

Prayer List

Debbie Caldwell, Levi Cox, Joy Glass, Ella Green, Jake Hanna, Michael Hatcher, Cory Hillman, Chela Keever, Bobby King, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Chris Stout

- Charles Hatcher is home recovering from foot surgery Monday.
- Michael Hatcher (preacher for the Bellview congregation in Pensacola, FL) will be having prostate surgery tomorrow.

The Numbers

Attendance Sunday, December 7 28/28/27
Wednesday, December 10 23

Offering Sunday, December 7 \$907.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons

Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer Brian Carver
Songs David Snyder
Sermon Brad Green
Lords Supper & Contribution Jay Caldwell
Assisting Lance Green
Closing Prayer James Hutton

Afternoon Worship

First Prayer Lance Green
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer Brian Carver

Wednesday Night

Songs James Hutton
First Prayer David Snyder
Devotional Keith Keever
Closing Prayer Jay Caldwell

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Lower Level —
Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel
11915 Kingston Pike
Farragut, TN 37934

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

WHAT'S THAT I HEAR?

Is it a knocking sound? Perhaps it's a good opportunity just waiting for us to simply open the door. Sometimes, opportunity knocks but we fail to recognize what stands available to us right behind the door. Many sit and wait for something to introduce itself as an opportunity while successful people see every little possibility in front of them as a potential opportunity. Successful people expect wonderful opportunities to show up and knock rather than sit around saying, "if I could only..."

The apostle Paul took advantage of all of his opportunities. "Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: And Paul, *as his manner was*, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ" (Acts 17:1-3, emphasis B.G.). Paul could have seen the synagogue as a hindrance to the teaching of Christ. Instead, he saw an opportunity to speak to a multitude of people already gathered to study religious matters.

Some people are immediately "soured" when they see a bag of lemons. Even the strongest of faithful men can be discouraged if they are not careful. Elijah ran into the wilderness to save himself from the evil Jezebel "and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers...And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant,

thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away" (1 Kin. 19:4, 10). Elijah was in despair and had come to a point of thinking that there was no more reason to live. However, Elijah's work was not done. God revealed, "Yet I have left Me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him" (1 Kin. 19:18). For a moment, Elijah's eyes had been distracted from the good opportunities that lay ahead.

While some see a bag of lemons, others see a nice, cold glass of lemonade or a new recipe using lemon zest. Rather than lament over what we don't see, let us take what we've been given and see the opportunity for something greater. Let us use the abilities we have been blessed with and realize our greatest potential (Mat. 25:14-30). In doing so, our abilities will grow and strengthen and so will the opportunities.

-Brad Green

The Gospel Plan of Salvation

- **HEAR** the word of God; the Bible (Romans 10:17)
- **BELIEVE** the word of God and that Jesus is Lord (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6)
- **REPENT** of sin (Acts 17:30)
- **CONFESS** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33)
- **BE BAPTIZED** in order to receive remission of sins (Acts 2:38); in order to have past sins washed away (Acts 22:16); in order to get into the body of Christ, the church (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:47); in order to be saved (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Peter 3:21)
- **LIVE FAITHFULLY** in accordance with God's word (1 John 1:6-9; Revelation 2:10)

The church of Christ

- Built by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18)
- Purchased by Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28)
- Established on the first Pentecost after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)
- Jesus is the Head (Colossians 1:18)
- The Bible is her only doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3)
- God adds those being saved to the church (Acts 2:47; Mark 16:16)
- Jesus will present the church to His Father (Ephesians 5:27)
- There is only one church (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:4; Ephesians 1:22-23)

Location

We meet in the lower level of Click Funeral Home in Farragut, which is located next to Walgreens at the intersection of Kingston Pike and Smith Road, and directly across from Jefferson Federal Bank.

