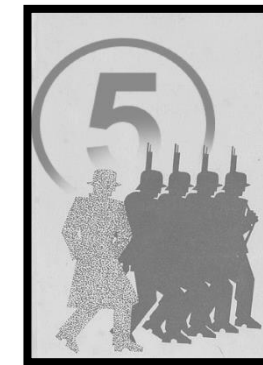


# The Messenger

## The Enemy Within

When Francisco Franco was leading the revolution in Spain, he originated the phrase “the fifth column.” Franco was trying to capture Madrid. He said that he had four columns marching on the city, one from the north, one from the south, one from the east, and one from the west. And most important he had a “fifth column” within the city (Encyclopedia of Sermon Illus., pg. 134-135). Franco considered his best weapon to be the one that was attacking his enemy from within.



Jesus knew something about these methods as does the devil. At one point during the ministry of Jesus, the Pharisees claimed that He was casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub. Jesus said that it was not logical for Satan to do battle against himself, because if he battled against himself how would his kingdom stand (Matt. 12:22-26)? The saying “divide and conquer” has often been attributed to Julius Caesar. It is certainly a viable method, but it is likely that it far predates Caesar.

We usually think of this method in terms of overcoming an opposing force, but what if we take this down to a personal level? Think about how cancer works. It spreads within a person. The longer it is left to its work the more damage it does. It eats a person up from within. What about sin?

Consider the words of Paul in Romans seven. “For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is persist with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.” Did even Paul struggle with this? He further said that he saw another law in his members, warring against the law of his mind, and bringing him into captivity to the law of sin which was in his members (Rom. 7:15-23).

Sin is like a cancer. It works from within the heart and mind. If you open the door, it will eat you up from inside. James wrote, “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death (James 1:14-15).”

We all struggle with sin. One of the first steps in getting right with God is admitting this fact. Once we admit it then we need to be able to identify the species of our struggles. Those are the things from which we need to remove ourselves. No matter how small those desires are, if we allow them to hang around, they will grow. Eventually, we will give in, and if we are not careful, we will be overcome by them. In the words of Barney Fife, the best thing to do is “nip it in the bud.” Do not give it a chance to grow. Do not let yourself be taken over by the enemy from within.

By Doug Tooley

### Schedule of Services

Sunday	
Lord’s Supper Service	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study	10:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:10 a.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Brian Martin	270.576.2936
Denver Young	270.799.8559
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
Deacons	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451
Adam Warren	270.980.2548
Mark Young	270.791.0140
Evangelist	
W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828 M: 270.792.2132
Associate Minister	
Daniel McMillin	662.882.8756

We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”  
Mark 10:45

25 YEARS TOGETHER

# CHALLENGE

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> CYC 24  
See Daniel McMillin for Details

For more Details visit  
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## Living FAITH:

Studies in the Gospel of John

**Equipped 2024**

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S F P R O O G M F C D O V S R	OPPOSING DAMAGE
I U T Y V L O E N V H W E G N	GOOD WARNING
N L E T E S Q O J S G I U O I	TEMPTED DESIRE
G F D I M P O R T A N T N D N	REMOVE GROW
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D I M O V E R C O M I N G M Y	GOD LOVE

# Journey

The Next Stop

## Being an Influencer

February 9 - 11, 2024

**Spring Retreat For Young Adults**  
18-20 something

Guest Speaker: **Airam Kemp**

\$50 includes Meals, T-shirt, Lessons & Activities

Big Reedy Christian Camp, Roundhill, KY

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January Bible Classes		
	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Nursery		Kathy Williams
Preschool		Amy Raymer
2-5 Year Olds		
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Carla Silvano	Wanda Young
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Amanda Barrett
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Stephen Clingenpeel	Brian Martin
7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Matt Williams
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Matthue Harmon	Tom Hall
Twenty Somethings	Daniel McMillin	
Alternate Adults	Tom Hall <i>The 4:8 Principle</i>	Daniel McMillin <i>Conversion Conversations: A Study of Acts</i>
Auditorium Adults	Willard Raymer <i>Proverbs</i>	Richard Eubanks <i>Closer Walk with Jesus</i>

# Announcements

January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lads to Leaders: Bible Bowl Practice & Pearls Lesson After Service
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Christian Academy will have an open house 2:00-4:00 PM. Visit the campus and meet their teachers! Enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year begins on February 1. FCA offers classes for K-3 - 12th grade.
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Bible Class at 10:30 am <i>Bring your Bible and a Dish!</i>
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Men's Bible Study at Josh Barrett's Home at 7:00 PM
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	New Sunday Schedule Change – 9:30am Bible Study-10:30am Worship Service-6:00pm Evening Service
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Food, Fellowship, and Sharing After Morning Services (Details Below)
February 4-8 <sup>th</sup>	Freed-Hardeman University Lecturship Theme: <i>Triumph of the Lamb: The Battle with Evil in Revelation</i>
February 9-11 <sup>th</sup>	Journey Spring Retreat for Young Adults (More Details on Back Page)
February 23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Challenge Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN (See Daniel McMillin for Details)
April 18-20 <sup>th</sup>	Equipped 2024 <i>Faith – Studies from the Book of John</i> at Lehman Avenue (See Back Page)



**Pulpit Preview**  
**Sunday 11:10AM**  
 Just Breathe...

**NEW Schedule**  
**SUNDAY**  
 Beginning on February 4, 2024

- 9:30am - Bible Study
- 10:30am - Worship Service
- 6:00pm - Sunday Evening Service

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
 6:30pm - Bible Study

*Everyone Join Us*  
**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & SHARING**  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH AFTER MORNING SERVICES

Bring soups, fixings, and cookies to eat and enough to share. We will eat and then put together loving baskets of soups and cookies.

