

*Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.
May your glory shine over all the earth.
Psalm 108:5*

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SERVING THIS MONTH

ELDERS

Allen Anderson, Bill Faust

ELDER ALTERNATES

Herb Peak, Todd Peak

DEACONS/USHERS

Adam Barker (D/U), Paul Knight (D/U),
Jared Robinson (D), Jim Sisk (D)
*(An usher needs to be responsible for
locking foyer door after service starts.)*

JUNIOR DEACON

Dalton Henkel

DEACONESSES/Jr DEACONESSES

Jean Brannon, Dottie Corey

*If you cannot serve during your scheduled
month, please contact another server
to see about switching with you.*

*If you know of a shut-in desiring
communion be taken to them, please
call Jean Brannon at 276-669-7311.*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 20th • 9:00 am • Bethany Hall

This is a potluck meal. Please use the bulletin fliers to let us know if you're coming and what you can contribute to a delicious meal. If you are unable to contribute, come anyway to enjoy the meal and fellowship time!! We'll have plenty to share.

Please give fliers to Jenny Redmond or place in offering plate BEFORE SUNDAY, APRIL 13th.



ALSO . . .

Please bring fresh flowers
and help us celebrate

THE RISEN LORD

with a living cross!

See back page for more details.



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BUT NOT FORSAKEN

Okay, I know, not a very bright, cheerful way to Echo a message to you but, stay with me.

I'll ask you a question and even though we are not face-to-face I'm fairly certain the answer you would give. Have you ever been, or felt, forsaken?

If you haven't had that experience, consider yourself highly blessed. I would echo to you, oh yes, I've both been and felt forsaken. Actually rather recently, and it's a terrible feeling.

Forsaken—to leave or to abandon. . . .

As I was pondering (you may notice I use that word often—I ponder a lot!), my mind went to a piece of a scripture, "Persecuted, but not forsaken." Ponder, ponder . . . but, my circumstance hasn't changed. I quickly went to find my Bible, and began reading 2 Corinthians 7:7-9:

"We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side yet not crushed, we are perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but NOT FORSAKEN, struck down but not destroyed."

When feeling forsaken, every emotion in these two verses is there; hard pressed, perplexed, persecuted, struck down. NOT FORSAKEN? Feels like forsaken to me. ONLY because of the life and death of Jesus, on my/our behalf, can it be true—no other way.

Therefore, that chapter goes on:

"Do not lose heart because what is ahead for us is a far more exceeding weight of glory; the things which are seen (being or feeling forsaken) are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

As Paul encouraged the Corinthians, I encourage all of us . . . Do Not Lose Heart. There is ONE and ONLY ONE who has promised He would never forsake us (Hebrews 13:5b).

"Now may the Lord God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13: 20 & 21).

His peace makes us complete, NOT FORSAKEN.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men, join us for breakfast on Saturday morning, April 12th at 8:30 in Bethany Hall. Also, coming in May just for men . . . CONNECT! Stay tuned . . . more info to come!!

LADIES

TUESDAY TIME OUT is around the corner . . . April 11th, 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will continue our study of need vs. desire. For the morning group, how about lets make plans to go for lunch after.

We have enjoyed fellowship together as well as time in God's word so bring your Bible. I would love you to come join us.

Also, we are continuing to work on another Barter outing soon.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES!






Purchase an Easter Lily in memory or honor of a loved one for only \$5.00 each.

These lilies will be used to decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season. When the season is over, the lilies are yours to take home. Just fill out an order form that will be in Sunday's bulletin, and place in the offering plate or leave on the table in the front foyer. Thank you!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FCC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	REMEMBER Raise the Roof in Haiti “Gigantic Yard Sale” 1375 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol, TN		
		Margie on Vacation	Margie on Vacation	Margie on Vacation		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children’s Church No evening services.	1:00-4:00 – Food Pantry 7:00 – Board Meeting <i>(All church members are invited to attend board meetings)</i>	10:30 – Ladies Time-Out 6:30 – Ladies Time-Out	7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children		 Meals on Wheels <i>We deliver smiles™</i> 10:00 – Meals on Wheels	8:30 – Men’s Breakfast
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children’s Church  No evening services.			No Services Tonight Please Join Us Tomorrow Night	 7:00-8:00	Bob off for Holiday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 – Easter Breakfast 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children’s Church  No evening services.		 on Margie’s Desk by today Margie off for Holiday	7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children			
27	28	29	30			
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Margie is in the church office from 8:30-12:30, Tuesday thru Thursday.

Please have items for April’s newsletter to Margie, Pastor Herb, or Judy by April 18th.



KATHLEEN FRYE, sister of Jean Brannon, passed away on Sunday, March 9th.

MIKE SISK, son of Lillian Miller and brother of Jim Sisk, passed away on Tuesday, April 1.

We extend our condolences to Jean and her family, and also Lillian and Jim and their family during this time of loss. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Easter morning,
please bring fresh flowers
and help us celebrate
THE RISEN LORD
with a living cross!

Every Easter we create a “living cross.” We decorate it with fresh cut flowers (of any kind and color) and greenery.



This is a very meaningful event—a time for you to express your gratitude to The Lord for the death and resurrection of our precious Savior!

We encourage you to make this a special time with your family and friends. We will be decorating the cross after the Easter Breakfast and before the morning worship service. After the worship service is over, everyone is invited to take photos of/with the beautiful cross.

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