



Tusculum  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

*you belong.*

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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

First of all, we will never intentionally do anything to embarrass you, such as ask you to stand so we can identify you. 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 know this can be intimidating, but we promise you that, just like in our worship service, we will do our best to make you comfortable. And we believe you'll be glad you stayed. A list of classes is available in the foyer.

### Want to know more about us?

**Tusculum 101** meets in **Adult 3** 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:

Ever had an encounter with someone you didn't know, and it changed your life? We'll look at story like that today.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Steadfast Love of the Lord*

**Welcome ..... Walt Malone**

**Shepherd's Blessing ..... Elders**

**Matthew 22:36-37**

*I Love You, Lord*

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Agnes Dei*

*Give thanks*

**Shepherd's Prayer ..... Rob Frankum**

*Oft We Come Together*

**Communion ..... Cameron Stewart**

**Kids' Praise**

**Ephesians 4:22-24**

*Break My Heart, Dear Lord*

**Sermon..... Steve Cummings**

***Song of Encouragement***

*There's a Fountain Free*

**Announcements ..... Walt Malone**



worship  
serve  
connect

## uniform shirts



In preparation for our annual **Caring by Sharing** Clothing Giveaway on **August 5**, 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. Last year, through your generosity, we gave out over 500 shirts, assisting more than 250 children, and we hope to be able to exceed those numbers this year.

## caring by sharing



You may begin bringing clothes to the building for our annual Caring by Sharing Clothing Giveaway, which will be **Saturday, August 5**. Clothes should be **clean, in good condition**, in bags with ties (**preferably labeled Men's or Women's and sizes, if already sorted**), or bins with lids, and can be brought to the **Great Hall**. We accept clothes for all seasons (men, women and children), shoes, hats, accessories, purses, and coats. **We will have limited space for hanging clothes, so please only bring the following on hangers: men's and women's suits, men's dress shirts, ladies' dresses, and heavy winter coats.** If you have any questions, please contact **Matthew Mehaffey** at [mmehaffey@gmail.com](mailto:mmehaffey@gmail.com).

## valley view bible camp

If you are going to Valley View Bible Camp (7532 Swift Road, Greenbriar, TN) today, please arrive between 3-5 p.m. We are going to have a great week!!



### Scriptures for the week: Proverbs chapters 16 thru 20

**Verse for the week: 1 Kings 3:23-28** The king said, "This one says, 'My son is alive and your son is dead,' while that one says, 'No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.'" Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword for the king. He then gave an order: "Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other." The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don't kill him!" But the other said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!" Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother." When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice. (NIV)

Email comments/suggestions to: Ray Falconberry—[rayfal627@gmail.com](mailto:rayfal627@gmail.com)

## hope for haiti's children (hfhc) breakfast

The HFHC Breakfast is **Saturday, July 22, at 9 a.m.** at Lipscomb's Shamblin Theater. Please let Carolyn Hughey know if you would like to attend.

## pantry items for june

These are the items requested by the Benevolent Committee for **June**: boxed macaroni and cheese, Kool Aid, tea, canned meats. There is a box for these items outside the office door.

## happy birthday!

We want to wish a "Big" happy birthday to **Doris Whitley**, who will celebrate her **85<sup>th</sup>** birthday on **Monday, June 26 (Welcome Home, Doris!!)** and to **Ray Falconberry**, who will celebrate his **85<sup>th</sup>** birthday on **Tuesday, June 27!** Happy Birthday!!!

## congratulations

Congratulations to **Dale and Shirley Brown**, who will celebrate their **63<sup>rd</sup>** wedding anniversary on **Monday, June 26**.

## crochet and tatting

Crochet and tatting **will not** meet the months of July and August. Come learn to tat and crochet the third Friday in September! Contact **Jeane York** or **Joy Buck** for more details.

## men's Bible study

This summer, join us for Bible study, fellowship, prayer, and outreach on Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m. at the IHOP at 5420 Target Road, Antioch, TN 37013 (Hickory Hollow area). For more information, call or text Don Reeves at 615-626-9293 or [don3727@gmail.com](mailto:don3727@gmail.com).

## save the date—one-day vbs



Maker Fun Factory: Created by God—Built for a Purpose, **August 26, 3-6 p.m.**, for ages 3 years old to 3rd grade (childcare provided for infants and toddlers, and a modified schedule provided for 2 year olds). ALL adults, teens, and 4th/5th grades are encouraged to participate.



