

An Update from Andrew...

I hope you had a good break that provided some time with family and a chance for rest and reflection. Our family enjoyed a few days on vacation together, and that was a blessing for us. I appreciate **Chad Landman** and **Jon David Schwartz** preaching on Sunday and **Taylor Thompson** teaching the Fellowship Hall class.

I am looking forward to what 2018 has in store for all of us as we serve God at Graymere! Our theme for the year is simply "In Him." Ephesians 1 tells us that every spiritual blessing is found in Christ. When we became Christians, we gained access to incredible blessings, and it is my hope that we can grow in our understanding of them. Not only that, but the better I understand the blessings in Christ, the more I will want to live my life to honor Him. We will also be focusing on ways we can make sure that every part of our lives is submitted to Christ. As we mold our lives to be more like His, then we will also grow in our desire to share our faith in Him with others. Since every spiritual blessing is in Christ, then we will naturally want others to have access to those same blessings. Therefore, our 2018 theme will help us focus on our blessings, our commitment, and our evangelism.

One of the ways we will maintain this focus is through our Sunday morning sermons. This year, we will focus on four books of the Bible on Sunday mornings. These books will help us grow in our understanding and appreciation of Jesus: **Genesis**, where we see our story begin, **Matthew**, which tells us about Jesus, **Acts**, which tells us about the church Jesus built, and **Revelation**, which reveals the ultimate victory through Jesus Christ. We will have a monthly focus, as we did last year, and our Sunday night sermons will help us explore each one.

We also have several exciting things planned for 2018, both opportunities for us to grow and chances for us to serve. On Sunday morning, we will be going over some of those events on our church calendar, so you won't want to miss it. We will also have 2018 "activity lists" available on Sunday. In lieu of making entire calendars for 2018, we will have a list of events and dates for you to mark on your calendar. I hope we can use them to plan our travel schedule around some of our major events, like VBS or mission trips. None of us can do everything, but I hope that all of us can plug in and be involved in everything we can. As we do that, we will continue to learn and grow together!

Sunday's Messages

AM – In Him (Ephesians 1:7-14)

PM – *A Worthy Life #1: An Uncommon Life* (Romans 12:1-2)

ELDERS

Rick Combs	931.380.0081
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MINISTERS

Andrew Phillips	Pulpit/TV
Chad Landman	Education
Jack Malone	Senior Adults

DEACONS

Rick Barker	Carl Martin
Billy Bishop	Wayne Phillips
Bobby Bishop	Troy Potts
Shawn Butterfield	Warren Robinson
Hollis Carpenter	Ed Self
Barry Christian	Charles Smith
Ken Compton	Austin Simmons
Ben Farris	Jeff Skelton
Randy Fleming	Ron Stone
Dwayne Fulks	Ricky Thompson
Jason Golden	Doug Wilburn
Randy Goodwin	Ken Wiles
Tim Gordon	Doug Williams
Eddie Harris	Larry Winchester
Jeff Harris	Phillip Wright

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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TIMES OF WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM

COUNSELING CENTER

Mondays 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

931.540.0174

TELEVISION

Connections
Charter Channel 195
Wednesdays 7 PM,
Sundays 5 PM
CPWS Channel 13
Sundays 7:30 PM
Sunday Morning Worship
Charter Channel 195
Sundays 8 AM

OUR RECORD

Week of	12-31-17
Sunday AM	484
Bible Study	367
Sunday PM	225
Contribution	\$80,289.73
Wednesday PM	284
Budget	\$23,000.00

COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Spring Semester • Thursdays • January 4 - March 29, 2018

6:00-6:50 PM

Difficult Passages of Scripture-

Instructor: Wayne Kilpatrick

Wayne Kilpatrick is Associate Professor of Church History at Heritage University. He will teach the first session of the evening, giving insight on difficult passages of scripture.

7:00 to 7:50 PM

1 & 2 Thessalonian

Instructor: David Morris

David Morris is a Bible and Greek teacher at the Nashville School of Preaching and minister of Highland church of Christ in Columbia, TN. He will teach the second session each Thursday evening on 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

Five Minutes with God, Volume 3

The devotional books, "Five Minutes with God, Volume 3" have arrived. If you ordered copies, you may come by the church office to purchase them or stop by the table set up in the educational foyer where you may pick them up and pay. Each book is \$15.

Bible Drill begins this Sunday at 6 PM in FR1.

See Chad for details.

Graymere Yellow Pages

The *Graymere Yellow Pages* is now ready for use. You may access it on the Graymere website or the Graymere App (not Instant Church Directory). When you go to the website, click on "About Us" and then drop down on the menu to "Graymere Yellow Pages" and click. On the Graymere App, the "Yellow Pages" tab will come up immediately. This is a listing of everyone in the congregation who turned in information for us to use in the Yellow Pages. If any corrections or additions need to be made, please let us know.

Our Shut-ins

NURSING HOME:

NHC-MAURY REGIONAL

Emily Long, 2406

Lillian Bills, 2506

Sarah Johnson, 1302

LIFE CARE CENTER

Mary Robertson, 324A

ASSISTED LIVING:

THE BRIDGE

Bobby Smithson, 227

Frances Logsdon, 225

Olivyn Hardison, 209

Mary Margaret Lovell, 225

Grace Frank, 106

Marguerite Porter, 211 (mother of Fred Porter)

MORNING POINTE

Marie Voss, 126

Sue Foster, 114

Rebecca McNeese, 102

POPLAR ESTATES

Mary Robb, The Gardens

Barbara McNeese, The Gardens

Fran Ferrell, The Gardens

BROOKDALE

Gladys Olive, 104

Ruby Mathis (626-0260), 5011

SOMERBY OF FRANKLIN

Sara Pigg, Apt. 1207

Faye Locke, Apt. 1315, 615-856-2913

NHC PLACE Cool Springs

Robert Waddell, 313

AT HOME:

Edwin Derryberry

Marie Mayberry

Jewel and Leon Whitlatch

Rebecca Burgett

Aurelia Reed

Our Sick

MRMC: **Marguerite Porter**, 169 (mother of Fred Porter-no visitors)

Vanderbilt: **George Brent Wiles** (infant grandson of Ken & Debbie Wiles)

Remember in prayer: **Jerry Dickey** (begins treatments Jan. 4); **Tessa Fleming; Bettie Sparkman; Sandra Aldridge; Ron Bishop; Janice Hardison** (sister of Beverly Martin)

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Larissa Ann Lentz**, mother of Mike Lentz and mother-in-law of Patricia Lentz. Funeral was Saturday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Bill Jones**, brother of Larry Jones and uncle of Debbie Boshers and Deana Jones. The funeral was Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

- **Visitation Teams-Sunday**
Team 3: Jeff Skelton (Sr. Ctr.)
Team 5: Andrew Williams
- **Meals Program:**
January 8: Sara Carpenter
January 10: Cathey Green
January 12: Ann Elias
- **Pantry items:** Cereal or oatmeal
- **L2LL:** Bible Bowl practice Sunday, 5 PM, FR-2.
- **Ladies and Men's Wednesday morning Bible classes** will resume January 10.
- **Columbia School of Biblical Study** will begin the new semester January 4.
- Brenda McClure's Wednesday Meals Team is in need of 2 new members. Call Jeff/Kyla Harris, Brenda, or the church office if you can help.