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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Today's Theme:
Today I will begin trying to answer many of the frequently asked questions about heaven that people often ponder.

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. 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 - 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 "Wee Worship" 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.

order of worship

Worship Leader Glenn McGehee

*Walking in Sunlight
I Will Enter His Gates*

Welcome & Call to Worship..... Aaron Sain

*We Bow Down
The Joy of the Lord
Worthy, You are Worthy*

Wee Worship Dismissal

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Shepherd's Prayer..... Bill Peach

When We Meet in Sweet Communion

Lord's Supper Observance Greg Petree

*When We All Get to Heaven
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be*

Sermon Steve Cummings

Song of Encouragement
Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Announcements & Dismissal Aaron Sain



worship serve connect

café closed today!

Due to the lack of staffing, the Café is closed today.

Connex



Beginning tomorrow, February 6 from 3:00-5:15 pm we will be offering a **weekly mentoring and tutoring program for around 20-30 1st and 2nd graders from Shayne Elementary.** For more information or to volunteer, contact Jeannie Petty or Amanda Bawcom. Information sheets are also available in the Welcome Center.

blood drive



The Red Cross Blood Mobile is here today **from 8 to 12 noon.** You may still donate, even if you did not make an appointment,

attention 49'ers!



On Saturday, February 11, we will be going to Hendersonville to eat at the Black Eyed Pea at 11 a.m. We will then go to the Indoor Flea Market. The bus will leave the building at 9:45 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. Please sign the list at Sign-Up Central **TODAY** if you plan to go.

ladies, save the date!

Ladies' Breakfast, March 3, 9:00 a.m. More info to follow.

cd's available

Steve's series on *Heaven* is being recorded on CD. If you would like to have a set, order envelopes are available at Sign-Up Central. You may place your completed request in the wooden box behind the envelopes. The cost is \$1 per CD. If we are requested to mail them, they are \$2 each. We are putting 2 sermons to a CD. If you pay by check, make check payable to Tusculum and mark it for "Heaven series." If you prefer, you may wait until the series is completed and order the entire series.

attention ladies

There are several dishes on the table in the hallway across from the Library. **If you have taken food to someone recently, or brought food to the building, please check to see if some of these dishes belong to you.**

welcome!



We want to give a big "Tusculum Welcome" to **Aaron & Tara Duke** who are becoming a part of our family. They live at 3707 Montgomery Way, Smyrna, TN 37167.

We also want to give a big "Tusculum Welcome" to **Buck & Sue Benthall.** They live at 3728 Tibbs Dr., Nashville, TN 37211. We do not have a picture available.

pantry items for february

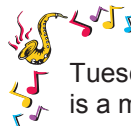


The Benevolent Committee is asking for our help in restocking our pantry. Please bring canned fruit, green beans and corn. You may put your donations in the box outside the office door.

note from Jerry Burchett

I want to take this opportunity to invite everyone who can, to plan to attend the Sunday night 5:00 PM service here at the building during the month of February. I am planning to do a series entitled "Motivated Christian Living." If you do not attend a Life Group, or if there is a Sunday night that your Life Group will not be meeting, I want to extend to you a special invitation to come and be encouraged in the Christian Life. I am looking forward to our time together. Have a GREAT week !!!! God is so Good !!!!! Jerry Burchett

invitation



The W. H. Oliver Middle School Wind Ensemble will present a concert here at our building on Tuesday, February 21 a 7 p.m. Our own **Afua Mensah** is a member of this ensemble.

Scarlet door project

Doors to success

On behalf of **Scarlet Door Project and Adrienne Lyons**, all ladies of the congregation are invited to a powerful and uplifting evening as the Scarlet Door Project hosts its Doors to Success gathering on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the TYM café. Meet and greet from 6:30 to 6:50 and there will be a guest speaker at 7. This is open to all women of the community, so please pass this along to anyone you may think would be interested. For more info, visit www.ScarletDoorProject.com. The next meeting is February 21.

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nursery workers

Jolee Brantley, Nicki Sop
Shacklett, Karynn Hart

prepare communio

Laurel Burton, Peggy Clif
Cromer, Ruby Darks

chair duty

Luke Copeland, Bonn La
Murray, Wesley Groves,
Kyle Watson, Joe Bennie

care for baptismal

Mareta Richardson

pick up ladies at D

Peggy Gill

clean building tod

Steve & Susie Hardesty

Sunday A.M.

