



*“In the heart of the community;
with a heart for your family”*

January 15, 2017

A Pastor’s Ponderings

Have you ever been driving along, oblivious to the world around you, when you suddenly realize that you’ve landed right in the middle of road construction that is causing long traffic delays? Maybe you’ve sailed right through a stop sign or red light, or found yourself going the wrong direction on a one-way street. Each of these situations could have been avoided, *if you had just been paying attention to the road signs.*

A clear parallel can be drawn between those traffic dilemmas and our spiritual lives. Many times we go through life, oblivious to the *spiritual road signs* that warn us about problems ahead. Our God is the master highway designer, and He is faithful to check us in our hearts when we have started down a road that only leads to problems. He’s able to see all the turns in the road that might cause us to err. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 3:6, *“In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths”*. His goal is to lead us safely home, but we have to follow the signs.

Sometimes we go through a tunnel of trials when we can’t see where we are or where we are going, and everything seems dark. Even there, God knows the way and He will help us through. This new year will bring us all to areas we’ve never travelled before. When we face new situations or are uncertain about the future, we must *be sure to check the road map.* Regardless of where we are in our journey, God has set up signs to help keep us on track. If we follow His leading each mile of the way, He’s promised to see us through.

Weekly Schedule for January 15 to January 22

Today Sunday School10:00 am
Morning Worship11:00 am
Evening Worship6:00 pm
Choir Practicefollowing evening worship

Monday WMU6:00 pm
(The ladies voted to start meeting on the 3rd Monday.)

Tuesday Men’s Breakfast9:00 am
Fellowship of Truth6:00 pm

Wednesday K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall
The Experience*
Junior High Small Group*
(* meets at The Spot)
Adult Prayer & Bible Study

All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.

Saturday Men’s Ministry Breakfast8:30am

Next Sunday Sunday School10:00 am
Morning Worship11:00 am
Evening Worship6:00 pm
Choir Practicefollowing evening worship



Men, take notice. The next Men’s Ministry event will be a breakfast *outing* on **this Saturday, January 21st**. Meet at the church at **8:30 a.m.** for a satisfying breakfast and fellowship time at a local restaurant.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Tonya Ward, Dorothy Holley and Haley Curtis	AM - Lori and Hannah DeLoach and Deanna Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

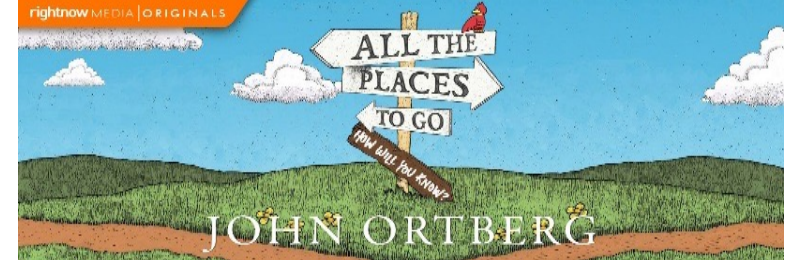
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

The next supper is scheduled for January 25. Watch the bulletin for times and menu.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS

There will be a very important meeting for ALL volunteers **TODAY at 5:00 p.m.** We will discuss *scheduling, menu suggestions, food purchasing procedures*, and other aspects of preparing the Wednesday suppers. Volunteer cooks and assistants please try to attend the meeting. If you are absolutely unable to attend, please let Lavon know.

NEW SMALL GROUP!



Starting on **Wednesday, February 1st**, join us as we begin a new 6-week study entitled *“All The Places To Go.”* In this study, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless open doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await. So with this new year laid out before us... go ahead—walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity.

WOMEN’S MISSION GET-TOGETHER

The theme for this year is **“By All Means”**. The date is **March 31-April 2** at the **Gatlinburg Convention Center**. This is a trip you don’t want to miss! Not only will you hear inspirational speakers and learn about missions more in depth, but you will also have this unique opportunity to get to know and enjoy the companionship of other women from our church. Today is the first day to **sign up**. See Nancy Gillis if you have any questions.

Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
(James 5:16)



Sickness & Hospital

Jo Arrowood
Bernice Bailey
Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Lorene Barr
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Ronnie Bryant
Bill Carpenter
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Steve Cutshall
Mary Davidson
Charles Ellis
Barbara Fazio
Doug Fox
Betty Gillis
Kenneth Gray
Anita Hall
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Dorothy Holley
Elizabeth Holley
Ray Holtsinger
Phil Jackson
Glen Johnson
Lisa Justice
Delores Kenney
Jacob Luttrell
Herman Marcum
Katrina Mausolf
Jim McNamara
Matthew Millsaps
Teresa Monteon
Pastor Kevin Morris
Faye Morrow
Halen Pate
Sherrill Patton
Amos Penley
Atler Perryman
Glenda Purdue
Peggy Roberts
Jordan St. John
Art Simpson
Art Simpson, Jr.
Larry & Judy Smith
Mildred Snapp

Betty & Elmer Taylor
Bob Tibble
Al Vanderland
Judy Vanlandingham
Megan Vess
Ray Weaver
Cameron Whitaker
Gene Wilcox
Norman Wilhoit
Jack Young

Other Requests

American Military
Radio Ministry
The Spot
The families of our
community
Washington County
Jail Ministry
Issac Cutshall
Unspoken requests
FISH Ministry
The young couples of
our church
Doug & Barb
Weberg's travels
Job situations for many
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Dorsie Smith
Jenny Nichols
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church
Dick Wright's family
Grieving families
The ministry of
Rick Marks

Praise the Lord!

Job situations
Good doctor reports
Answered prayer
Salvation reports
from the jail
Johnny Gouge
Mathew Milsaps
Jack Percell came home

Salvation

K. Adamson
Kevin Ayers
Michelle Ayers
Robin Booth
Charles Bowers
S. Branstractor
Kathy Brooks
Karen Burgin
Rick Burgin
Mary S. Carter
Heather Crumb
Jessica Curtis
John Dowdy
Jon Fazio
Ben Franklin
Karen Ingram
Patton Jervis
Donna Laws
Betty Lewis
Scott Lewis
Diane Miller
John Nichols
Jim Norris
Becky Norton
Harry Norton
Kenzie Nunley
Pam Nunley
Jennie Reasor
Larry Richardson
Amy Roberts
Dustin Roberts
Sue Roberts
Bill Shelton
Rita Shelton
Kelly Shoun
Tammy Waterhouse
Kevin Whistine

**Shut-in
& Nursing Home**

Rena Hensley
Lou Shelton
Eric Starner
Christine Kyker
Brownlow Yarbor
Millie Yarbor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
<p>LAST WEEK David Long.....Friday, Jan. 13 Chelsea Shaw.....Friday, Jan. 13 Paige Snapp.....Friday, Jan. 13</p> <p>THIS WEEK Ruth DunbarToday Tammy Ponder ...Wed., Jan. 18</p>	<p>Monday, Jan 16 Benny & Pam Bryant</p> <p>Tuesday, Jan. 17 Carlton & Billigene Wood</p>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year, we are trying a new approach to gathering items for this mission project. Buying in "bulk" is less expensive and assures that all boxes have similar, age-appropriate items. Therefore, *we will be collecting a special offering on every 3rd Sunday.* Designated "shoppers" will then be able to make cost effective purchases of items on our "suggested shopping lists". Your offerings will allow everyone an easier opportunity to participate in this worthy mission project. And, if you want to shop and donate actual items, your donations will still be accepted and appreciated as always.



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