



# THE HERALD

April 17, 2024

Volume 56, Number 14

Greetings Church Family,

## **MISSION**

*To Make Disciples  
of  
Jesus Christ*

## **VISION**

*We are seeking to reach  
beyond ourselves by  
Inviting others to a Life  
in Jesus,  
Growing as Disciples, and  
Caring for People.*

## **MINISTRY TEAM**

### **Every Member**

Minister

### **Pastor**

Rev. Corey Burns

### **Allison Haley**

Music

### **Dr. Amy Holder**

Children

### **Dr. Amy Holder**

Nursery

### **Dr. Hardin Coleman**

Youth

### **Joy Overby**

Church Administrator

### **Jane Doss**

Pianist

### **Shirley Rossano**

Organist

### **Mary Layton**

Children's Place Director

### **Susan Kane**

Church Secretary

This weekend, many teenagers in our community will embark on a journey of discovery through prayer, devotion, reflection, and service, where our students will discover God's love through everyday life. As the church, it is important for us to lift up our students, leaders, and volunteers in prayer, so that they may experience God's love and presence in new and exciting ways.

When we pray for others, God invites us on an adventure into the wonder of what He alone can do. He "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20) and has infinitely creative ways of moving in the hearts of those we long to reach. We truly love others when we pray for them, because through our prayers we welcome God's loving presence to move in fresh and vital ways in their lives.

God works strategically through our prayers to open doors in others' hearts for the good news of Jesus. Scripture makes clear that we have a God-given responsibility to love others with our prayers. All around us are people who need to hear the good news about Jesus and come to Him for salvation. He told us, "Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest" (John 4:35).

When we help others through our prayers for them, God gently prepares the way with His grace for a divine encounter with Him and a realization of His ever-present nature.

Through intercessory prayer, we operate as a "conduit" for God's love, vessels that are filled to the brim with His love and ready to pour ourselves out to others. By this description, our prayers are so much more than words uttered with our heads bowed and eyes closed; our prayers for others are a means of God's grace.

So how do we, as the church, go about praying for the students that will be in our care this weekend? We should ask God that our students:

1. Understand God's will.
2. Receive spiritual wisdom and direction
3. Grow in their desire to please and honor God.
4. Learn to bear good fruit.
5. Understand who God is.
6. Would be empowered by God's Holy Spirit.
7. Learn endurance and patience.
8. Become filled with His joy.
9. Become thankful for their journey.
10. Become aware of the work of God's grace in their lives.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Corey

## THOSE SERVING

### FINANCIAL

#### APRIL

David Latham  
Debra Barrentine  
Blake Wright

### ALTAR GUILD

#### APRIL

Shalyn Benson  
Martha Chapman

### SOUND SYSTEM/ AUDIO VISUAL

Byron Burton  
Leisha Holland  
Kameron Brown

Sunday Evening Slide Together!  
during 1Kids activities!



### WEEK ENDED

April 14, 2024  
939

### Worship Attendance

In person Worship:  
10:00am  
Mercy Place, Children &  
Youth Ministry,  
& Special Services

UStream Channel  
(website),  
Facebookradio, and  
radio/tv Broadcast.

# UnityYouth

## Retreat is not Defeat

When engaged in battle, it is common practice when a force is overrun by a superior adversary to retreat. They are considered defeated in this battle although they at least live to fight another day. This type of battle weary running away may resemble defeat but not the only type of retreat. A more wise approach would be to recognize the challenge ahead may take a hard toll and retreat to a place of consultation, discernment, & preparation.

Students at this point in the year face many challenges. They have sports drawing to seasonal conclusion with many demands from competitive spirits and lively coaches. They have advanced classes with the closing bell barely more than a month away. They have many other extracurricular, family, and work responsibilities. My hope is that some will see these challenges ahead and this weekend choose to **RETREAT** to Discovery Weekend to strengthen their station and firm up their foundation. Discovery is a weekend retreat to refresh the spirit, restore faith, and reconnect to God. I pray that more students and parents will recognize that a spiritual retreat is avoidant of defeat. This is our final push for participants and we still welcome all 6 - 12 grade students to join us in this time of spiritual reformation as we Discover God's Love Through Everyday Life.

Thank you Church for allowing, supporting, and serving this event to share your love for God and these Young Believers. We will see you all at the Saturday Evening Service in the Sanctuary at 7pm and the Sunday morning Service at 10am. Also, feel free to stop by anytime and witness the organized chaos of Student Ministry! Snacks and Drinks can still be dropped off at the Church Office and there is a box for letters of encouragement to students outside the office. Praising God for this opportunity...Let's charge into Retreat!!



Blessings, Hardin

**Nourish One Child** volunteers handed out 50 food boxes last Wednesday. We will be handing out more food boxes next Wednesday the 24th from 2:30 to 4:30. There will be no packing on the 24th since our youth will be packing NOC bags on Saturday as part of discovery weekend.



## A Mercy Minute

I once asked a group of active Christian Volunteers who among them was an Evangelist. Only one who was particularly confident in his ability to relate to others and steer a conversation to the topic of Christ raised his hand. I restated the question; who among you loves Jesus and wants everyone to know about His Love? All hands reached for heaven. YES - that is Evangelism. This Thursday, one of my most beloved Evangelist, **Daniel Gregory**, will share a message of hope and hallelujah with us. Daniel follows God's lead at Total Recovery and everyone he is called. Join us for inspiration and a Celebration of Recovery!

Blessings, Hardin



## 2024 Graduating Seniors

### High School

Jake Benson  
Dylan Chastain  
Anna Claire Childress  
Alex Holder  
Ella Holder  
Thomas Stewart  
Kyle Wright

### College/University

Kameron Brown  
Morgan Holder  
Hal Leighton  
Sunny Overby  
Gabbie Walden

**Send us your graduates name, school,  
date of graduation, etc.**



Our Deepest Christian Sympathy & Prayers are offered for the family & friends of **Lomax Anderson, Jr.**, grandfather of Elizabeth Stout, who passed away last week. Funeral details will be shared when received.



## PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES

Our Community, Our Nation/World Community, U.S. Troops, Healthcare & First Responders, Our Schools

### Our Church Family

Ben Beasley  
David Beattie  
Dru Beattie  
Mary Ruth Bennett  
Linda Bray  
Byron Burton  
Amanda P. Bryars  
Nancy Campbell  
Maria Copeland  
Ashlee Dunsmore  
Ralph & Libby Franklin  
Annie Ruth Fossett  
Quiness Fossett  
Arlene Grede

Diane Grider  
Gene Holder  
Sue Livingston  
Vonda Proctor  
Barbara Rogers  
Kay & Skip Rogers  
Ann R. Sanders  
Rick Sanders  
Gary Stewart  
Tal Thomas  
Faye Wallingsford  
Tony Wallingsford  
Virginia Wallingsford

### Our Church Friends

Lomax Anderson, Jr.  
family  
Lisa H. Barfoot family  
Keith Berry family  
Angie Bledsoe  
Brenda Burns  
Suzie Bodah family  
Melanie Carlton  
Charles & Frances  
Dawson  
David  
Heidi Davis  
Holly Sims Donham

Allan Dozier  
Wendall Dudley  
Sue Freeman  
Anna Holly  
Buck Irvin  
Jessica Kane  
Joan Lee  
Martin Leavitt  
Karla Mayhew family  
Thomas A. Mullins  
Pam Murphy  
Virgil Overby  
Leigha Phillips

Jackie Rector  
Donny Royston  
Vivian Royston family  
Janet Sprouse  
Unspoken for a  
Friend  
Lee Ann Walker  
Judi Weaver  
Gary Wood



All our members who are homebound, at assisted living facilities, and nursing homes:

### HIGHLANDS

Faye Wallingsford

### HUNTSVILLE

Harold Jensen

### MARYVILLE, TN

Dorothy Hopps

### RIVERSIDE @ DECATUR

JoAnn Sims

### ROSEWOOD MANOR

Virginia Wallingsford

### SOUTHERN ESTATES

Susan Barnes  
Shirley Haislip  
Bob Hodges  
Jo Smith  
Don Wright  
Martha Lou Wright

### HUNTSVILLE PRIVATE

#### CARE

Tom Bonner  
Joanne Stewart

#### HOME

Faye Berry  
Revia Melton  
Marilyn Reed

# “Calling all Prayer Warriors”

We're so excited for Discovery Weekend, and it's beginning April 19th (this Friday!). **We need to cover this entire weekend in prayer.**

**How & What to pray?** *We need to lift up our students, our leaders, and our volunteers, and pray that they experience God in new and exciting ways that deepen their faith and change their lives.* **We need all the prayer we can get!** In fact, this week, we have split up that weekend into two hour segments, where we are giving various groups, ministries, & individuals within our church the opportunity to “sponsor” that segment of time with prayer.

You are welcome to pray at home, or to come to one of our prayer chapels that will be set up this weekend, so we can cover this entire weekend with intercessory prayer.

Sponsor a time slot with prayer, let us know by signing the list on the announcement board outside the Fellowship Hall or by following the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EmLeW4T9pQYJwBFkMgNz2U8GGNWDamJJ5M1i1UE3r8/edit?usp=sharing>



## Prayer Schedule

### Friday

5:00-7:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:00-9:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

9:00-11:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday

8:00-10:00am \_\_\_\_\_

10:00-12:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

12:00-2:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

2:00-4:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

4:00-6:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

6:00-8:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

8:00-10:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

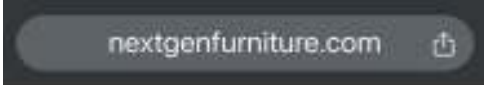

10:00-Midnight \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunday

8:00-10:00am \_\_\_\_\_

10:00-12:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

12:00-2:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

New on our Wish list for the Two year old Classroom.

Any donations are appreciated & can be applied toward the purchase for the Children's use.

Sale

**Fold And Roll Pre-School Storage Cabinet, 30" High**

NextGen Model #: 05716

**\$655.37** ~~\$899.00~~

You Save 27% (\$243.63)

Qty:

### Sunday, April 21-**DISCOVERY WEEKEND CONCLUDES**

- 8:45am Sunday School
- 10:00am Discovery Youth led Worship—Sanctuary
- No 1st Kids & Youth Evening Activities

### Monday, April 22

### Tuesday, April 23

6-9pm Community Band @ Fellowship@ FH

### Wednesday, April 24

- 1:00pm Nourish One Child @ Fellowship Campus
- 2:30-4:30pm NOC Families Drive-by Free Food box @ Fellowship Campus
- 5:30-7pm Messy Church-meal & lessons-FH
- 6:30pm Voice of the Heart class - Small group

### Thursday, April 25

- 9:30am Caring Cards - Library
- 5:30pm Mercy Place Meal -FH
- 6:00pm Mercy Place Worship-Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Voice of the Heart Class

### Friday, April 26

### Saturday, April 27

- 10am-5pm Life Resources-Kitchen @ Main Campus
- 11:00am Music Valley Playhouse @ FC

### Sunday, April 28

- 8:45am Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship—Fellowship Hall
- 1-2pm Sr High School Youth -Time Capsule @ FH
- 5:30-7pm 1st Kids & Youth Evening Activities
- 6:00pm Safe Sanctuary Training w/Dale Capron @ FH

**Remember the Lord's Prayer daily at noon. Matthew 6:9-13**