

Sunshine Baskets for 12/2/07

Donna Young, Sherrie Merwine, Rita Strong, Essie Young, Lois Burroughs, Jo Ann Young

Happy Birthday to...

Julie Nichols (25), Mark Collins (26), Jackson Conner (26), Hannah Young (27), Betty Smallwood (28), Diane Duke (29)

Happy Anniversary to...

Michael & Deborah Martin (11/27/71)
Billy & Jerline Stafford (12/1/60)

Pantry Items We Need...

Canned Beef, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Slices

Our Sympathy Goes Out to the Families of ... Chris & Jessic Smith-Lynn's Baby Boy
Announcements & Upcoming Events...

Directory Changes: We are putting together a new directory! The dates are as follows: March 7th, 8th, and 10th. Please keep these in mind. If you would like to have your email address or cell phone number added with your other information, please put it on the newest typed paper in the back of the auditorium. Make sure if you have any elderly family members who may be sick and/or shut-in that you check their information as well.

November 25, 2007: TODAY! Jackson County 4th Sunday Singing **Here** @ 2:00 pm.

December 2, 2007: Nursing Home Service @ 2:00 pm.

December 9, 2007: Christmas Dinner @ Center Grove Community Center following morning worship. 1:00 pm evening service to follow.

Bulletin Articles: If you are a male and you would like to write an article for the inside right page of the bulletin, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium. Just choose the date you would like to have your article featured and list your email address so the template can be sent to you so you'll know how much to type! ☺

Privileged To Serve December 2nd

- Ushers Billy Stafford
..... Jeff McDowell
..... Ben Young
..... Mark Collins
Announcements..... Royce Jenkins
Song Leader Roy Young
Scripture Reading Charles Mitchell
Speaker John Mabery
Opening Prayer..... Kevin Moss
Closing Prayer Roy Flatt
Oversee Lord's Supper . Greg Scott
Prepare Trays Carl Call
Scripture Reading..... Raymond Haney
Serve *Rellon Burris
..... *Randy Duke
..... *Sjon Gentry
..... Jeremy Kirby
..... David Wilson
..... Russell Wilson
Alternate to Serve..... Roy Smallwood
..... Jimmy Strong
Dismiss Classes Roy Young
Count Contribution Earl Jones
..... Thurel Flatt
..... Roger Robinson
..... Jeremy Mathis
Response Card..... Tyler Meadows
Power Point..... Jonathan Conner

Sunday Night (12/2)

- Speaker John Anderson
Scripture Reading Jesse Anderson
Song Leader Billy Scott
Opening Prayer..... Chris Mabery
Closing Prayer Brian Trisdale
Power Point..... Tyler Trisdale

Wednesday (12/5)

- Song Leader Farlin Flatt
Invitation..... Carl Call
Opening Prayer..... Larry Howell
Closing Prayer Jerry Young

*Take to the sick & shut-in.
Let Jerry Young know if you can't serve.

Elders:

- Ted Ragland 268.9387
John Mabery 268.0651
Cell: 265.3835

Deacons:

- John Anderson 268.2406
Billy Scott 268.0569
Robert Crabtree 268.4417
Raymond Haney 268.2493
Rellon Burris 268.4738
Carl Call 268.2040
Sjon Gentry 268.3273
Bobby Haney 268.2754
Jerry Young 268.2215

Ministers:

- John Mabery 268.0651
John Anderson 268.2406

To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)
Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)
Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)
Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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“Does ‘Honor Your Father and Mother’ Include Their Will?”

