PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ILL AT HOME & RECOVERING

Tommy Ashworth, Hagan Bowen, Donna Brummett, Jennifer Byiongton, Joel & Rhea Calloway, Arlene & Jim Caywood, Aaron Carroll, Donnie Castle, Toni Gibson, Mark Herndon, Connor & Daniel Horne, Grant & Nancy Lawson, Glenda Livesay, Jeff Melton, Patty Melton, Kelly Robinson, Lula Rogers, Barbara Smith, Christine Smith, Deena Stone, Opal Vaughn, Robert Walls, Daphine Winegar, Jeff Woods.

SHUT-INS & CHRONIC ILLNESS

Marlene Allen, Patsy Cumbow, Tony & Linda England, Vonda Gardner, Eddie McDavid, Billie Orrick, Betty Sproles.

HOSPITALS/NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING & REHAB

Peggy Harber, Ted Harris, Charlotte Lemons ,Whitney McKinnie.

NON - MEDICAL PRAYER NEEDS

The LOST, Our Church, Our Country, Our Schools – students & personnel, Bob & Celeste Gailey, Kiersten Gilliam,Caleb Horne, George Kasibante & Uganda Orphange, William Roberts.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
Weekly Requirements	$ 7,230.19
Undesignated – April 28, 2024	$ 5,635.11
Savings – April 28, 2024	$ 169.67

THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING BENEFITTING TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Every Mother's Day and through the month of May, we collect a special offering to benefit TBCH. These homes provide Christ-centered, nurturing homes for children in difficult situations across Tennessee through compssionate on-campus homes and foster parents. TBCH believes every child should experience the stable, nurturing love of a family. Please PRAY and GIVE as God leads! Envelopes and more info will be provided in May 12 Sunday's bulletin.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

We Love Our Mothers!

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
Our preschool for Sunday School and Worship is open.

TUESDAY SCHEDULE

12:00 Noon Sr. Adult Bible Study& Lunch (CH)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:45 PM Snack Supper for Konnect Kidz & Youth
6:00 PM Konnect Kidz & Youth Programs
6:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting (CH)
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Nursery provided

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!

As I am writing this on Monday, I am still basking in the spiritual afterglow of our SPRING CONCERT held yesterday. It was amazing! God showed up in a powerful way, bringing together every element of the service into a powerful message. Why do we sing? Because we have reason to sing! That reason is because when we're in Christ, our salvation is a done deal! The religions of the world are all based on doing - trying to do enough of some list of requirements well enough to bribe some deity into giving you eternal life. Christianity alone says that we can't do enough to earn eternal life, so God gives it to us as a free gift. It's free not because it's cheap; it's free because it's so expensive that only God Himself could pay for it. And He did, with the life of His Son and our Savior, Jesus, on the cross of Calvary. We don't have to work for it or pay for it, because all the work and all the payment we could muster in a lifetime would be inadequate. We need only receive what Jesus did for us by turning from our sins in repentance, placing our faith in Him and His sacrifice on the cross as the payment for our sins, and surrendering our lives to His Lordship. The work we do and the worship we express are not to earn salvation, but an expression of our gratitude for the salvation that God has freely provided. Oh, how worthy He is of all of our praise, all of the glory and all of the honor we could bestow upon Him! Eternity won't be enough to contain our praises!

Thanks to Mikel, the choir, the soloists, the groups and the tech people who all worked hard to bring this service about. It was a lot of hard work, and God honored that hard work by "showing up and showing out." Our worship services are just the tip of the iceberg. The majority of the iceberg, underwater and out of sight so to speak, is the preparation that goes into every service. God honors our efforts as we lift them up to Him as worship.

I have been very enthused with the "presence" in our worship services of late. The presence of God has been strong, the presence of members has been sweet, and the presence of visitors has been encouraging. If your "presence" has been absent, it's time to present yourself before the Lord again in His house! You don't know what you're missing!

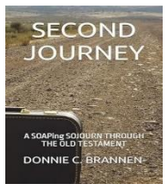
MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is May 12. We will be honoring the moms and having our annual Parent-Child Dedication service. If you would like to participate, please call Jennifer at 245-9157 with the following information: full name of the child, names of the parents, names of the grand-parents, and date of birth.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Looking a little bit ahead in the future (but looming larger in the windshield every day) is Vacation Bible School June 9-13, 6-8 P.M. The theme is "Breaker Rock Beach: God's Rock-Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sand." In our five nights of VBS, kids will be challenged to recognize the difference between what the world says is true and what God says is true. They will learn that God's truth never changes - even when it's radically different from what some people say. Wow, that's a theme for our time, isn't it? Our VBS ages are from 4 years old (and potty-trained) to just finished sixth grade. If you have or know kids in this age group, get them here for VBS!

SOAPing THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT



The Old Testament is both marvelous and mysterious, both inspiring and confusing. Many are those who have started out with good intentions to read though the Old Testament only to get bogged down somewhere around Leviticus. One "big name" preacher actually called for us to "unhitch" the New Testament from the Old Testament. What a tragedy and a travesty that statement is. The Old Testament is the root system of the New Testament. To sever that vital connection between the Old and New Testaments is to create a "cut-flower Christianity" that looks good for the moment, but eventually begins to rot and fall apart.

As many of you know, back in 2020, the Lord led me through the book *The Divine Mentor* by Wayne Cordeiro (highly recommended!) into a method of Bible engagement called "SOAPing," which stands for Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer. Nothing has been a bigger boon to my daily quiet times. Over the past year or so, I SOAPed my way through the entire Old Testament, using a reading plan which will take you through the Old Testament in a year at six days per week. To be honest, it took me a little longer than a year, but the important thing is the destination and what (in)sights you see along the way, not the speed! The result of that season in the Old Testament is my latest book, Second Journey: *A SOAPing Sojourn Through The Old Testament*, which was published last month. I would love to get this book in your hands. One of the great passions of my life is to help God's people connect with Him on a daily basis in His Word. *Second Journey* will show you how to SOAP, give you a reading plan for the Old Testament, and provide my SOAPing Sessions for the Old Testament (312 of them) that you can use as devotions. The book is available for $15.00 plus shipping and handling from Amazon or $9.99 in the Kindle Store. From me, it is available for a donation of any amount, or no amount at all. If you would like a copy, please see me or Heidi.

I hope to see you this Sunday as we return to our study of the book of Acts, looking at "The Adventures of Simon Peter, Part 1" from Acts 9:31-43.

Numbers 6:24-26,

Bro. Donnie

Mark your calendars for June 9-13 for our VBS! Children who are potty-trained through just finished sixth grade can attend. You can go ahead and register your children at this link. **https://calvaryofkpt.org/.../vacation-bible.../2024-06-09** Please read the instructions there to avoid any confusion. If you need help, see Dana Caywood. We are looking for teachers and assistants to serve, so see Mikel Caywood if you can help that week.