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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.

**Karen Edwards'** cancer has returned. Karen, Marty, and their daughter Lacy have traveled to Irvine, CA, where Karen will undergo treatments for the next 5 weeks. Please be in prayer for her and the doctors, who will be determining the best treatments for her. They would love cards while they are there. Their address in California will be: Residence Inn Irvine Spectrum, ATTN: Karen Edwards (Guest), 10 Morgan, Irvine, CA 92618.

**Jeane York** has been moved back to Centennial Medical Center. The family has requested **no visitors** at this time.

**Lucy Harvill**, mother of Trent Harvill, is in room V-11, Memory Care Unit, Maristone of Franklin, 347 Riverside Drive, Franklin, TN 37064.

**Fran Binkley**, Room 407, Trevecca Towers Health & Rehab. Center, 329 Murfreesboro Pike, 37210

**Ruby Shaffer**, Room 203, The Bridge of Hickory Woods, 4220 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch, TN 37013

**Doris Rutledge**, mother of Carol Dotson, Room 125, Bethany Health Care Center

**Jean Scott**, mother of Brad Scott and Anne Smith and grandmother of Hayley Smith, is at The Webb House, room 101, 3877 Manchester Hwy., McMinnville, TN 37110. Cards would be appreciated.

**Erin Green** is being treated for breast cancer. Her address is 400 Pastoral Way, Nolensville, TN 37135

**RETURNED HOME: Doris Whitley, Marc Wilhite, and Danny Chandler**

## God, guys, and golf

Our annual Fall outing is **September 25-26** at Fall Creek Falls State Park. The cost is \$115 per person, which includes all day golf on Monday and Tuesday as well as lunch in between each round both days. Please sign the list at Sign-Up Central if you plan to go. Contact David Gee for more information. (text 615-479-5127 or email [dgeeman@comcast.net](mailto:dgeeman@comcast.net))

## fundraiser dinner for moses akpanudo

There will be a fundraiser dinner for **Moses Akpanudo** and the **Obong Christian University** at Rivergate Church of Christ on **June 29 at 6:30 p.m.** Anyone who would like to attend or send a contribution, please see Bobby Mullins or Hollis Tackitt or any Mission Committee member.

## reception for belvia pruit

Everyone is invited to a retirement reception for **Belvia Pruitt**, **July 9, from 2-4 p.m.** at Ezell-Harding Christian School, EHCS School Commons, 574 Bell Road, Antioch. Please RSVP to Johanna Suttles at [jmsuttles@ezellharding.com](mailto:jmsuttles@ezellharding.com).

## serve

### nursery workers

Rachell Mitchell, Ruth Walp,  
Jean Burlason, Leslie Hollis

### prepare communion

Lurene Bates, Debbie Neely,  
Alice Adkisson, Doris  
Chandler

### chair duty

Russ Neely, P.R. Anderson  
Chris Burton, Rodney  
Richardson, Marc Wilhite,  
Pete Sullivan

### care for baptismal clothing

Treva Doores

### trash pickup

Randy and Treva Doores

### coffee ministry

Heather Bates

## privileged to serve

### North Servers

1 Barry Burgess  
2 Mike Jett  
3 Doug Wooten  
4 Derek Robinson  
5 Jack Mayo  
6 Brad Russell  
7 Bryce Russell

### South Servers

1 Aren Everson  
2 David Waters  
3 Mark Nichols  
4 David Garrett  
5 James Wheeler  
6 Johnny Bridgeman  
7 John Hooper  
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

June Speaker—Kerwin Everson  
Opening Prayer—James Wheeler  
Preside—Doug Hughey  
Closing Prayer—David Gee

*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. .... 649  
Bible Study ..... 308  
Wednesday P.M. .... 207  
Contribution ..... 18,902  
Budget ..... 21,000  
YTD Total ..... 563,668  
YTD Budget Total ..... 550,000

## connect

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## TUSCULUM YOUTH MINISTRY

### sunday morning Bible class

We have started a new Bible class, "I Can," in the Teen Café. This will be a combined class and should be a fun way to challenge ourselves to grow. We are also challenging ourselves with how much of Philippians we "CAN" memorize this summer! This week is **Philippians 4:6-7**.

