

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

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 & Family
- Brian Devereaux
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Dave Watkins
- Tom Dominick
- Sara Hanle
- Chester Warren
- Sonja, Harriett Betterson's daughter and Family
- Michael Bedwell, Suzanne Kennedy's Grandson
- Katie Corley and Family

"HOW MANY LIES 2"

Growing up a lot of people heard the saying "The parents have eaten sour grapes and so the Children's teeth are set on edge." Our parents got it from their parents and on back it goes. This same idea was going on 750 years before Jesus. It makes a lot of sense because generations follow generations in some connected web. We not only inherit our parent's DNA, but we inherit the family traits and the family outcomes. In the present world we have a body of study called "Family Systems Therapy." The idea that we are connected, and we suffer and heal together really is true! It's very difficult to say this proverb is not spot on.

This proverb is found in Jeremiah 27:29. In this place the Holy Spirit is prophesying a New Covenant in which He says, "In those days they will NOT say again this proverb, rather each person will stand independently, and will *not be bound by all the baggage He or She inherited.*" This is what happens under the New Covenant!

Again, in in Ezekiel 18:2 the Holy Spirit asks, "what do you mean by using this proverb in the Land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers eat the sour grapes, But the children's teeth are set on edge'?" As I Live declares the Lord God, *you are surely NOT going to use this proverb in Israel anymore.*

We are bound in this life by our systems and the baggage we inherit. It is a force we work under. But the Good News is that God is working in another dimension. He is not ok with this bondage and in the New Covenant Has freed us from its power. The heart of God (As I live declares the Lord) is that we NOT say such a thing. God's Children are NOT to live under the spell of our baggage! This is part and parcel of the very first Gospel sermon preached when Jesus said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to preach the Good News to the poor, to proclaim release of the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and to do it now (mildly but honestly paraphrased).

The sour grapes of our baggage no longer holds us captive. We no longer need to be blind or oppressed and we no longer need to wait for God to begin his healing. This is for every Human heart, now! The heart of God is all about freedom, healing, hope. He is simply Not into bondage, oppression, poverty, darkness of any kind.

The Gospel is that God's heart is this way. Jesus came to make that clear Luke 4:18-21. The aim of God is to free us all from all of it. This is why I say: *"The wonder of it all is that we have lost the wonder of it all."*

Careful now: What do you believe? Really? The challenge for all of us is not to say "we believe in God" while NOT believing what he says. Often the thoughts we carry about The Lies we believe about God are the most damaging of all the things we think. Believe what God says about Himself. Believe the Good News and purge all that other stuff from your heart.

Join God in what He is up to and lay your heavy baggage down!

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 89
AM Bible Class Average 109

AM Assembly 117
AM Assembly Avg. 127

Contribution \$4,687.00
**YTD Average Weekly
\$4,317.17**
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

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GENERAL INFORMATION

New Members:

Ryan and Christie Gaskins
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New Address:

Wayne & Debbie Kellis
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Anniversaries:

1.16 Dennis & Sharon Carter

Birthdays:

1.26 Emilee Ann Izard
1.26 Robin Akers
1.27 Tracy Jex
1.28 Avery Brannan

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**Opportunities to Serve
January 28, 2018**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Cliff Brown
Ruben Macedo

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

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Toddler:

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AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

Last Wednesday marked the one-year anniversary of Brett William's death. This brings about a lot of emotions for me as a mom and a youth minister. I remember that day vividly. It was so hard to know what to do, how to handle it when I got the word that my son's friend was in the hospital and probably wouldn't make it. Should I pull Jake out of school and rush him to the hospital knowing that he probably wouldn't make in time to say goodbye? I'm so glad I did, because even though Brett had passed by the time we made the thirty-minute drive, Jake was immediately received in the waiting room by Brett's family, along with several other friends and baseball players who knew and loved Brett, as well as his coaches who were all quick to offer long, strong hugs and words of encouragement. The days that followed, including the funeral itself, had a huge impact on Jake. The life and death of his good friend had an even bigger impact on Jake than all the Bible studies I had with him, all the sermons he'd heard, all the years of camp, Impact, Winterfest, or any other event he'd gone to. I'm sure all of these things played their part, but It was right after Brett died that Jake realized, "What am I waiting for? I need to get baptized, and I need to do it now!"

Keke's sermon on Sunday about John, a life interrupted by Jesus, couldn't have coincided more perfectly with the anniversary of Brett's death. Jake discussed his conversion moment in class after the service, as did several other students. All of them seemed to say the same thing, Jesus came in and interrupted their lives in a way that they couldn't ignore. He caught their attention, and there was no turning back. What a beautiful discussion we had about how Jesus can break into our day to day activities, and change us forever!

Blessings, Dawn

Hobo Pie Night is here!!!

When: 25th January - 6pm (if you can't make it til a little later that's fine...we'll keep some hot coals for you)

Where: Church Building

What: Sit around a campfire and listen to your individually aluminum foil wrapped meal sizzle before you indulge.

Why: Why not?!?

Bring a camp chair and winning attitude!

Love,
-Justin