

## BROAD STREET BANNER

October 4, 2023

BROAD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

VOL. XXXVIII NO. 40

From Where I Sit . . .

#### "TWO SMALL WORDS"

"If Only." These are two seemingly small insignificant words. Yet, they can signify sometimes great and tragic implications. They mean that somehow things could

have been very different if a different choice was made. Notice what Isaiah says in Isaiah 48: 18, "[18] Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea." If only they had heeded the commandments, means in this passage that if God's people has only kept the commandments they could have avoided many hardships that had come upon them. Like Isaiah we have often used similar words to indicate that we have our own regrets. For most of us our lives may be really good right now, but there have been times that would have been radically different if only we would have come to God sooner, if only we had spent more time in study of God's word, if only we had listened more attentively to God's word, if only we had allowed God's word to direct our steps, and if only we had been more faithful to God.

When things go wrong for us, we then turn to God. We often ask why these bad things are happening? Why are we in debt? Why do we not have happy homes? Why are our dreams not coming true? Why do we feel sometimes trapped in the lives that we are living? We even ask, where is God? The answer is very simple, but hard for us to hear. God does not let us down, it is that we let God down. We have made choices that have pulled us away from God. These choices are not what God wanted for us. Notice what James has to say about this in James 1: 14 - 15, "[14] But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. [15] Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." Since all of us have sinned, we have all been guilty of this type of living at one time or another.

So how do we keep this from happening; how do we live in such a way that we do not have the regret of "if only"? James once again gives us a very simple formula for doing this very thing in James 4: 7 - 10, "[7] Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God and He will drawnear to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

This is the beauty of God's grace. When we draw near to God, He accepts us with open arms and He allows His peace to flow oer us and through us. He also sends waves of righteousness to wash over us like the waves of the sea. Let us not take the "if only" approach to God. Let us embrace His Peace and His righteousness through our obedience to His word so we have no regrets.

... Randy Brown



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Vicki Shelton had a PET Scan on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will receive the results next week. She will have an echocardiogram on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and pending results

from the echo, they will schedule the surgery. Please keep Vicki in your prayers for the upcoming surgery.

**Jill Russell** had surgery at Huntsville Hospital on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and is doing well. She is expected to stay for about a week. Visitors are welcome (room 469). Please keep Jill and the family in your prayers.

**Alex Baird** will be having a bone biopsy on his fibula at Childrens of Alabama in Birmingham on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Alex in your prayers.

#### LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Jo Reed Brumley

Lee Ann Manning

**Charlotte Vinson**, 213 Wilson Mann Rd, Room 11, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763.

**Ernie Brockway** 

**Bob Rice** 

**Gary Poole** 

**Tammy McGuire** 

Joe Manning

**Nellie Hackworth Spring** 

Michael Johnson

Suzanne Baugh

**Billy Baugh** 

Jennifer Chandler

Aaron Andrews, preacher at Eastside.

**Sandy Roden**, uncle of Chris Epps, 1857 Valgreen Lane, Hoover, AL 35226.

Brad Sullivan, son-in-law of Ted and Libby Crona.

**Jean Fergerson**, 3329 Berryside Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128.

Richard Lemaster, son of Doyle and Cathy Lemaster.

Lana Jones, granddaughter of Doyle and Cathy Lemaster.

Mike Thomas, friend of many at Broad Street.

**Chuck Smothers**, brother-in-law of Nell Stewart, 615 Preston Ave., Albertville, AL 35950.

Clarence Potter, 3034 Dupree Dr. SW., Huntsville, AL 35801.

**Jay Fullum**, close friend of Ted and Libby Crona, 39 McCullock Ave., Revena, NY 12143.

Nettie Murrah, Tracy Brumley's mother.

**Pam Devenport**, Scott Grant's mother, 93 Lorelei Dr., Fayetteville, OH 45118.

Viola Manning, aunt of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen.

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps Noah Linville, US Navy Academy Caleb Baker, US Navy

#### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

| Cloverdale         | Rosewood          | Southern           |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Manor              | Manor             | Estates            |
| 412 Cloverdale Rd. | 1513 Co. Park Rd. | 212 E. Stewart Rd. |
| Scottsboro, 35768  | Scottsboro, 35769 | Scottsboro, 35769  |
|                    | Jaxie Hargrave    |                    |
|                    | Debra Kime        |                    |
|                    | Dot Bean          |                    |

Nellie Spring 1950 Bob Jones Rd., 35769 Elsie Goodman 2010 Cunningham St., 35769

Martha Nan Baker 701 Monroe St., NW, Russellville, 35653 Nell Anderson 121 Brookridge Dr., Apt. 148, Madison, 35758

Ruth Spurgeon 8922 AL 227, Crossville, AL 35962 Mark Little County Road 245 Box 788, AL 35768

## Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Oct 8 – Sack Sunday

 Fall Festival Planning Meeting after morning services in the chapel

Oct 9 - Church office closed for Columbus Day

Oct 22 – Bridal Shower for Kim Hastings @ 1 PM in MPR, Hostess sign up on bulletin board

Oct 28 - Fall Festival @ 6 PM, Sign up on bulletin board

| One                       |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Measure<br>Of Our<br>Love | Wed. Bible Study.175Sunday Bible Study.112Sun. A.M. Worship.240Sun. Night Worship.151Contribution.\$8,416.50Budget.\$9,801.00 |