### sunday night connect

There will be no SNC activity tonight due to camp.

Next Sunday we will meet in the late afternoon at the church and go to dinner and a movie. Exact times will be announced when movie times are released. Don't miss out on a fun night together!

### camp

If you are going to camp, please get to Valley View (7352 Swift Rd., Greenbriar, TN) between 3-5 p.m. Be ready for a great week together!

### wednesday

Encounter will be meeting at camp! If you are not going to camp, please join the adults in the Chapel.

### jamaica

The Jamaica team will have a lunch meeting next **Sunday, July 2**, immediately following Bible class in the TYM. Lunch will be provided.

## 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

VBS—August 26

### children's worship bulletins

We have Children's Worship Bulletins, which go along with Steve's sermons each week, available in the racks in the Great Hall. Earn Bible Bucks!!!

## From Steve...

### STEWARDSHIP

A few weeks ago, I attended a three-day Dave Ramsey Stewardship Conference in Franklin. All Dave Ramsey employees were given permission to invite the preacher at their church to attend the conference for free. Our own Ken Murray, who works for Dave Ramsey, invited me. I enjoyed the conference and found it to be very beneficial. Thanks, Ken!

What you are about to read are just a few of the notes I took at the conference over a three-day period. The speakers I listened to were: Dave Ramsey, Chris Brown, Louie Giglio, Christy Wright, Chris Hogan, Ron Blue, and Donald Miller. The notes and quotes are in random order, without reference to who said what.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** The #1 thing holding the church back as it relates to giving is personal debt. Christians have to get better at managing God's blessings, God's way, to God's glory. There are 3,250 verses in the Bible on money. Around 70 percent of people live paycheck-to-paycheck, and 64 percent of people couldn't come up with \$500 for an emergency. Stewardship is a privilege and a responsibility, and there are rewards. Generosity is about our confidence in God, not our wealth. Generosity must become normal in your life, and in the church's life. How we handle money affects the intimacy we have with Christ. The church should be viewed by the world as the center of financial wisdom.

**TIME STEWARDSHIP:** Creating balance in your life comes down to what you spend your time on. You don't find time; you make time. Stress and anxiety are caused when there is a disconnect between your values and your behaviors. We know what matters, but we don't live like it does. Life balance is simply living from your predefined values, not the values others expect from you. If what is really most important is not what you spend most of your time on, your life will be out of balance and you'll be unhappy. The problem is not that you're doing too many things, but the wrong things. Living a balanced life means saying "NO" a lot. Creating boundaries in your life is about self-respect. An honest "NO" is better than a dishonest "YES." Don't give much of your time away to things you're not really interested in or talented at. Cut out the things in your life that don't matter. Protect what matters. Put your phone down and look up. You don't just have the right to say "NO" sometimes; you have the obligation to say "NO." If you don't protect what matters to you, no one else will. Live with less guilt and more grace. Time is the scarcest resource, and unless it is managed, nothing else can be managed. We don't have a time problem. We have a priority problem. Just because you may be having a bad day doesn't mean everyone else around you has to.

**LEADERSHIP AND RECOGNITION:** Leadership isn't a position; it's a lifestyle. The leader sets the tone for the entire organization. People don't leave an organization; they leave a leader. Course correction is part of a leader's job, but it's not his/her only job—applaud the good too. Whatever is rewarded is repeated. Catch people doing something right and reward them for it. Good leaders look for opportunities to brag on people: "For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Acknowledge such men" (1 Corinthians 16:18). The most effective recognition is when someone isn't expecting it. Recognition doesn't have to be expensive, but it does require thought. Properly appreciate people, and they will become good followers in time. Always take the time to celebrate people's victories, whether big or small. "How would you like a job where, every time you make a mistake, a big red light goes on, and 18,000 people boo?" (Jacques Plante, NHL Goalie). Three things leaders must do: 1) Communicate. 2) Connect. 3) Care. Followers will have no more passion than the leader. Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less.

Here are some Bible passages that were repeated frequently throughout the conference:

- "Both riches and honor come from you and you reign over all" (1 Chronicles 29:13).
- "Seek the kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need" (Matthew 6:33).
- "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).
- "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen (Ephesians 3:20-21).
- "If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly" (Romans 12:8).

May God continue to bless all of us in the continued achievement of our God-given goals.—Steve