From Our Pastor

Do you ever stop and think about how many choices you make in a day? What are you going to wear? What are you going to eat? Or if you will eat at all? What are you going to do? Choice after choice. Someone said, "your choices will either *liberate* you or *imprison* you "and how true that is. We have all made bad decisions and we live with the consequences of it. I have heard for many years, "A choice is a down payment on tomorrow so make your choices carefully." I recently read, as we make our choices, we need to be careful to stop robbing our future by being irresponsible in our choices. According to Deuteronomy 30 verses 11-20, God gives us choices but, He also enlightens us with truth so we can have wisdom in making decisions. He says, the Word (Truth) is very near to us, as He has made it plain. It is ever before us that we might choose to do the right thing and to honor Him. It always pays to make the right choice because that is just the right thing to do. Remember God blesses wise decision-making if we choose to honor Him and His Word.

There are things we need to take into consideration when it comes to making choices. We must remember that choices have consequences and how can we be sure that our choices will be right? Here are some questions we need to ask ourselves before making choices.

1. Will God bless it? Will I have God's blessing concerning the choice I make? If you choose to go against Gods Word, then you will NOT have His blessing. There is a cause an effect sequence in life that is what is it. If I choose to jump out of an airplane without a parachute, guess what the outcome is going to be?

Prov 3:6 "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Prov 19:21 "There are many devices (plans) in a man's heart; nevertheless, the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand."

Proverbs 16:25 "There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

- 2. <u>Is it redemptive</u>? Is this choice going to help me in my responsibility to encourage and inspire others?
- 1 Cor 10:23 "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not."
- 3. <u>Is it defined by my love for Christ</u>? Am I taking into consideration my love for Christ when I made this decision? Am I making this choice based on my love for Christ or my love for myself?

Believe me there are many other questions that could and should be asked before making many choices. The important thing is that we take time, if possible, to evaluate every aspect of the outcome of our choices. I realize that sometimes you have to make a choice in the spur of a moment and in those times, you have to make decisions and then make your decisions work. You make the best decision possible with what you have to work with.

If possible, though, take time to consider a situation before making a final choice. Proverb 23:1 says, "consider diligently what is before thee." Evaluating the repercussions of making wrong choices will spare you a lot of heartache down the road. In Psalm 37 verse 23 the Bible says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD." That means my responsibility is to live right and God will go before me directing my path. I don't know about you, but I need Gods leadership in my life.

March 2023

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| | | | I 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Vow Renewal Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark 5:30 p.m. Bible Study | 6 | 7 | 8 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice/ Fellowship Meal 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Church Council 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark 5:30 p.m. Bible Study | 13 | 14 | 15 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark/Mountain Movers 5:30 p.m. Bible Study | 20 | 21 | 22 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting | 23 | 24 Ladies' Prayer Advance | 25 |
| 26 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark 5:30 p.m. Bible Study | 27 | 28 | | | | |

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Jordyn Burgess

Jessica Waller

Linette Nuckols

Lauren Michael

10 David Reynolds

15 Emmalee Ayers

Jamie Barbour

Wade Moore

(Mike) Burgess

Carol Cundiff

18 Jan Doss

23 Tonie Hanks

26 Daniel Moore

28 Holly St. John

29 Noah Carter

31 Malcolm

Charlotte

Worrell

Nursery for March

Sun March 5, 2022

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Pam Anderson, Dana Wells, Pam Kendrick, &

Hannah Shaw

Sun March 12, 2022

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Misty Bishop, Renee Moore, Anna Dunn, & Katie

Hammock

Sun March 19, 2022

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Mary Claytor, Holly St. John, James & Sylvia

Lumpkins

Sun March 26, 2022

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Shelly Lewis, Cassie Gatewood, Donnie & Peggy

Moore

Greeters

March 5 Patsy Conner & Melody Collins

March 12 Mary Moon Moore & James Allen

March 19 Joan Nuckols & Ben Dunn

March 26 Brenda Collins & Jetty Burgess

Deacon of the Week(*)/Usher

March 5 Donnie Moore*, Adam Lumpkins, Bryan Lewis, Terry Moore

March 12 Bobby Mullins*, Chris Falls, Gary Matherly, Dale McFaddin

March 19 Adam Burgess*, Tommy Jefferson, Drake Easley, Randy Gatewood

March 26 Karle Byrd*, James Lumpkins, Larry Weiss, Roger Walden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Have a name you'd like to add to birthday list?
Let Julie know!



If your address or phone number has changed, please let Julie know!

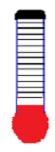


If you need offering envelopes, please let Julie know!

2023 Lottie Moon Offering



As a church, you have set a pledge goal of \$16,145.00, for the 2023 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of February 26, 2023 we have collected \$3,480.44



The Mission of the Manger

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. — Matthew 28:19-20

2023 Lottie Moon Goal \$16,145



Happy March, Hollywood! We off to a great start on our shoebox collection in 2023! We are already planning for and looking forward to our packing party in November.



Every box packed at our packing party includes: an age appropriate wow item (toy, ball, etc.), a stuffed animal, clothing items, school supplies, hygiene items, small toys, games, and accessories. Each year we have a goal of packing between 150-175 boxes at our party, with thousands of items packed. We collect items all year long, with a special focus on a particular item each month.

