romans 10:10: "...with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." And he throws in verse 13 for good measure: "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Friend #3 says to him: "You must BELIEVE and be BAPTIZED to be saved." And he quotes Mark 16:16 to him: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved..."

Friend #4 says to him: "You must REPENT and be BAPTIZED in order to be saved." And he quotes Acts 2:38 to him: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins..."

Friend #5 says to him: "All you have to do is be BAPTIZED in order to be saved." And he quotes 1 Peter 3:21 to him: "There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism..."

The lost man is confused by the advice all of his friends have given him about what he needs to do to be saved by Jesus. Friend #1 told him that it's BELIEF that saves, but he left out confession, repentance and baptism. Friend #2 told him that it's CONFESS that saves, but he left out belief, repentance, and baptism. Friend #3 told him that BELIEF and BAPTISM saves, but he left out confession and repentance. Friend #4 told him that REPENTANCE and BAPTISM is what it takes to be saved, but he left out belief and confession. And Friend #5 went so far as to say that BAPTISM by itself saves, but he left out belief, confession, and repentance.

So the confused lost man goes to one last trusted religious friend for advice, and he tells him what all of his other religious friends have advised him to do. And this is what this last friend says to him: "All of your friends are partially right, but none of them have given you all of the pieces you need. I recommend that you take all of the Bible verses your friends quoted to you, put them together (the pieces), and then and only then will you have a clear picture of what you should do to be saved."

In other words, after hearing about Jesus' saving work on the cross: 1) BELIEVE in Jesus as the Savior. 2) CONFESS your belief in Jesus. 3) REPENT of your sins. 4) Be BAPTIZED for the remission of your sins. Once you have done all of these things, then and only then can you feel confident that you have done what the Bible says to do to be saved.

—Steve