



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:

The way we live matters. Living a life that exudes redemption shares the gospel in real and meaningful ways. Let's see how!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Great Are You Lord

Baby Blessing.....Dan Flordia

Welcome..... Walt Malone

Psalm 34:1-3..... Landen Davidson

This Is the Day

Thank You, Lord

Blessed Be Your Name

Cornerstone

Higher Ground

Shepherd's Prayer.....P. R. Anderson

Above All

Communion..... Rick Hatcher

Redeemed

Sermon Chris Kirby

There's Not a Friend

Announcements Walt Malone



worship serve connect

men's breakfast—save the date



Bacon! There will be bacon, followed by more bacon and topped with bacon. Where? At the men's breakfast on **June 23**. The meal will begin at 8:30 a.m., and we will have bacon. Following the breakfast, **Brad Harrub** of Focus Press and *Think Magazine* will share some thoughts as a follow-up to our men's retreat. This will prove to be a terrific morning of bacon and fellowship and the start of what I hope will be a quarterly activity for us. Be sure to invite your friends and sons to join us. If you can help cook, please contact Michael Mazo at 714-293-3629 or mazomichael@hotmail.com. Did I mention the bacon?!

Bible bowl



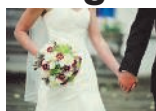
Bible Bowl started last Sunday. They will be meeting from 4:15 to 5:30 in the children's wing. All students who will be in Kindergarten through 12th grade next school year are invited to participate. They will be studying the books of Daniel and Ecclesiastes. See Jon Suttles for more information.

new great-grandbaby



Congratulations to **Ruth Walp** on the birth of her great-granddaughter Bailey Renee Walp on May 18. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. Her proud parents are Kyle & Melissa Walp, big brother is Paxton Rien, and grandfather is Lee Walp. Kyle & Melissa live in Bartlett, TN.

congratulations



Congratulations to **Daniel Richardson and Bridgett Hardy**, who were married Saturday, on May 19 in Houston, TX. Daniel is the son of Rodney & Mareta Richardson.



The office will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.



Scriptures for the week: Lamentations chapters 1 thru 5 (It is generally believed that Jeremiah is the writer of Lamentations and that it was written after the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC.)

Verse(s) of the week: Lamentations 3:22-26—Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. (NIV)

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

save the date and gather your items!



Spring cleaning? Clearing out? The Yard Sale for the Jamaica Mission Trip will be **Saturday, June 2**. We will be accepting non-clothing items **May 30-June 1 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.** We will **NOT** be accepting tube TVs or pianos. Start saving your items for this great youth mission fundraiser!!!

uniform shirts



In preparation for our annual **Caring by Sharing** Clothing Giveaway on **August 4**, we are ordering as many shirts as possible from Academy Sports. If anyone would like to make a donation, please give your money to Donna Clark or Phyllis Anderson. You can make checks payable to Tusculum and mark for "Caring by Sharing."

happy anniversary



Congratulations to **Wilber and Faye Hays**, who will celebrate their **65th** wedding anniversary on Wednesday, May 30.

crochet and tatting



The crochet and tatting group will not meet in June, July, and August. It will resume on September 21.

.looking for a job?



We want to help! Come to a Job Transition Support Group! Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, June 14, at 7 p.m.** in the portable classroom. If you're looking for a job or if you know someone that is looking for a job, we want to help. We can't promise that we will find a job for you, but we can promise that we will pray with you and do what we can to assist you. Please let Pete Sullivan know you would like to attend or you can email him at sullivanstudio@gmail.com.

new quarter/promotion sunday

The new Bible class quarter will begin on Sunday, June 3. Brochures listing all adult Bible class are available at the Welcome Desk.

We will be promoting the Pre-K (those going to Kindergarten) through the 5th grade on June 3. The 5th graders (those going into 6th grade) will promote to the youth group.



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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.

Dorice Mitchell is in Skyline-Madison Hospital. No visitors at this time, but prayers would be appreciated. (See his son, Robert, if you have questions.)