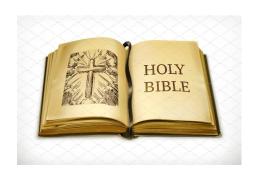
In January, we asked for donations of winter clothing items (hats, gloves, or scarves, etc.). We haven't quite reached our goal for that yet, but our crafters are busily working, so I'm sure that we'll reach it shortly! In February we blew our goal out of the water! We're looking forward to some gloriously full boxes this year! In March we're focusing on Quality Crafted Items! Knit, crochet, sew, bead, carve, or paint all of these have a place in a shoebox! Please place any donations in the collection box in the foyer near the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please let us know!

January Goal: 25/150 Winter Clothing Items

February Goal: 300/150 Accessories

March Goal: 150 Quality Crafted Items

Mission of the Month: March MT. PISGAH SCRIPTURE PRINTING MINISTRY COVERING THE WORLD WITH THE WORLD



This month, please lift up in prayer Mt. Pisgah Scripture Printing. Hollywood supports Brother Bobby Lee and his wife Joann, who travel and represent this ministry that prints the Word of God.

Mt. Pisgah Scripture Printing Ministry is a non-profit ministry of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Oliver Springs, Tennessee. Since 1975, this local church has distributed millions of Bibles and Scripture portions in sixteen languages around the world. The goal of the printing ministry is to provide the Word of God to a world in desperate need.

Words could not express our appreciation for all of the cards, comforting words, prayer support and things that you have done for us during this time. You will never know how you have

ministered to our hearts. We never know what life is going to hold and what each day may bring to our lives but I am so thankful for the people that God has put in our path to walk along side of us in this journey. Thank you for your concern and support.

From the staff here at Chatham Health and Rehabilitation:

We would like to Thank you for making our residents happy with their cards on Valentine's Day.

Thank you so much for your help,

Patricia Myers

Activities Assistant

Dear Brother Terry & Church Family,

Thank all of you for your many prayers, cards, and flowers that you have sent to me over the past year. Your prayers have brought me comfort during my illness! I love you all and appreciate you! May God Bless Each of You!



Join us for Pickleball Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. in the gym. If you don't know how to play, we're happy to teach you! If you have questions, please contact Wendy Byrd.



Join us for our Pine Car Derby!

May 6, 2023



Sign up deadline: March 19

Car kits will be available for purchase for \$8 (please do not miss this opportunity due to cost, if this is a strain on your budget, let us know). We are expecting them to arrive in March. If interested please see Wendy Byrd.





The Ladies' Prayer Advance will be held in Roanoke, March 23-25. The church will have rooms at a local hotel available.

There are discounts for first time attendees.

If you have questions about attending the

prayer advance, please contact the church office. Come see what blessings God has in store for you if you give Him your time and attention during this prayer advance!



SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Day 1: Genesis 2:22-25

Day 2: Genesis 16:10-11, 13

Day 3: Genesis 18:13-14

Day 4: Exodus 2:1-4

Day 5: Exodus 2:5-6

Day 6: Exodus 2:7-10

Day 7: Judges 4:4-6

Day 8: Judges 4:8-10

Day 9: Judges 4:21-22

Day 10: Ruth 1:16-17

Day 11: Ruth 2:10-12

Day 12: 1 Sam. 25:3, 32-33

Day 13: 2 Kings 4:8-10

Day 14: Esther 4:12-14

Day 15: Esther 4:15-17

Day 16: Proverbs 31:30-31

Day 17: Luke 1:5-7

Day 18: Luke 1:13-14

Day 19: Luke 1:30-33

Day 20: Luke 1:46-50

Day 21: Luke 4:38-39

Day 22: Luke 8:1-3

Day 23: Luke 10:38-39

Day 24: Luke 10:40-42

Day 25: John 11:21-23

Day 26: John 11:24-27

Day 27: Acts 16:13-15

Day 28: Acts 18:24-26

Day 29: Romans 16:1-2

Day 30: Romans 16:3-5a

Day 31: Hebrews 11:30-31

This writing plan can be used any month, hence the 31 days. Write each day's Scriptures in a notebook or our Faith Journal. Feel free to underline important words, read them aloud, or use these Scriptures as a springboard for your prayers.





Children's Church Update

March 2023

What a wonderful group of leaders we have for Children's Church!!! Our leaders make Children's Church possible, and I am very thankful for you all.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

I want to brag for a minute on the youth of our church. Each of these kids has volunteered to help out in children's church wherever and whenever needed. Holden Mills, Heidi Tosh, Cole and Makayla Lewis, Katelyn Gatewood, Matthew and Christina Falls, and Damon and Aiden Mullins have all made themselves available for whatever is needed, whether skits, puppet shows, or helping cut, glue, and color with the little kids. They are giving their time and talents to the children's ministry, and WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEM!!!

And now I'll ask you to pray--

On our bulletin boards at the back of the church we have the names of 44 different children who have participated in Children's Church in the last few months. Each month I am adding new names. Please take the time to pray for these kids and their parents.

Please pray for our leaders that we will realize the great ministry that is before us—"the fields are white unto harvest", and that we will prepare and present lessons from the Bible with applications for every day life. That we can make plain the truths of God's word to these children and have an impact on them and their families.

We are studying the 10 Commandments—Loving God and Loving People. Please pray for our leaders that as we teach these lessons, we will learn more about how to live out these truths in our own lives also.

Thank you, church, for all your support of this ministry.

In His service, Wendy Byrd

Leaders for March, 2023, are:

Mar. 12, 2023 Karen and Ann Hope Dana and Mike

Mar. 19, 2023 Mary Moss and June Sherry and Liz

Mar. 26, 2023 Adam and Blair John and Mary Moon





















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| Upcoming Events | | | | | | |
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| X | April 2 | Church Council | | | | |
| ¥ Y | April 6 | Maundy Thursday Service | | | | |
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