Worship
Classes.....

Sunday P.M.

Life Groups
Chapel Life Group worship
Wednesday

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 foyer.)

Dick & Clemmye Hays came home on Monday. Tricia will be coming to get them the latter part of February so that Clemmye can get ready for her knee replacement surgery on March 5.

Kenny Burlason, Room 220 Southern Hills (the radiation burned his throat and he has not been able to eat and he also has had a reaction to the chemo.) Please keep him in your prayers.

Clarence Peacher had a heart procedure (oblation) Thursday. Everything went well.

Faye Bartlett, mother of Anita Yates, Life Care Center of Hickory Woods, 4200 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch 37013 (for rehab.)

Shirley Younger has shingles in her mouth & lips and on the right side of her face. Our prayers are requested.

Ginny Murray, Cumberland Manor, Ashland City Hwy. (if you would like to send her a card, mail it to her home address, 5417 Country Dr., 37211).

Kelly Bennie, sister-in-law of Betsy Edgeworth and Joe Bennie, had her surgery on Monday. The surgery went well.

Bobby Wayne Young, nephew of Bill Gambill, Bordeaux Long Term Care, Room 433 Birmingham Bldg., 1414 County Hospital Rd., Nashville 37218 (prayers & cards will be appreciated)

Gary Stevens is scheduled for bone marrow transplant on February 16 at Vanderbilt. He is the husband of Joan (Sparks) Stevens, a former Tusculum member. Our prayers have been requested.

thank you

We have received a Thank You note from the **Mike & Lori Cromer Family**. It is posted on the bulletin board.

ladies' Bible classes

The Tuesday morning class taught by Katie Beverly meets at 10 a.m. in the Teen Café and the Friday morning class led by Minta Everson meets at 9 a.m. in the Children's Wing. The Tuesday morning class follows Davidson County schools snow schedule and the Friday class follows Williamson County schools snow schedule.

fruit orders

We will be ordering fruit again in February. Please sign the list at Sign-up Central. We must know by **Sunday evening, February 12** if you would like to place an order and the fruit will be delivered on **Thursday, February 16**. This month **Temple oranges** are available and the same type grapefruit as always. This will be our last month to order this season. Payment must be made when you order and checks should be made payable to New Heights Christian Community Services. You may see **Mary Gill or Joy Hooper**.

serve

privileged to serve

North Servers	South Servers
1 George Hunt	1 Frank Copeland
2 Johnny Bridgeman	2 Andy Flanigan
3 Vann Bolton	3 Mark Keene
4 James Butts	4 Bobby Queen
5 Clark Shacklett	5 Cameron Stewart
6 Ray Bates	6 Clint Chapman
7 James Wheeler	7 Randy Melvin

If you cannot serve, please call Charles Watson (832-2986), Jack Cromer (429-5989), or Jim Pomeroy (338-4811).

5:00 Worship

Opening Prayer - Kevin Wilson
 Preside - Frank Copeland
 Closing Prayer - James Wheeler

If you cannot serve, please call Charles Watson (832-2986).

Sunday AM.....	680
Bible Study.....	455
Wednesday PM.....	262
Contribution.....	19,911
Budget.....	18,000
YTD Total.....	96,445
YTD Budget Total.....	90,000

connect

MAIN LINE.....	833-1660
Benevolence.....	833-1869
Counseling (AGAPE).....	781-3000
Hope & Inspiration Line.....	833-9259
Tusculum Information Line.....	833-0993
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souper bowl party tonight!

Join us tonight for a *Souper Bowl Party* to watch the big game and contribute towards a great cause! Our evening will begin at 5:15 and continue until the game ends. We're challenging everyone to bring a can of soup or any canned good to be donated to local food banks. Lipscomb University will be giving prizes to the youth groups in Nashville that bring the most cans. Let's see if the TYM can win! Most of all, let's all contribute towards a great cause. You may also donate money instead of cans. Please also bring \$5 for dinner.

fruit of the spirit bible class series

Join us for Bible class as we continue our series on the fruit of the Spirit! The middle school will meet together and be led by Barry Russell and the high school class will be led by Jerry Burchett and Rob Touchstone. We're looking forward to a great quarter!

passports needed for jamaica team

If you are even considering being a part of our Jamaica Mission Team then you need to go ahead and begin applying now for a Passport. This process can sometimes take several months so we're encouraging you to begin early!

coming in 2012

We're looking forward to a great year! Here are a few of the major dates for the TYM in 2012!

souper bowl party: TODAY in the TYM Cafe beginning at 5:15!

winterfest: Coming Feb. 17-19 in Gatlinburg!

spring retreat: May 4-6 at Barefoot Republic!

tym missions golf tournament: Saturday, May 12. Our annual fundraiser to raise money for summer missions.

potter home: We will be returning to serve our friends at the Potter Home in Bowling Green, Kentucky during the school year and for an extended mission during the summer.

summer bible camp: June 10-15 at Camp Hargis in Chelsea, Alabama!

jamaica mission: July 20-28 for 10th-12th grades in Morant Bay and Soho, Jamaica! We're looking forward to continuing our work with the Morant Bay Church of Christ as well as the Soho Church of Christ that the TYM helped plant in 2008.

fall retreat - Nov. 9-11.



seven @ 7

Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Cafe for "Seven." Come explore and experience The Story of God as we journey together into God's Word! Our readings for this week are Exodus 1-7 & 10-17 if you'd like to follow along as we focus on the story of Moses. You are encouraged to use your new Noteworthy Bibles to read and make notes and then to bring them to Seven!

From Steve...

“IT CAN'T MEAN THAT”

2 Timothy 2:15 – Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Believers of all walks, all maturity levels, and all persuasions are often faced with Bible verses that, on the surface, are very hard to accept or grasp. Our first reaction upon reading it may be, “What? That verse can't possibly mean what it sounds like it means”!

Peter tells us how some people were handling some of those “hard to understand” things the apostle Paul and other inspired writers wrote: 2 Peter 3:16 – His (Paul's) letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

When we come across a hard to understand part of the Bible, here are some rules to keep in mind:

TAKE THE TEXT LITERAL UNLESS...Rule number one in Bible interpretation is: take the text literally unless the text DEMANDS a symbolic (something that represents something else) or allegorical (fictional characters and events that describe some subject by suggestive resemblances) interpretation. If the literal interpretation makes sense, and doesn't create disharmony with other Scripture that speaks to the same subject, don't look for another interpretation, or say, “Well it can't mean that.”

LET THE BIBLE INTERPRET ITSELF – The Bible is the best interpreter of the Bible. When you come across a hard verse, read it in its proper context, and find out what the rest of

Scripture has to say about the topic, the concept, or the words in the verse.

AVOID THE TRADITION FILTER – “We've always done it that way, or believed it that way.” So what! Doing or believing something wrong for 50 years doesn't make it get better with time. Both new and old ideas about Scripture have to be based on the Bible, not man's traditional beliefs that have evolved over time. Don't try to make the text say what you want it to say, or even what you've been taught it says. Make it say what it says. It is completely possible to negate the effect of the Word of God in your life by stubborn adherence to tradition. (Mark 7:13.) If it is the clear and straightforward Word of God, then stand firm and unmovable. If it is tradition, then loosen up, let go and allow God to work in his Own vibrant, new and refreshing way.

BE CAREFUL WITH THE “CULTURAL” ARGUMENT: We read what the Bible says, but we decide it doesn't apply to us. We say, “That was a cultural thing; something for ‘those times’; it was meant only for those specific readers.” **YES, there are times when this argument applies**, but we must be very careful when coming to this conclusion. We can pretty much excuse ourselves of many things we are supposed to do or not do, by rationalizing “that is not meant for today.”

When you come across a “hard” verse or concept in Scripture, be careful not to avoid it, explain it away, or casually dismiss it. Read it. Study it. Embrace it. Ask God for wisdom to understand it, and the courage to obey it. Every Scripture in the Bible is there for a reason. Nothing is there by accident. If it is a “hard” verse, then God meant for it to be! So enjoy the thrill of deeper study and tackle them with anticipation of blessing. --Steve