Oct 8 - Area Wide Devo @ Plainview CoC, church van will leave at 4 PM, please let Josh know if you plan on riding in church van

Oct 15 - Bible Bowl @ Chase Park at 1:30 PM

Oct 21 - Pumpkin Patch @ Tate Farms, 4 PM

Oct 22 - Keepers (Lads to Leaders)

Oct 28 - Fall Festival @ 6 PM, sign up on bulletin board

Nov 18 - Fall Youth and KFC Devo at Dover's Home



Broad Street will be hosting a fall festival on Saturday, October 28th at 6 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to have a booth, game, or would like to hand out candy. There will be

a box set up in the foyer for those that would like donate candy or prizes for the fall festival. You may also give monetary donations to one of the elders. There will be a planning meeting on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> after morning services in the chapel. All ages are welcome to set up booths, games, or hand out candy.

Sack Sunday will be Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, saltine crackers, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, corn meal, flour, rice, canned fruit, canned chicken, tuna, pork and beans, Resto oatmeal, canned soup, and canned Sh chili. There has also been an increase



in families asking for hygiene products and household cleaning supplies (laundry detergent and dish soap).



Please join us for a bridal shower houler for Kim Hastings, bride elect of Dave Bagley Jr., on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM in the MPR. Kim is registered at Amazon and Grapevine. Hostess sign up is on bulletin board.

The church office will be closed Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> observance of Columbus Day.



#### **PUPPET PROGRAM - October 8, 2023**

Narrator - Trey Russell

Teachers - Erica, Bandy, Chantel, Cynthia

**Puppets** - Patton, Stone, Tyler, Tatum, Ruby, Eliza

## **How Can I Increase My Dependence Upon God?**

"For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

I can begin each day with prayer that includes thanks.

I can replace the question, "Why has God done this to me?" with, "How has God helped me in the past?"

I can count my blessings.

I can set aside a favorite Bible verse or a favorite group of verses that can serve as points of reflection in my life—in good times as well as bad. I can look for ways to be God's instrument for good in the lives of others.

I can read the Bible daily.

I can insure treasure in heaven by directing some of my money to those who are in need.

I can reflect on what my life would be without Christ.

I can thank God for good health.

I can read and practice the "one another" messages of Scripture (e.g., John13: 34; Ephesians 4:32).

I can streamline my life by limiting or eliminating luxuries that encourage me to forget God.

Ican consider periodic fasting (Matthew 6:16-18). I can ponder the phrase "daily bread" in the model prayer of Jesus (Matthew 6:9ff) and how I should not take for-granted God's daily provisions.

I can remember, reflect on the fact, and remind others (especially my family) that every good gift comes from God (James 1:17).

Ican beconstantly aware of how fragile human lifereally is (James 4:14).

I can remember the fact of Romans 8:31: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

I can stay connected to God's people.

I can end each day with prayer that includes thanks.

Lance Cordle Calvert City church of Christ Calvert City, KY

#### **ELDERS**

DAVID PRECISE 256-574-3790 PAT RUSSELL 256-259-0800

BRAD WILHELM 256-244-0561

#### **DEACONS**

Josh Baird Rick Baird Jo Reed Brumley
David Dover Joel Gardner Nick Ledbetter
Joe Manning Roger Myers Nelson Page
John A. Porch Dave Precise Mark Price
Scott Roberts William Underwood Russell Wilhelm

OFFICE PHONES. . 256-574-2489 & 256-259-6162 Fax 256-259-5057 E-mail address ...... office@broadstcoc.com Our Web Site:..... www.broadstreetchurchofchrist.com

#### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

#### Those to Serve...

SUNDAY, October 8, 2023

Announcements: Trey Russell Song Leader: Mark Price Prayer: Ed Clayson Serve at the Lord's Table: Presiding: Vince Laney

1W- Wesley Stewart1E- Roger Myers2W- Zane Stewart2E- John Hollis Myers3W- Abram Stewart3E- Ragan Myers4W- Tim Allen4E- Dana Lyons5W- Max Stewart5E- Payton Lyons

6- Patton Russell

7W- Chuck Davis 7E- Doug Tucker

Speaker: Randy Brown

Closing Prayer: Brad Wilhelm Ushers: Roger Myers & Doug Tucker

#### P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Preston Dover Scripture: David Dover Prayer: Bill Price Speaker: Randy Brown

Lord's Supper: Tim Allen & Roger Myers

Closing Prayer: Ryan Dunaway

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: October 11, 2023

Scripture: John Hollis Myers Song Leader: Patton Russell

Prayer: C.B. Laney

#### **CONTACT ELDER: David Precise**

### OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

Rick Baird

If you are unable to serve, please call: Dave Precise 256-599-6668

## Requires First Class Stamp Her

The Word of God (the Bible) never changes. I you go to worship to hear something other

If you hear something other,

BROAD STREET BANNER
Published Weekly By The
Church of Christ
613 S. Broad Street
Scottsboro, AL 35768-1709

Xon '



# e Greatest Man

He had no earthly servants, yet they called Him Master.

He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives.