

Prayer List

Debbie Caldwell, Ronald Carrigg, Joy Glass, Brad Green, 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, Jimmy Thompson

- Ella Green will have her eye surgery tomorrow. Pray for their safe trip to Nashville and for a successful procedure.
- Charles Hatcher will be having foot surgery December 8th.

Announcements

Next Sunday we will have our monthly fellowship meal. There will be a men's meeting after the meal.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, Nov. 23	32/32/27
	Wednesday, November 26	22
Offering	Sunday, November 23	\$992.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes	Lance Green
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Morning Worship

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

Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	James Hutton
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Jay Caldwell
Devotional	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

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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

SEEK YE FIRST

There are many things which catch the eyes of men and many things for which man seeks. While many in the religious world teach that man has no responsibility in regards to his salvation, the Bible very clearly teaches that men are to be seekers. Jesus says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Mat. 7:7). Sadly, many "seek" the wrong authority and therefore "find" the wrong conclusion. The world seeks advice from the likes of Dr. Phil, Oprah, or the latest, best-selling "self-help" book. Many in the religious world seek some well-known preacher or school to serve as their authority. When questions arise, they seek an answer from the authority of their choice and usually receive an answer to their delight. Others seek the teachings of a pamphlet to find the words to "pray for salvation" which can be found nowhere in God's Holy Word. Jesus plainly teaches that man's number one priority is to seek God and His plan for righteousness. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mat. 6:33). God's plan to make one righteous is found within the pages of the New Testament (Rom. 1:16-17). Therefore, in order to seek God and His righteousness, one must search the Scriptures. Why then do so many "seek first" sources of authority other than God? When young people have questions about marriage or parenting, whom should they seek first? The correct answers to their questions are found in God's Word. In addition, God authorizes and commands older Christians to help the younger (Titus 2:1-7). Unfortunately, rather than seeking the counsel of the wise (Pro. 24:6), many seek after the counsel of the ungodly (Pa. 1:1). Using just a little common sense, it is easy to see

the wisdom in seeking advice from faithful Christians rather than from unfaithful Christians or from those who are not Christians at all. Marriage questions should be directed towards faithful Christians who have godly marriages. Parenting questions should find their way to faithful Christians who have raised faithful children. Why would any Christian, seeking to be faithful to God, seek answers from those who have not been able to follow God themselves? Seeking God first means seeking only those things which are authorized in God's Word. Seeking God first also means seeking moral advice only from those who, themselves, have sought God's Word as their only source for authority. Non-Christians and unfaithful members of the Church may seem to have good answers but are only speaking "great swelling words of vanity...While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage" (2 Pet. 2:18,19). How many Christians have been brought back into bondage because they bought the words being sold by the unfaithful? "Through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you" (2 Pet. 2:13). We need not worry about being dragged into sin if we only seek God and His righteousness first and seek advice from those who are faithful to Him. "For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye Me, and ye shall live"(Amos 5:4). This promise is made to the Spiritual Israel, the Church of Christ, today. "If ye then be risen with Christ, *seek* those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, *then shall ye also appear with Him in glory*" (Col. 3:1-4, emphasis B.G.).

-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)

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.

