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 I N F O R M E P R A Y E R B O DEATH SERVICE
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 V E M E N S A H E A V E N S F INFORM REVEAL
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 E D U V R S C W N O B N J U S PROTECTION
 V E M T I O T I Y I A A E M S HEAVEN STUMBLE
 E A J M U C V A L U N L S B I JESUS PRAYER
 A T F K D R E E N U T G U L O IMPROVE
 L H Q Y R U E F N D X T S E N CONFESSION

March Bible Classes			
	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening	
Nursery		Kathy Williams	
Preschool		Tina Hall	
2-5 Year Olds			
1st & 2nd Grade		Lillian Warren	
3rd & 4th Grade		Carla Silvano	
5th - 6th Grade	Stephen Clingenpeel		
7th- 8th Grade	Matt Williams		
9th - 12th Grade	Matthue Harmon		
Twenty Somethings	Mason Miller		
Alternate Adults	Tom Hall <i>Psalm 119</i>	Women's Class Angie Anderson <i>Fruits of the Spirit</i>	
Auditorium Adults	Daniel McMillin <i>Worship for the Glory of God</i>	Tom Hall & Daniel McMillin <i>Biblical Manhood 5th grade and up</i>	



You're invited to apply for Equip Ministry Camp, hosted by the FHU: College of Biblical Studies! The camp will take place from Tuesday, May 28, through Friday, May 31, and is open to students aged 13-19. The camp, limited to 48 applicants, will include time with mentors, collaborative preparation for ministry and relationship-building activities. For more information, contact Doug Burleson, Director of Equip Ministry Camp, at dburleson@fhu.edu. Learn more at fhu.edu/equip-ministry-camp.

For more Details visit Lehmancc.org/equipped/

Living FAITH:
Studies in the Gospel of John
Equipped 2024

The Messenger

Schedule of Services	
Sunday	
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
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

AN HOUR IS COMING: JESUS' WARNING OF FUTURE PERSECUTION

In the first century, many New Testament Christians experienced intense persecution. In John 16:1-4, Jesus warned His disciples that an hour was coming when that time when they would suffer simply because they followed Him. In verse 1, Jesus’ opening statements issue a warning about apostasy. Jesus believed that “falling away” was in the realm of possibility. The Lord is aware of the future trials His disciples will endure and informs them of “these things” to keep them from “stumbling.” The cause of Jesus’ warning is meant to prepare His disciples for what is to come, namely, the immanence of their persecution and death. He warns them that they will be treated poorly by their fellow Jews since they will be treated as “outcasts” by their brethren. They will be prohibited from entering the “synagogue,” the house of worship outside of Jerusalem in ancient Judaism. Here, Jesus is informing His disciples about something that will take place in the future (“an hour is coming”) when His disciples (“you”) will not only be persecuted but may also be killed. The Lord suggests that those who “kill” them will believe that they are doing some righteous act with the right intentions, namely, “for the service of God.” The individuals Jesus



is speaking about are His kinsmen, specifically, the Jewish people. The Jews will slaughter not only Christ but His followers because they believe they are doing a “service” to God. The primary cause of Christian persecution is due to an imprecise conception of God. Jesus is saying that they do not truly know God because they do not understand the identity of Jesus. After all, they do not grasp the Father-Son relationship. “These things they will do because they have not known

the Father or Me” (John 16:3). Previously, Jesus suggested that those who “know” the Son will “know” the Father because to see the Son is to see the Father since the Father and Son dwell in each other (John 14:7-11). Those who hate the Son (and hate His followers) do not know God (John 15:18-21). When Jesus is in the garden of Gethsemane, He will say to the Father, “This eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ” (John 17:3). In sum, those who do not know Jesus do not know God, but those who do know Jesus know God and receive eternal life. In verse 4, Jesus informs His disciples because He knows His hour has arrived as the cross draws near. He waited for the proper time to reveal these things to His disciples because He was “with” them. However, His time on earth is limited, and so He chose to say these things to them now, even though He knew these things would occur before He called them to follow Him. The implication of the phrase, “these things I did not say to you at the beginning,” suggests that He could have said these things “at the beginning” but chose not to say anything until now. Jesus hints at His departure while unveiling His continual protection of His disciples throughout His ministry. The “hour” that Jesus is speaking incorporates not only the hour of His death but also the hour of His disciples’ persecution. Again, Jesus says these things to warn them concerning what they may endure in His name before He returns to heaven to be with the Father who “sent” Him (John 16:5). Jesus’ words may appear to be very ironic in light of the conclusion of the Gospel of John. As D.A. Carson notes, “What appears to be their hour has been introduced by Jesus’ hour, but in his case, he seems to be suffering defeat in the very moment when he is winning the greatest of all victories, while at their hour they seem to be winning when they are suffering the greatest of all defeats.” (The Gospel according to John, 532) Jesus warns His disciples to (1) inform them that they will be persecuted by those who do not know God and (2) protect them from spiritual stumbling so they may walk in alignment with God’s will. The Lord’s words still ring true today concerning those who may attack us simply because we follow Jesus. Despite any negative experiences we may have, we have the privilege of knowing our God through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Author: Daniel McMillin