Peggy Clifton's hip replacement surgery has been postponed for a couple of weeks.

Betty Mann, mother of Torie Nims, is having health problems and would love to receive cards. Her address is 1641 Hamilton Lane, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404.

Marcelle Mash, mother of Myra Rooker, is under Hospice Care at NHC Columbia.

Judy Phillips, sister of Patti Burchett, is now in rehab in Cookeville, TN. Her address is Crmc Rehabilitation Center, 215 W6th Street, Cookeville, TN 38501.

Beverly Dawson, mother of Julie Whisler, would love to get cards. Her address is Spring Hill Morning Pointe, Room 204, 1001 McCutcheon Creek Lane, Spring Hill 37174.

Molly Hughes, little friend of Toni Miller, is at home and doing well. She will be admitted to the hospital again on June 11 for her second stem-cell transplant. Cards of encouragement can be sent to her at P.O. Box 50117, Bowling Green, KY 42102.

RETURNED HOME: Jeff Frey

camp notes

There will be an adult meeting for everyone going to camp. We will meet today in the Teen Center just after class.

Please begin bringing Little Debbie Treats for camp which is June 24-29. You may put them in the box that will be outside the office door.

our sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Doug and Anne Smith** and **Brad and Alichia Scott** on the death of Anne and Brad's mother, Jean Scott. Burial was yesterday in McMinnville. Mrs. Scott was the grandmother of **Haley Smith**.

please pray

Richard and Lauren Thompson will be traveling to Boston on Tuesday, May 29 to see Richard's eye specialist on May 30. Please keep them in your prayers.

thank you

I would like to say "Thank You" for all that you all have done for me and my family. I don't know if I would have made it without the prayers and assistance from everyone. I am slowly getting better, still have a way to go. I had surgery on my wrist on Friday, May 25. Again, we thank you for all you have done.

Wayne Fleming and Family

library news

Cash donations were made to the Tusculum Library Fund in memory of **Lucy Moon and Wayne Rigney** by Ray and Vessie Falconberry, Jean Gambill, Enoch and Janice Hartman, Doug and Carolyn Hughey, and Jim and Mary Pomeroy.

privileged to serve

North Servers

- 1 James Wheeler
- 2 Ray Burgess, Jr.
- 3 Doug Wooten
- 4 Josh Dickerson
- 5 Rufus Smith
- 6 Glenn McGehee
- 7 Pete Sullivan

South Servers

- 1 Randy Doores
- 2 David Waters
- 3 Matt Yates
- 4 Bobby McPherson
- 5 Greg Leech
- 6 Mike Cromer
- 7 Frank Copeland
- 8 Dale Brown

If you are unable to serve any week of the month, **PLEASE CONTACT:**

North Side

Jim Pomeroy (615) 927-3205

South Side

Brad Scott (615) 406-5023
Ellis Kelley (615) 474-4227

5:00 Worship

Speaker—Rick Hatcher
Opening Prayer—Ray Falconberry
Preside—Doug Wooten
Closing Prayer—Rob Frankum

*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. 567
Bible Study 404
Wednesday P.M. 201
Contribution 23,980
Budget 22,500
YTD Total 543,593
YTD Budget Total 475,000

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TUSCULUM YOUTH MINISTRY

sunday evenings

Any teens who want to join, are invited to go to lunch with the TYM today. We will go somewhere fairly close to the church building.

Next Sunday evening we will meet in the Teen Center from 5:30-7:30. Bring your own dinner and a friend to join in a great night together!

teen movie afternoon

Any teen who wants to join us is invited to see Solo on Tuesday. We will go to the 1:00 showing at the AMC in Cool Springs. Tickets are only \$5 if you give cash to Chris! If you need a ride from the church or Nolensville, let Chris know. Also, let Chris know ASAP if you want to go so we can reserve seats.

summer camp

The camp deadline is just one week away! To insure a spot for yourself and a shirt you must sign up by June 3! Please talk to Chris or Peach if you have scholarship questions!

wednesday nights

On Wednesdays this summer, we will spend our time in worship, beginning this coming Wednesday. Come be part of our worship together.

