

The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.



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A Place to Belong

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Family News

- Our Spring Meeting with Tim Wooldridge is on April 14. The March 29 potluck will be moved to April 14 after services.
- The Ladies Monday Night Bible Class will start back on April 15. We will study, "With the Master in the School of Tested Faith," by Susan Heck.
- Heather Melton's heart ablation surgery was successful, and she returned home the same day. Jeff Young will have a knee replacement on April 22nd. Please keep Heather, Jeff, and their families in your prayers.
- Hilton Wyatt was baptized last Sunday after services! Please welcome him as part of the family in Christ!
- Memorial contribution for Ronnie Adkisson: Shelby & Ramona Qualls, Bonnie Wyatt, Doyle & Diane Wyatt, Danny & Betty Brightwell, Joyce Clark, Harrison Gaston, Sue Barksdale, Lesa Barksdale, Becky Hames, Carla Edwards, Jane Lamb, Bryant Lamb. Memorial contribution for Ann Lawrence: Randy & Diane Zook.
- We have 4 seniors graduating from M.H.S. on May 5: Daylee Brightwell, Robert Langston, Ava Bolfa, & Hilton Wyatt. There is a table set up in the foyer for cards & gifts to honor them. We wish them well!

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"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Knowing Christ

by Levi Sisemore

The goal of the Christian life is not really heaven, that's merely a "place." What makes heaven desirable, is not *where* it is, but *Who* is there. "If you have been raised up with Christ (in baptism), keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1).

A throne-room is only as magnificent as the king who rules it. What makes Heaven everything it should be is God Himself (Revelation 20:11; 21:1-4; 22-23).

Each Christian is to be "conformed to the image of God's Son" (Romans 8:29), for "we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15). It is through this process of transformation into the likeness of Christ, that we truly come to know Him. Not just knowing about Him, but truly knowing Him.

Paul says there is nothing of any greater value to him than knowing Christ Jesus his Lord (Philippians 3:8). Intimacy with Jesus is not just worth "something," it's worth more than anything in this life. You and I will never value Christ appropriately unless we stack up the whole of our lives against the worth of knowing Him, identifying with Him, and becoming like Him.

In Philippians chapter three Paul gives several ways by which he comes to know Christ: ...by boasting in Christ, ...by considering former gains as losses, ...by gaining Christ, ...by being found in Him, ...by having faith in Him, ...by knowing the power of His resurrection, ...by sharing in His sufferings, and by becoming like Him.

Jesus prayed, "This is eternal life, *that they know you* the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3). Knowing God is the equivalent of eternal life and that's why Paul focused in on his relationship with God the way he did.

OPENING PRAYER Alan Love

CLOSING PRAYER Rusty Treat



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DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL

MAY

RUSTY TREAT

ALAN LOVE

BRITAN TREAT

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What's On Your Mind?

by Mark T. Tonkery

What are you thinking about these days? I am guessing if you are like a lot of people and have a steady diet of listening to the media, then you might not be thinking on the best or the purest of thoughts.

In fact, listening to the media can be depressing. One counselor made the comment that the four leading causes of depression in America was CNN, ABC, NBC, and Fox, because of all the bad news shared that promotes cynical emotions. Over 85% of media in America focuses on negative content.

No wonder the Bible tells us in Philippians 4:8-9, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think and dwell on these things...And the God of peace will be with you."

Thinking of God is one way to know God more. So, maybe watch a little less of T.V. in general and read your Bible a little more and focus on what is good so the God of peace will be with you. You will be glad you did.

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Peggy Hall	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Treva Voyles	Hayden Phillips	Debbie Crow
Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby
Brooke Partin	Gary Brown	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper
John Young	Regenia Gillihan	Robby Qualls	Regina Master
Shawna Teegarden	Jeanette Crosby	Youngblood	John Ward
Boyde Martin	Gage Barns	Joe Guiltner	Toby Weatherford

April Birthdays

Betty Brightwell 2 nd	Bill Younger 3 rd	Tyler Kelly 4 th
Donna Hill 7 th	Derek Love 8 th	Imodean Webb 9 th
Lacey Weston 9 th	Carly Webb 11 th	Cleve Weaver 12 th
Melissa Morrison 14 th	Nancy Richardson 15 th	Jack Hendrix 15 th
Rhett Morrison 17 th	Torrey Bishop 18 th	Francis Gillihan 22 nd
Doug Sipe 25 th	Michelle Smith 26 th	Kenya Wyatt 29 th
Dana Ingram 30 th		

April Anniversaries

Joe & Dana Ingram 17th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Bible Class 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
Family game night every 4th Sunday from 5-7 p.m.
Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

1 Peter 2:1-3, 5, "Put aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. And coming to Jesus as to a living stone, you are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."