

## Prayer List

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Debbie Caldwell, Ronald Carrigg, Diane Hutton, Juan Mandujano, Jerry Perkins, Tim Smith, Chris Stout

- Jimmy Thompson, preacher at West Newton in Indianapolis, is scheduled to have surgery Sep. 10, 2008. He has been diagnosed with 3 aneurysms.
- Mary Lynn McAleer (friend of the Simmons) has had surgery for ovarian cancer and will be having chemotherapy soon.
- Jay Montgomery (husband of Ashleigh Greens friend) is coming home from Iraq soon. He has been suffering from depression due to being away from family.
- Ella Green is still fighting illness but seems to be doing fine.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, August 10	22/28/21	
	Wednesday, August 13	23	
Offering	Sunday, August 10	\$466.00	

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes                      Keith Keever

### Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	David Snyder
Songs	Jay Caldwell
Sermon	Brad Green
Lords Supper & Contribution	Charles Hatcher
Assisting	Brian Carver
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

### Afternoon Worship

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

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	James Hutton

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**August 17, 2008**



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

## Schedule of Services

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### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



## From The Preacher's Pen

### GOD MADE IT RIGHT

There are so many things that we look upon as being bad. However, things that are bad did not start out that way. "And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, *it was very good*. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day" (Gen. 1:31, emphasis B.G.). God made everything perfect. He made everything "very good." When we see the pain, suffering, and evil which exists in the world, we should not immediately think that everything is bad. It should, however, remind us that sin will ruin a good thing. Because of sin, God sent Adam "forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life" (Gen. 3:23-24). What once was enjoyed by man in the beautiful and peaceful garden of Eden had been taken away and replaced by a cursed ground which "in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Gen. 3:17-19). Though God made everything right, through sin and abuse, man has made it wrong.

God made marriage right, holy, honorable and undefiled (Heb. 13:4), but man has gotten it wrong. Man ignores God's law on marriage and divorce (Mat. 19:9). Man defiles the sanctity of the home by condoning homosexuality and "same-sex marriages" (Rom. 1:26-27) which are condemned by God.

God made the government right – to serve and protect its citizens (Rom. 13:17), but man

has gotten it wrong. Man wants government to be a benevolence society or a "welfare state" (see 2 The. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8). When once, politicians proclaimed, "ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country," today's declaration is, "how much can I get from my country for nothing." If political liberals in our government get what they say they want, this country will become weak, lazy, totally dependant, and vulnerable to the rest of the world.

God made the Church right, pure, and glorious (Eph. 5:25-27), but man gets it wrong. Man wants to attend the "church" of his choice rather than the Church which has been bought by the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28). Man wants to devise his own plans of salvation, creed books, and "church" organization, rather than relying upon the New Testament pattern for the Church of Christ. Man wants to add to and take away from the laws of God (Rev 22:18). Man wants to be entertained rather than assemble to worship the God of Heaven (John 4:24). God says, "This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me. But *in vain they do worship Me*, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mat. 15:8-9, emphasis B.G.) Much of what the religious world puts forth to God is seen by Him as "a *shew* of wisdom in will [*or man-made*] worship" (Col. 2:23, emphasis B.G.). The Church ordained by God is organized Scripturally, worships only as commanded, and performs only such works as are authorized by God.

It is easy to see that God made everything right and it is man who gets it wrong. Let us always praise God for His goodness and never go beyond His commands, to the left nor to the right, so that we may be pleasing to Him.

- Brad Green

## Announcements

- We will have a men's meeting Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 PM.

## 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.

