

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

1.21.17 2:30p.m., Amanda Wood Baby Shower. She is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target

1.27.17 10:30a.m., Krysten Miller's Bridal Shower. Krysten and Brian are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Belk

2.16-18.17 Winterfest: Gatlinburg, TN. It is opened to all 6th-12th graders and friends. Balance is due 1.30.18.

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker & Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter— Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii— Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Nelson Bright- Karen Oliver's Uncle
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Danny Altman-Lauren's Brother
- Kelli Harding & Lanhams'
- Sandi Chamberlain & Family
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Dave Watkins
- Tom Dominick
- Sara Hanle
- Chester Warren
- Sonja, Harriett Betterson's daughter and Family
- Lisa Browning & Family, Neighbor of Amanda Martin

“WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?”

Who is Jesus Christ? This must be the central question of history. It is the most important question anyone will ever consider. Every thinking person has a philosophy of life and there is no way to develop this philosophy without deciding for yourself whether the claims of Jesus are true. This question cannot be avoided. If his claims are true, then we must throw everything over, and follow Him with all that we are and all that we have.

Jesus did not leave us any writings so we have to go elsewhere to investigate His claims. The most comprehensive and penetrating answer to the question of “Who is Jesus?” is the Gospel of John. The bible calls John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. We would say that John was Jesus’s best friend. He was the one that leaned against Jesus’s chest at the last supper. He was the man who took the mother of Jesus into his home after Jesus died. Can you imagine all that John must have learned about Jesus through Mary? Simply stated, John knew Jesus better than anyone. He wrote his gospel account late in life with the specific aim of making his readers believe that Jesus was the Messiah and that by believing we would have life in His name. (John 20:30-31)

On Sunday mornings at 11:00 we will be studying the Gospel of John together. We will not only study the words of the gospel, we will do our best to bring out the practical implications of the answer to the central question of history. This is a tremendously important study.

Please plan on making it better by joining in. We plan to start on time each week but we are committed to ending the class at 11:45. We are confident you will find what John has to say about Jesus both beautiful and encouraging.

Grace and peace,
Your Shepherds

Assembly Times

**Sunday Worship
9:30AM**
Sunday Class 11 AM
**AWANA, Sunday
10 AM**
Wednesday, 7 PM
Bible Study

Weekly Stats

AM Bible Class 98
AM Bible Class Average 98

AM Assembly 115
AM Assembly Avg. 115

Contribution \$5,020.00
YTD Average Weekly \$5,020.00
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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GENERAL INFORMATION

New Address:

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Anniversaries:

1.16 Dennis & Sharon Carter

Birthdays:

1.4 Rob Brannan
1.7 Tanner Jex
1.7 Cole Pierce
1.9 Ava Hardin
1.9 Taylor Bost
1.9 Earline White
1.11 Liza Dowdy
1.14 Penny Steinmeyer
1.14 Kayla Kneece

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**Opportunities to Serve
January 14, 2018**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Mary Joy
Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Ernie Oliver

Servers in January:

Dennis Carter
Jimmy Kirby
Brandon Ulmer
Terry Kneece
Travis Jex

Door Greeters in Jan.:

Ernie & Karen Oliver

Nursery:

Larkin Johnson
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Toddler:

Mary Turner
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AIM Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill & Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with plenty of good rest and relaxation and lots of sweet memories! It's hard to believe we have begun another year! Although 2017 will be hard to beat, I am looking forward to what God has in store for 2018. Tonight we are kicking off a new series during our Wednesday Night Youth Group. It's based on the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. On Sunday we started a study on the beautiful Gospel of John. And if that's not enough, I am knee deep in the middle of planning our annual trip to Winterfest, which is just around the corner. I am so excited about the group we have going this year! So far, we have about 30 teens, and a couple of adults signed up to go. I still need a couple more chaperones if anyone is interested in hanging out with about 7 thousand teenagers in a convention center, walking the streets of Gatlinburg in the freezing cold, staying up til 1am for evening devotionals, listening to Bean and Bailey for the umpteenth time, singing really loud, and laughing til your cheeks hurt! I promise you, it is well worth it! Ask anyone who has ever gone before! J Seriously, let me know if you are available the weekend of Feb 16-18th, and you feel God nudging you to serve in this way.

With Wednesday night activities picking back up, there are plenty of other ways to serve as well. Cindy Cox recently sent out an email with a link to sign up for snacks. Our teens love food of any kind (cookies, brownies, chips, crackers, popcorn, fruit, soda, sweet tea). It doesn't take much to make them happy as long as they can munch on something during youth group. Also, if you're ever interested in teaching, leading a discussion, worship, or a game, just let me know. I love to incorporate lots of people into our activities whenever possible! It's a new year, so think about how you can jump in and get involved. We'd love to have you!

Blessings, Dawn

This is that time of year where we are supposed to talk about new year's resolutions. Well I've got bigger goals than that and so do you because our God is bigger than 2018 and he is bigger than 2017 was.

Our Men's Ministry was rekindled in 2017 and we're just getting started.

God has a purpose in mind for all of us that transcends 2018 and even our lifetime.

What is your purpose as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

How is that different from what you might have said your purpose was 5, 10, 20 years ago?

Let's figure out the answers to those questions together as we trust God to reveal them in us and through us.

There will be challenges as Satan never grows tired of testing our armor.

The best part about it is that we can walk through every challenge knowing how the story ends.

Our God has won the battle and is ready to extend grace and mercy to all of us.

2018 will have moments of silence...it will have moments of exclamation.

2018 will have moments of sadness...it will have moments of gladness.

In all 2018 moments we will have love and we will have love to give.

I'm excited for the innumerable possibilities in Lexington and beyond.

Get excited with me!

#askmeaboutmyexcitement

-Justin