

# CHURCH OF CHRIST Tusculum

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*Welcome home...*

## 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. (One note about communion: please place communion cups in the footrest of the chair in front of you.)

### 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.

*you belong.*



**Don't  
Be  
Surprised!**

### Today's Theme:

Do you know of anyone who hates you? As a Christian you should not be surprised to discover that you are hated by many people in the world. In fact, if no one hates you then you should probably be concerned about your Christian walk. Today we consider I John 3:13.



### ORDER of WORSHIP

Worship Leader ..... Jeff Fox

*Step by Step  
Standing on the Promises*

### Welcome & Call to Worship

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
I Will Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving  
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Shout to the Lord*

### Wee Worship Dismissal

*More Precious Than Silver  
Just a Closer Walk With Thee  
On Bended Knee*

Sherperd's Prayer ..... Bill Peach

*Nailed to the Cross  
How Deep the Father's Love*

Lord's Supper Observance ..... Ray Falconberry

*Living by Faith  
I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord*

Sermon ..... Steve Cummings

**Song of Encouragement**  
*All to Jesus I Surrender*

**Announcements**



## it's a girl!

Congratulations to **Jason & Bonnie Parrish** on the birth of their daughter, **Ashlyn Grace** on June 30. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and is 20" long. She has a big sister, **Katelyn** and a big brother, **Sam**.

## congratulations!

Congratulations to **Connie Peach**, daughter of Bill & Patsy, and **Bryan Tylor** who were married on July 3 in Antigua.

## happy birthday!

We wish a big "Happy Birthday" to **Charles Cantrell** on Wednesday, July 8. Brother Cantrell's health does not permit him to attend worship often.

## caring by sharing - August 1

You can bring your clothing for the **Caring by Sharing** giveaway and store in **Room 231 in the TYM Café**. Please ensure that clothes are in secure bags or boxes to help keep all of the items together. You may bring adult and children's clothes (clean and in good condition), shoes, scarves, ties, belts, and purses. Sign-up sheets will be available today in the classes and at Sign-up Central. If you have any questions, please contact **Julie Whisler** at 832-0767.

## correction to July birthday list

**Max Workman's** birthday should be July 2.

## items left at camp

Several towels and an assortment of clothing items are on the counter in the office. Please check **today** to see if any of these items belong to you or your child. If they are not picked up by next **Wednesday, July 8**, we will either put them in Caring by Sharing or give them to a charity.

## guys night out

Now is the chance to showcase your bowling skills, or lack thereof, in front of your brothers. Don't miss this opportunity the night of Monday, July 13 at Tusculum Lanes. We are reserving four (4) lanes and the cost is \$1.50 per game and \$3.00 for shoes. There is a sign-up list at Sign-up Central. For more information, you can call or email **David Gee** at 479-5127 or [dgeeman@comcast.net](mailto:dgeeman@comcast.net).

## summer series continues

Our Summer Series continues Wednesday night with our own **Richard Thompson** speaking in the Chapel. VIBE will meet in the Teen Café.

## Holiday World trip

Everyone is invited to Holiday World on Saturday, August 8. Children and Adult tickets are \$26.45/ea. if paid in advance. You can give your money or check (made out to Tusculum Church of Christ, memo: Holiday World) to Brad Mehaffey by July 18. After July 18 you will need to pay full price (\$39.95) at the gate. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation (carpooling is encouraged). Remember: **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

## and the Lord added . . .

We are pleased to announce that **Grace Bates**, daughter of Tony & Heather, was baptized by her Dad on Sunday, June 28. We pray God's blessings to be on Grace and her family as she begins her Christian walk.



The tentative opening for The Art Project is August 23. There are information sheets at Sign-up Central. Feel free to take one. For updates, send an email to Carl Simmons at [simms2057@comcast.net](mailto:simms2057@comcast.net) and put "Art Project Entry" in your subject line.

## benevolent committee

The Benevolent Committee is asking us to help re-stock our pantry. The food items for July are peanut butter, boxed crackers, and pre-sweetened Kool-Aid.

## blood drive report

Thanks to all of you who supported the Red Cross blood drive last Sunday. We had 25 volunteer to donate and received 20 units.

## nursery workers

Phyllis Anderson, Sandra Nichols, Brittany Nichols, Sonya Jett

## prepare communion

Alice Adkisson, Ruth Barnes, Mary Gill, Deborah Miller

## pick up communion

Kevin Hartman Family, Stacia Rawls Family, Kyle & Beth Watson, James Wheeler Family

## chair duty

Gary Bobo, Frank Highland, Kirby, Rick Lyle, Rodney Richardson, Gary Shaffer, James Wheeler

## Care for baptismal clothing

Clemmye Hays

## Pick up ladies at Dandridge

James & Mary Jo Butts

## Clean building today

Jeff & Debbie Neely

a little housekeeping...

## 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.)*

**Willis Waller**, father of Pam Merritt, has just been diagnosed with melanoma stage 4 cancer. Our prayers are requested. His address is 1446 County Rd., 173, Opelika, AL 36801.

**Andy Dunn**, 865 Mt. Zion Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110

**Robert Mitchell** had surgery on Thursday for broken bones in his foot.

**Juanita Fuqua**, room 225, Bethany Health Care

## library news

Donations have been made to the Library Fund by Ray & Vessie Falconberry, Enoch & Janice Hartman and Doug & Carolyn Hughey in memory of **Wallace Garner, Charles Stubblefield and Grace Corbly**.

Diane Hite has given A Cousin's Promise in memory of **Wallace Garner**; The Longing in memory of **Charles Stubblefield** and White Christmas Pie in memory of Grace Corbly.

## our sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Lucille Kerr** who passed away last Sunday. Funeral services were held Thursday in Nashville.

Our sympathy is extended to **Roy & Candi Watson** and their family on the death of his grandfather, Roy Watson. Funeral services were held Thursday in Nashville.

Our sympathy is extended to **Anne Rucker** and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Lightsey. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Henderson, TN.

## thank you

We have received a Thank You note from the **Stubblefield family**. It is posted on the bulletin board.

## prayers requested

Our prayers are requested for **Jana Frankum, Leighton McAlister and Trey Weatherly** who are on a mission trip to Australia.

[www.prayeristheweapon.com](http://www.prayeristheweapon.com)

## serve

### privileged to serve

#### North Servers

- 1 David Butner
- 2 Josh Dickerson
- 3 Jason Frankum
- 4 Ed Lankford
- 5 Joe Valletti
- 6 Jim Barker
- 7 Joshua Whisler

#### South Servers

- 1 Tim Smith
- 2 Vann Bolton
- 3 James Butts
- 4 Rick Lyle
- 5 Mike Jett
- 6 Nick Doores
- 7 Ryan Jett

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

#### 5:00 Worship

- Opening Prayer - N/A
- Preside - Mike Jett
- Closing Prayer -N/A

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Sunday AM .....	638
Bible Study .....	456
Wednesday PM .....	274
Contribution .....	15,401
Budget .....	17,000
YTD Total .....	445,965
Journey of Faith Goal .....	1,247,103
Journey of Faith to date .....	719,549

## connect

MAIN LINE .....	.833-1660
Benevolence .....	.833-1869
Counseling (AGAPE) .....	.781-3000
Disaster Relief .....	.833-0888
Hope & Inspiration Line .....	.833-9259
Tusculum Information Line .....	.833-0993
Youth Group .....	.www.youth-ministry.org
Men .....	.www.tusculummen.org
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Aaron Sain .....	.Creative Director
Rob Touchstone .....	.Youth



### pass out flyers today for local mission

We need as many as possible to come today from 4-6 PM to help pass out flyers for our local mission next week (see details below). We will be going door to door in Lenox Village, Bradford Hills, Sugar Valley, and other surrounding neighborhoods to offer our free services.

### no premiere tonight

We will not be having our regularly scheduled Premiere tonight but hope you'll come help pass out flyers for our local mission from 4-6 PM today (see announcement above).

### local mission this week

We believe our local mission is one of the most important things we do all year and we hope you'll be a part of it! On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday we will meet at Tusculum at 9:30 AM to go out and serve in our community. We need you to bring lawnmowers, weed eaters, hedge trimmers, shovels, and other yard tools you might have. Be sure to wear old clothes and bring work gloves. Projects should finish each day around 2:00 PM. Come help us make a true difference in our local community as we serve!

### jamaica meeting next sunday

Our Jamaica mission team will be meeting next Sunday after Bible class to go over final details and make final preparations. We will also use Sunday as a work day for VBS preparation for those who need more time to prepare.

### High School HD-Groups

We're excited about our summer guy/girl discipleship groups that will be meeting on Mondays! This week's HD Groups will meet as follows:

**Girl's HD-Group:** 8:00-9:30 PM at April Easley's house (546 Elaine Drive, Nashville; 969-8464 ). Bring your Bible and your Crazy Love book.

**Guy's HD-Group:** 7:00-9:00 PM at Daniel Richardson's house (5288 Village Trace, Nashville; 957-6998). Eat dinner before you arrive.

### summer calendars available

Summer Calendars are available in the TYM Cafe. Be sure to check out all that the TYM is offering this summer!

## From Steve...

### HOW GOD ANSWERS PRAYER:

Psalms 140:6 – I said to the Lord: “You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.”

“God always answers our prayers. He either says ‘yes’, ‘no’ or ‘wait’.” I have heard this said countless times over the course of my life from Christians in every stage of their walk with God, from the pulpit, to books, to the homeless down on Main.

Over the years it has become one of those “standard” Christian sayings that everyone nods their head to and passively agrees with. Let's examine this common cliché more closely.

First of all, God does NOT always answer prayer. It is our assumption that God's silence equates to “no” or “wait”. That is OUR assumption. God's silence may be for any number of reasons, including the fact that we may not have met the conditions God requires for answered prayer as stated in Scripture.

When God does answer, there are any number of variations to “yes, no or wait” that He may reply: 1) Yes. 2) Yes, with conditions. 3) Yes, with corrections. 4) No. 5) No, unless... 6) No, except for... 7) Wait. 8) Wait, until I have... 9) Wait, until you have...”

Beyond that I can think of other things God might say in response to our prayers: 1) You should already know the answer. 2) I have already given you my answer. 3) You don't want to hear the real answer. 4) You aren't listening—I have already given you my answer. 5) Like a child, you have already decided what you want the answer to be, and you will not accept my answer.

Remember the old “magic 8 ball” that had the answer window in it? You would turn the ball over, and then turn it right-side-up, and the “answer” would appear in the window. Sometimes we treat God like that old “magic 8 ball” when we box Him in with predetermined answers. We ask our prayer, spin God around, and get the magic answer. And we can predetermine the answer 33% of the time because we've limited God to three choices.

My feeble little list in this lesson surely does not even scratch the surface of the many ways our Infinite and Creative God can and does answer our prayers. That's why it's so important to ask in faith and receive in faith, whether or not you can hear it, grasp it or see it, it is **BY DEFAULT the perfect answer!** (James 1:6-8.)

**Application:** Be careful of perpetuating “Christian” clichés such as the one mentioned here, by limiting God to a few simple answers we can compartmentalize in our finite human minds. We pass these clichés on so frequently that many come to believe they are Scriptural. They only serve to simplify and limit God in our minds, and make us lazy in pursuing the depths of real truth that is not quite so easy and nicely packaged. —Steve