JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

July 30, 2023

Prayer Requests

Sheila Cox, Colleen Bennett, Don & Sylvia Stewart, Davey Middleton, Vincy Coadney, Robin Parker, Peggy Thompson, Mickie Burrow, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Linda Long, Kelly Windsor, Vickie Jackson, Debbie Shelton, Gerald Smith, Donna Hatcher, Carell Kiger, Paisley Speas, Zac Carter, George Comer, Jack Westmoreland, Joe Medeiros, Josh Church, Zelda Wilson, Beckham Gattis, Vickie Duncan, Canvas Church, Collective Christian Church, Renew Church, Our Troops, Ukraine

Nursing Home & At Home

Betty Westmoreland, Patsy Morrison, John Winesette, Marie George, Shirley Alspaugh, Lewis Moore, Linda Macia, Hazel Young, Mary Alderman

If we take a name off and you would like it placed back on the prayer list, please email us at info@jeffersonchurch.org.

Prayer Chain: If you have any prayer concerns, please call Libby Tabor (336.969.5086).

Offering Stats

July 23, 2023 -	$11,527.89
July 2023 Total -	$80,854.84

NEW TO JEFFERSON?

Are you new to Jefferson?
If so, we would love to hear from you!
Please click this **link** to tell us more about yourself and to ask questions.

JEFFERSON OFFERING

If you are worshipping with us through our live streaming service and you would like an easy way to give your offerings, please go to our **website** to make a donation online.

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE

Join us at 11:00am in the sanctuary as we join together to sing hymns and share in the Word of God.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will meet on Tuesday, August 8th at 11am. Following the meeting we will leave for lunch at the Amish Store in Hamptonville.

It's time to collect money for the MCDF Orphans. The cost to support a child is $180.00 per year.
Make checks payable to MCDF.

Contact Billy McHone (336.830.2944) with questions.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you have prayer requests, please go to jeffersonchurch.life to let us know how we can pray for you.

SUMMER HANGOUTS

JCC Kids

10am-12pm

June 13	**Playground & Picnic** Come to play and bring a picnic!	July 25	**Game Day** 9sq, GaGa, Disc Golf, Bikes Welcome
July 11	**Water Day** Come ready to get wet!	Aug 1	**Paint and Praise** Painting and Praising God!

All hangouts are for birth-5th grade. We ask that an adult stays with kids kinder and younger.

Our last Hangout is this Tuesday, August 1 - PAINT & PRAISE! To ensure we have enough supplies, registration is required for this event. Sign up today on the church app or by clicking this link - **PAINT & PRAISE REGISTRATION**.

VBS Save the Date: Aug 6-9

VBS is getting closer! Register your kids today by clicking the link below!

VBS Registration

If you would like to volunteer at VBS, click the link below to fill out the volunteer form.

VBS Volunteer Form

YOUTH INC
MOUNTAIN RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 8-10

GATLINBURG, TN **COST: $100**

Registration for the Youth Inc. Fall Mountain Retreat is now open! This event is open to all middle school and high school students and will take place September 8-10.

Jefferson, along with 10 other churches, will head to Gatlinburg for a weekend of worship and fellowship. The cost is $100, which includes housing and 3 meals. Students will need money for 3 separate meals.

The deadline to pay and register is September 1st. Sign up on the app or by clicking the link below.

YOUTH INC MOUNTAIN RETREAT

The last Summer Hangout will be our annual trip to Carowinds with FCC King and Poplar Springs!

This hangout is Monday, August 14th and the cost is $50. Students will need money for lunch (in the park) and dinner (on the road).

We will meet up at Jefferson at 8:30 am - breakfast will be provided. We should be back around 9 pm.

Sign up in the app or at the link below:

Carowinds

Our next Summer Hangout is **Skateland USA** this Tuesday, August 1st.

We will leave JCC at 1pm and should return by 4pm. This hangout is free for all middle and high school students.

WE'RE GROWING!

JCC Kids

THE KIDS MINISTRY IS GROWING AND WE NEED TO ADD MORE ROOMS!

We need YOU!
We are looking for people who are interested in having some fun serving with kids. Talk to Chrissy or Leslie, sign up in the app or scan here for more info.

GOD *of the* UNDERDOGS

Week 5

PAUL

God cares more about where you're going than where you've been.

Our past has the potential to become the lid to what God can do through us in the future.

Micah 7:18-19

18 "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgressions of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever, but delight to show mercy. 19 You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins under foot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea…"

There is no past so dark that it disqualifies someone from being used by God in the present and the future.

Acts 26:4-5,9-11

4 "All the Jews know my way of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own people and in Jerusalem. 5 They have known me for a long time if they are willing to testify that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived as a Pharisee…"

9 "… In fact, I myself was convinced that it was necessary to do many things in opposition to the name of Jesus of Nazareth…"

10 "… I actually did this in Jerusalem, and I locked many of the saith in prison, since I had received authority for that from the chief priests. When they were put to death, I was in agreement against them…"

11 In all the synagogues I often punished them and tried to make them blaspheme. Since I was terribly enraged at them I pursued them even to foreign cities.

One of the greatest enemies of our future is our past.

Acts 26:12-16

12 "…I was traveling to Damascus under these circumstances with authority and a commission from the chief priests. 13 King Agrippa, while on the road at midday, I saw a light from Heaven brighter than the sun, shining around me and those traveling with me. 14 We all fell to the ground and I heard a voice speaking to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' 15 I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord replied: 'I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. 16 But get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.'

Acts 26:16

16 But get up and stand on your feet. For I have appeared to you…
to appoint you as a servant and a witness to what you have seen and will see of me…

You have a story that God wants to use for His glory.

Don't let your past be the lid over your future.

Acts 26:17-18

17 I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them 18 to open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Paul's past positioned him to be used by God in his present and his future.

God wants to use your story for His glory.

**"Jesus told Paul that his past had the power to turn people from darkness to light!
How ironic that one person's darkness, when yielded to God,
can bring light into someone else's darkness."**

- Matt Keller

**"When we surrender our dark past to Jesus, refuse to live under condemnation
and embrace our appointment. God will actually use us to help others
find acceptance and a place in God's family."**

- Matt Keller

Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of
it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider
myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to
what is ahead, 14 I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

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