

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

- Michael Hatcher (preacher for the Bellview congregation in Pensacola, FL) is home recovering after prostate surgery. His is awaiting a report on the biopsy.
- Charles Hatcher is doing well after his foot surgery, and will return to work on Monday. He would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, Dec. 14	25/25/23
	Wednesday, Dec. 17	21
Offering	Sunday, Dec. 14	\$919.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Lance Green

Morning Worship

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

Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	James Hutton
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Brian Carver
Closing Prayer	Lance Green

Wednesday Night

Songs	Keith Keever
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Devotional	Jay Caldwell
Closing Prayer	Brian Carver

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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

WISDOM

The Bible teaches that wisdom is “better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it” (Pro. 8:11). While many seek fame and fortune, God prefers that we search for knowledge and understanding. “How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver” (Pro. 16:16)!

This congregation is blessed with wisdom. Many of our members have attained unto wisdom by way of a combination of age (or maturity), past experiences, and knowledge. Younger members should be ever grateful for the abundance of wisdom garnered by the older. Only a fool would allow such wisdom to go untapped. Our older members should be sought for advice because of their years of experiences and the knowledge they have acquired. We should learn to lean upon the knowledge and wisdom of those who have “been there and done that” so that we are not “doomed” to repeat mistakes these individuals have been witness to in the past. Though NFL teams are looking to younger, faster, and stronger athletes to take the place of the superstars of yesteryear, these same teams also understand the need to make sure that there is veteran leadership in the locker room as well. These teams see the necessity of employing older players who are still athletic, but whose greatest asset may just be their knowledge and understanding of the game. What the younger athlete may lack in experience can be compensated by the veteran who has already seen certain situations played out in the past. For the young athlete to be great, he must learn from those who have preceded him. Young Christians can mature much quicker and see multiplied growth in aptitude by simply listening to older Christians

who have “been around the block.”

We also have members who, through years of education, have specialized knowledge and talents that should be taken advantage of and used to benefit the work of the Church. God has blessed these individuals with their abilities and the opportunity to further hone their skills in colleges and universities. Therefore their expertise should not only be of great value to them in the secular workforce, but should also be used to the furtherance of the Kingdom of Christ. Moses’ 40 years of training in the ways of the Egyptians and 40 years training in the wilderness of Madian (Acts 7:23, 29-30) made him more than qualified to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage and through the wilderness wanderings. Jesus commanded Peter, Andrew, James, and John to use the knowledge of their trade to become “fishers of men” (Mat. 4:19). In like manner, we can call upon those with specialized training to put their abilities to work for God.

Wisdom is of great importance and to be desired. Wisdom, however, must be based in the truth. A conclusion based upon past experiences or years of experience that is contrary to the Word of God is not wisdom – it is foolish. For example, some have concluded, based upon their experience, that the only way for the Church to “compete” with denominationalism is to play their game on their terms. “Children’s church,” church sponsored sports teams, and contemporary “worship” services have been added because individuals with years and years of experience concluded that it was the only way to “call” people to Christ. A young man with no experience can evince the wisdom, that is sorely lacking in the previous example, with just a Bible in his hand. The Bible teaches that man is “called” by the Gospel (2 The. 2:14), the Gospel is God’s power to lead man unto salvation (Rom. 1:16-17), and practicing anything not authorized by the Gospel is a sin against God (Col. 3:17).

Let us seek wisdom early and often. Let us show our older members the due appreciation for their years of faithful service to the Lord and for the wisdom they have acquired and pass on to us. Let us continue to perfect our skills so that we can be of more service to Christ and His Church.

—Brad Green

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.