By John Mabery

Three months after the death of his wife, this father of three realized he needed to write a new will. At the time his children were ages 15, 13 and 11, and his total assets were greater than 100 million dollars. It wasn't hard to decide how he would divide his wealth; each child would receive one-third of the total. But then a thought crossed his mind; i.e. what if *he* suddenly died like his wife did? Were that to happen, his children could inherit a large sum of money at a very young age. This, he feared, might deprive them of important life-learning lessons like self-discipline and hard work; they could miss out on badly needed character-building experiences if they were too wealthy too soon. Therefore, he attached certain conditions to their inheritance to protect them should the unthinkable occur. Before each child could receive their inheritance, they must have paid half of their college costs by working their way through school, receive a degree in a field of their choice, and each child must find employment in the business of a non-family member and work for them for at least four years. As each child met these conditions, their third of the inheritance would be theirs.

His worst fears became reality; he died two short years later. The trusted family attorney was appointed Executor of the will. Among his responsibilities was making sure the children were properly cared for until they were old enough to care for themselves. As Executor, he was to make sure the three children understood the terms and conditions of their father's will; therefore, he called them together and read it word for word in their presence. The oldest child trusted her father; assuming he had his own good reasons for these conditions, she was content to abide by them.

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Center Grove

Church Of Christ

3857 Grundy Quarles Hwy.
Gainesboro, TN. 38562
931.858.7460 or 931.268.0651

Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.
Our A.M. Service is **Televised** on Monday
on Cable Channel 9 @ 6:00 pm

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday
(We broadcast Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Website: www.centergrovecoc.com

The second oldest child was upset; he didn't plan on going to college. The youngest child was also upset; instead of working, he wanted to live life in the fast lane and assumed he had the means to do so. Without speaking against their father, the angry children turned on the attorney; the will was unfair and it was up to him to do something about it. His attempts to explain that he was just the messenger proved to be in vain. Unable to deal with their anger, the attorney told them to do as they desired; the will wasn't fair and he was sure he could find a way to break it. Once again, he was their hero.

In time, the obedient child received her third of the inheritance because she obeyed the will of her father. The other two children received nothing; the attorney was wrong, the will stood just as their father had written it!

God also has a will. His will contains an inheritance as well as terms and conditions that must be met before the inheritance can be received. God's conditions are intended to protect His children, but most people will not consider the divine character or purposes. They simply assume that the conditions are unreasonable and unfair! Unwilling to speak against God, the **Author** of the divine will, most take their anger out on His messengers, as though that makes it alright. They're frequently referred to as mean-spirited, insensitive and unloving. If they truly cared, the stubborn will say, they would lighten up on the terms and conditions in the will of God. Some men, supposedly motivated by love, tell these self-willed people what they *want* to hear instead of what they *need* to hear. But like the story, in the end, it is only those who meet the conditions set-forth in the divine will that shall receive the inheritance, the rest will not (Mat 7:21).

So, who's the villain: those who speak the truth or those who alter the divine will and make people *feel* good while they *live* wrong? Do not be deceived; we'll be judged by the will of God, not what a preacher says the will of God says (Jn.12:48).

Ida Thomas	<u>Sick at Home</u>	Stephanie Smith
Sandy Haney	Marie Shoemake	Glenda Burchett
Zella Charles	Bobby Elkins	Bud Coffman
Dorothy Burris	Mildred Elkins	Don Chaffin
Deleenn Strong	Connie Rhodes	Richard Martin
Ozelma Martin	Bill Wisdom	Katherine Mabery
Bessie Young	Vickie Wilson	Beatrice Spurlock
Lillie Goolsby	Jo Ann Ledbetter	Bill Dudley
Opal Pippin	Robert Haney	Jan Allen
Ruby Dunn	Roberta Hix	Ralph Flatt
Aline Whitaker		Sandy Jo Collier

Area Hospitals:
Cookeville: Carlene Flatt, Donald Burris, Beatrice Byers, Mary Lock

Area Rest Homes:
NHC: Alice Pippin, Joe Anderson, Mary L. Dudley
Mabry: Plytha Petty, Wilma Howell
Atlanta: Kalob Roberson
Bethesda: Wanda Warren, Ray Flatt
Cookeville Rehab: Judy Long

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer & supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Phil.4:6)