SEE TAMMY MILLER TO ADD YOUR SOUP TO THE LIST!

**Tuesday Bible Class**  
 Bring your Bible & a Dish!  
 10:30 am  
 January 30th

## Prayer Requests

• Heather Young (Daughter In-Law of Ralph and Marsha Young)	• Faye McKinley
• Danny Miller & Brenda Miller	• Gerry Utley
• Aubrey Avery – 9 Years old with Brain Tumor	• Don Anderson
• Larry Young	• Mike Collier (Donna Parker's Brother)
• J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	• Wilma Blankenship
• Janice Cole	• Judy McBride – Back Surgery Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>
• Jimmy Hughes	• Lachlan Kreis – Brain Tumor
• Jeff Morrison	• Jimmy Wilmoth
• L.B. Wilson	• Lunell Upton
• Janet Cole – Three Forks	• Jenny McDonald
• J R Bradshaw	• Stephanie Lindsey - ALS
<i>Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship</i>	

### God's Plan of Salvation

God's Part	Man's Part
Great love of God for man <b>John 3:16</b>	Hear the Gospel <b>Romans 10:17, John 8:32</b>
Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior <b>Luke 19:10</b>	Believe the Gospel <b>Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31</b>
Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide <b>John 16:13</b>	Repent of past sins <b>Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30</b>
The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation <b>Romans 1:16</b>	Confess faith in Jesus Christ <b>Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32</b>
Provided atonement by the blood of Christ <b>Romans 5:9</b>	Be Baptized <b>Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38</b>
	Be faithful unto death <b>Revelations 2:10</b>

**Bible Trivia Challenge**

**This Week's Question**  
 Who died after falling out of the window during Paul's sermon?  
 Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

January 21<sup>st</sup> Jesus told the evil and adulterous generation that no sign would be given except what?  
 (Answer: The sign of Jonah; Matt. 12:39)

Fred Heath, Bobby and Darlene Pruet, Lenora Isenberg, Logan Barrett, Jessie Wilson, Shorty & Thelma Wurst, Nathan Warren and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Sunday Morning Lord's Supper	January 28	Sunday Morning Services	February 4
Security 1	Jeff Morrison	Security 1	Mark Young
Security 2	Shawn Hudson	Security 2	Richard Eubanks
Security 3	Fred Heath	Security 3	Gordon Harlow
Security 4	Tommy Flora	Security 4	Michael Runner
Audio Video Controls	Reagan Young	Audio Video Controls	Chris Robison
Song Leader	Mason Miller	Communion Prayer	Matt Williams
Communion Comments/Prayer	Daniel McMillin	Lord's Table Center Left	Stephen Clingenpeel
Lord's Table Center Left	Lyle Johnson	Lord's Table Center Right	Mason Miller
Lord's Table Center Right	Landon Miller	Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Blake Fritsch
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Brian Raymer	Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Perry Cole
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Eddie Windham	Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Mason Moon
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Gary Basham	Lord's Table Assist Right 3	David Warren
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	Hunter Morrison	Announcements	Willard Raymer
Communion Dismissal Prayer	Victor Davis	Opening Prayer	Gary Basham
<b>Worship Service</b>		Song Leader	Brian Martin
Announcements	Adam Warren	Worship Service Prayer	Fred Heath
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Scripture Reading AM	Jacob Williams
Worship Service Prayer	Greg Isenberg	Closing Prayer	Adam Warren
Scripture Reading	Elijah Davis	<b>Sunday Evening Services</b>	
Closing Prayer	Doug Depp	Security 1	Randy Reneau
Communion Afternoon	Richard Eubanks	Security 2	L.W. Jackson
<b>Wednesday Night Bible Study</b>		Security 3	Eddie Windham
Security 1	Jeff Morrison	Song Leader	Jason Kelton
Security 2	Travis Young	Opening Prayer	Hunter Barrett
Security 3	Matthue Harmon	Scripture Reading PM	Matthue Harmon
Song Leader	Hunter Barrett	Lord's Table	Joshua Barrett
Opening Prayer	Gary Basham	Closing Prayer	Cody Basham
Closing Prayer	Kane Barrett	<b>Wednesday Night Bible Study</b>	
<b>Monthly Assignments</b>		Security 1	Cody Basham
Lock Building	Brian Martin	Security 2	Willard Raymer
Baptismal Laundry	Judy Young	Security 3	Matt Williams
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Jeff Morrison	Song Leader	Adam Warren
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Lenora Isenberg	Opening Prayer	Brian Martin
Prepare Communion	Brian & Tracy Martin	Closing Prayer	Perry Cole
<b>Monthly Assignments</b>		<b>February</b>	
Lock Building	Travis Young	Baptismal Laundry	Kristie Hughes
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Fred Heath	Assist with Women's Baptisms	Amy Raymer
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Amy Raymer	Prepare Communion	Travis & Emily Young
<b>Bread Distribution</b>		<b>Bake</b>	
January 28	Tracy Martin	<b>Give Out</b>	
February 4	Tina Hall	Becky Justis & Joy Richey	
		Danielle & Claire Robison	

**For The Record**  
**Week of January 21, 2023**

Lord's Supper Service	136
Bible Study	130
Worship Service	139
Wed. Bible Study	66
Contribution	\$5,222

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