

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

2.26.17 Balance due for the Ladies Retreat in April

2.26.17 Priced Yard Sale Items will be accepted. No Clothes, Shoes or Books. Please place your items in Room #4, down the second hallway.

3.15.17 Honduras Mexican Fundraiser Dinner

Prayer Requests

- Missions (Matt Bridges, Davie Guill, Mike and Kris Bridges)
- Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (AIM)
- Grayson Carter– Ft. Riley, Kansas;
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii– Wheeler Army Airfield
- Janna Muery and Family
- Brian Devereaux
- Steve Izard
- Dan Scott, Friend of Mike Spane
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Bryan Hook-NaturChem, Inc.
- Burress Family
- Jean Cottrell
- Ortiz Family
- Nelson Bright, Karen Oliver's Uncle
- Kyro Davis, Daughter of Will Davis

SCRIPTURE "PART 1"

Please read with me the Word of the Lord:

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth 2 Timothy 2:15."

"All scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, thoroughly equipped for every good work 2 Timothy 3:16."

Our Shepherds believe that our first duty is to **understand how Jesus looked at scripture** and how he taught His Apostles to look at scripture. With this knowledge, we are better able to **accurately handle the Word of Truth** for ourselves.

Jesus saw the entire Old Testament as speaking about Himself and foreshadowing Himself and the work He would do in life, in death and through The Holy Spirit afterwards. You can readily discern this from the words of Jesus as recorded by the New Testament writers. See Luke 24: 27; 44-49. There are several other places that reveal this. Jesus made three things clear about the scriptures.

- 1.They are entirely about Him and the Gospel he lived, preached and authorized.
2. His authority is above all authority in Heaven and on Earth.
3. Our duty is to believe Him, believe in Him and make disciples of Him.

This is parallel and joined with the Great Commission! Our Shepherds believe this to the bone. The words and the deeds of Jesus have the highest place in our Christian thought. *Moses said "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth* (Exodus 21:24) *but I say to you, do not resist an evil person, but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also* Matthew 5:38,39." Following, Paul said in the letters **"if possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with all men,** Romans 12:18." The highest place and the preeminent idea belongs to Jesus. The words of Moses were beneath the words of Jesus and the words of Paul are expository on the words of Jesus.

Acts and the letters show how the early Christians obeyed the Great Commission, and made disciples of people everywhere. The letters give many insights and advice and show what they believed. The letters reveal how they fleshed out life and assemblies in the early Church, and form the basis of an emerging Christian Theology. These letters are inspired, but they are not on a par with the Great Commission and the teaching of Jesus. It is true that deep Christian Theology is revealed and illuminated in the letters, and all of those are inspired and important. They do equip us and encourage us, but they are not a new Gospel, or a new authority, and they do not present themselves as such. We must approach the letters in the way they were intended.

Strife and divisions in the Church primarily come from our carnal nature and our losing focus on what is the most important thing. Who argues over Loving your enemies? We argue over church minutiae chiefly surrounding the Letters, and often misunderstood. The letters were never intended to stand on a par with the words and deeds of Jesus, or replace the Great Commission. Let's understand the Gospel, and how the Gospel completes the Old Testament. Next let's look at the Letters considering the Gospel and the whole thing makes a lot more sense.

Assembly Times

Sunday Worship 9:30AM

Sunday Class 11 AM

AWANA, Sunday 10 AM

Wednesday, 7 PM

Bible Study

Weekly Statistics

AM Bible Class 86

AM Bible Class Average 89

AM Assembly 118

AM Assembly Avg. 123

Contribution \$6,073.60

YTD Average Weekly \$7,918.74

Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

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GENERAL INFORMATION

IS YOUR NAME ON THE "SHORT LIST"?

It could be!!!!

Pick a date and it will be!!!

Sunday muffins/goodies / Wed. Teens

3/1 3/12

3/8 3/19

3/15 3/26

3/22 Let Cindy Cox know what

3/29 date you picked.

Anniversaries:

3.2 Sid & Kathy Upton

3.28 Cliff & Carol Brown

3.30 Jack & Janice Holt

Birthdays:

2.23 Krysten Miller

2.25 Donnie Guill

2.28 Keke Brooks

2.29 Jack Holt

3.1 Steve Izard

3.8 Nick Joy

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Opportunities to Serve

Feb. 26, 2017

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound: Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Corey Wisniewski

Servers in February:

Higinio Cruz
David Dowdy
Jason Falls
Mark Cox
Dennis Carter

Greeters in February:

Dennis & Sharon Carter

Nursery:

Alma Ulmer
Karen Bost

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YOUTH NEWS

Winterfest 2017 was absolutely awesome! Not only did we have the best group of teens and chaperones ever, but I think this was probably the best theme and message I've ever heard as well. It came from 1 Peter 2:9-10, where Peter tells us who we are in Christ, that we are Chosen by God, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, and God's Special Possession. We had the opportunity to listen to some very gifted speakers like David Skidmore, Jeff and Taylor Walling, David Frazee, and Mike Cope, and to be inspired by some amazing testimonies, including an NFL football player, a war hero, and a royal count. Everything we heard pointed to the truth that who we are in Christ far exceeds anything the world says we are. In addition to the speakers, we also had the privilege of being entertained by the famous Joe Castillo, aka The Sandman, the hilarious Skit Guys, and the poetic David Bowden. All of these wonderfully talented artists did an excellent job of tying together the theme of *Identity* so perfectly. And as always, the worship we experienced with 6,000 teenagers was so incredibly rich, and our devotional times

together at night were absolutely priceless. All of this put together is what makes Winterfest so unforgettable! Every year I look forward to this event, and every year it does not disappoint.

I want to thank Larry and Valerie Baker, Caleb Surface, Heather Elliot, Alanah Gonda, and Krysten Miller for sharing your time with us this weekend and for all your help to make this trip possible for our teens. I couldn't have done it without you! I also want to thank all the teens that came with us. You all were so well-behaved, such great examples to every other teenager there, and such a blessing to the community of Gatlinburg. And to the parents, thank you for sending your teens, for supporting them in this special event, and for teaching them to be the kind of kids they are. You should be very proud of them!!! I am so thankful to our elders and church for realizing the importance of such events as Winterfest, and I appreciate all the prayer and support given to our youth so they can participate in them. It means so much!