Announcements

March 24 th	Lads to Leaders Bible Bowl at 4:00 PM
March 24 th	Headed to the Office participants for L2L to attend Elders & Deacons Meeting at 5:00 PM
March 24 th	Elders & Deacons Meeting at 5:00 PM
March 24-28 th	Spring Revival at Refuge Church of Christ with Guest Speaker Jack Honeycutt in Eighty-Eight KY
March 29-31 st	Lads to Leaders Convention
April 2 nd	Tuesday Bible Class at 10:30 am Bring your Bible and a Dish!
April 4 th	Men's Bible Study Location at Marky Young's Home
April 18-20 th	Equipped 2024 Faith - Studies from the Book of John at Lehman Avenue (See Back Page)
April 21 st	Church Eat Church with Fellowship Meal (No Evening Service)
May 28-31 st	FHU Equip Ministry Camp (Details on Back)

APRIL 21ST

CHURCH - Eat - CHURCH

9:30 am	Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Fellowship Meal
1:00 pm	Afternoon Service
No Evening Service	

Tuesday Bible Class
Bring your Bible & a Dish!
10:30 am
April 2nd



Pulpit Preview
Sunday 10:30AM
Improving My Prayer Life
6:00PM
Confession!

If you are staying more than one night at the L2L convention, please give your room money to Adam. The cost is \$175 for each additional night.

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
• J.L. Young - Massey Springs - Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	• Mike Collier (Donna Parker's Brother)
• Janice Cole	• Trey Taylor - Cancer (Elizabeth Kemp's Cousin)
• Jim Shover - Broken Pelvis	• Tracy McBreyer - ALS
• Donna Wheeler	• Lachlan Kreis - Brain Tumor
• Malaika Ballard - Cancer	• Jimmy Wilmoth
• Janet Cole - Three Forks	• Lunell Upton
• Gary Browning - Cancer	• Jenny McDonald
	• Stephanie Lindsey - ALS
	• Beverly Acree

Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship

God's Plan of Salvation

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

Bible Trivia Challenge

This Week's Question

The sleep of laboring man is what?

Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

March 17th Who humbly said to Jesus, "I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof?"
(Answer: The Centurion; Luke 7:6)
Fred Heath, Tammy Puckett-Goss, Bobby and Darlene Pruet, Lenora Isenberg, Jessie Wilson, Nathan Warren, Shorty & Thelma Wurst and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Sunday Morning Services	March 24	March 31
Security 1	Jeff Morrison	Joshua Barrett
Security 2	Grant Cole	Matthue Harmon
Security 3	Shawn Hudson	Richard Eubanks
Security 4	Tommy Flora	Gordon Harlow
Audio Video Controls	Zach Martin	Andy Wagoner
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Mason Miller
Opening Prayer	Daniel McMillin	Greg Isenberg
Announcements	Doug Depp	Mark Young
Worship Service Prayer	Victor Davis	Adam Warren
Communion Prayer	Greg Isenberg	Doug Depp
Lord's Table Center Left	Adam Warren	Lyle Johnson
Lord's Table Center Right	Joshua Barrett	Perry Cole
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Fred Heath	Jeff Morrison
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Kane Barrett	Jacob Williams
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Elijah Davis	Michael Runner
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	L.B. Wilson	Kane Barrett
Scripture Reading AM	Nathan Warren	Daniel McMillin
Closing Prayer	Richard Eubanks	Willard Raymer
Sunday Evening Services	March 27	April 3
Security 1	Michael Runner	Gary Basham
Security 2	Cody Basham	Fred Heath
Security 3	Travis Young	L.W. Jackson
Song Leader	Jason Kelton	Adam Warren
Opening Prayer	Hunter Morrison	Hunter Barrett
Scripture Reading PM	Jacob Williams	Cody Basham
Lord's Table	Mark Young	Victor Davis
Closing Prayer	Brian Raymer	Jacob Williams
Wednesday Night Bible Study	March	April
Security 1	L.W. Jackson	Matthue Harmon
Security 2	Perry Cole	Mark Young
Security 3	Matt Williams	Eddie Windham
Song Leader	Hunter Barrett	Jason Kelton
Opening Prayer	Kane Barrett	Jeff Morrison
Closing Prayer	Jacob Williams	Brian Martin
Monthly Assignments	March	April
Lock Building	Richard Eubanks	Richard Eubanks
Baptismal Laundry	Lenora Isenberg	Paula Lowe
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Travis Young	Fred Heath
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Paula Lowe	Marsha Wagoner
Prepare Communion	Richard & Donna Eubanks	Richard & Donna Eubanks
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
March 24	Victoria Jackson	Lisa & Hunter Morrison
March 31	Judy Young	Mason & Tammy Miller

** If unable to serve, contact Matt Williams at 270.779.7733**

For The Record Week of March 17, 2024	
Bible Study	99
Worship Service	140
Evening Service	69
Wed. Bible Study	83
Contribution	\$5,285

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- Spectrum Cable Channel 184 Mon 9:30 am/Thurs 6:30 pm



If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and fill out a visitors' card and place it in the collection plate located in the foyer. We are delighted that you're here to share in our worship service and hope that you will please visit us again real soon!

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