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.

save the date

Promotion Sunday — June 3
Church-Wide Family Picnic and Outdoor Fun—July 28
VBS—August 25
iRead for Ice Cream—following fellowship meal on August 29
Bible Bowl—September 8
Trunk or Treat—October 27
Breakfast with Santa—December 14

nursery—Sonya Jett, Debbie Kaatz, Ruth Fox, Emily Wilhite

From Steve...

RACISM

Last Sunday our Panoramic Bible class focused on racism. I wish everyone could have been in the class. We learned a lot by watching and listening to people who are affected most negatively by it. I especially appreciate our own Rufus and Natasha Smith for allowing me to do a 25-minute interview with them during class. They discussed what it's sometimes like living in America, and even in the church, with black skin.

Two or three years ago a video was released that showed fraternity members from Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the University of Oklahoma, singing a racist song they had made up while traveling by bus to a fraternity party. They sang, "You can hang them from a tree, but they'll never sign with me. There will never be a n***** in SAE..."

The students involved were expelled from the university (as they should have been), and the president of the university closed down the SAE fraternity on campus stating, "The SAE frat won't be back while I'm in charge."

The notorious bus video sparked outrage and a large campus rally against racism, and moved swiftly across other parts of the country, reminding all of us once again of just how hot the racial fires continue to burn in America. Sadly, since then we have only seen more and more racism rear its ugly head all across America.

Both of the young men who were expelled later apologized for their actions. One of them said, "I have learned a devastating lesson." Another one refused to totally own his actions, but rather played the blame game by saying that his actions were "likely fueled by alcohol."

Well, it's been said that "drunken words are sober thoughts." Jesus once said, "A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of" (Luke 6:45).

When people get caught saying or doing things that get them in trouble, they often say, "Oh, what I said or did is not the real me. That's not who I really am as a person." Well, the isolated things you say and do certainly do not represent the whole of who you are as a person, but they do represent at least a part of who you are. Instead

of blaming our wrong actions on other people or other things, we should take full responsibility and repent completely.

"Likely fueled by alcohol?" To that I would say: Alcohol was likely involved, but what most likely "fueled" these young men's behavior is the same thing that has fueled this kind of behavior in America dating back to before the Civil War, and that is the seed of racism.

Someone might fire back, "But, Steve, racism goes both ways you know." You know, to say something like that is in many ways nothing more than a sick attempt to justify racism. Yes, racism goes "both ways." It goes many ways in fact. However, any attempt to justify, accept, or explain away any form of racism (whether it be white against black, black against white, red against yellow, or yellow against red) on any level is deplorable. It is a strike at the very heart of our loving God, and every person He created for us to love, and that He does love.

Growing up in a racially charged small Alabama town, where racism just a few miles down the road repeatedly made world news, I know what racism looks and sounds like from a white standpoint. I heard songs like the one the frat boys sang on the bus many times in my growing up years. And some of the ripest racists I have ever known also "went to church every time the doors were open," and many of them preached and taught Bible classes.

James said, "Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be" (James 3:10). However, it happened back then, and it still happens today. Racism in any form is a blight on our world, and we as the church should be on the front lines of the battle, renouncing it wherever and however it rears its ugly head.

Listen to the words of David L. Boren, president of the University of Oklahoma. And everywhere he uses the word "Sooner" replace it with the word "Christian." "To those who have misused their free speech in such a reprehensible way, I have a message for you. You are disgraceful. You have violated all that we stand for. You should not have the privilege of calling yourselves "Sooners." Real Sooners are not racists. Real Sooners are not bigots. Real Sooners believe in equal opportunity. Real Sooners treat all people with respect. Real Sooners love each other and take care of each other like family members."—Steve