



Your Journey. Our Focus.

February 26, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

Dr. Ajith Fernando has been the national director of *Youth for Christ* in war-torn Sri Lanka since 1976. He has written eleven books, inspired by the events surrounding the fierce persecution of Christians in Sri Lanka over the past few years. In his 30+ years of ministry, Dr. Fernando writes that he has come to recognize four different reactions people may have to the same set of circumstances:

1. *Some suffered great earthly loss, but were still determined to praise God through it all.*
2. *Others suffered great loss and became bitter; ultimately turning away from God all together.*
3. *Still others compromised their testimonies in order to avoid persecution.*
4. *Finally, some who were worldly-minded, yet professing followers of Christ, were jolted into realizing their sin and rededicated their lives fully to Christ during the ordeal.*

The same set of circumstances can indeed have very opposite effects on different people. Consider this image... if you put clay in an oven, it hardens. But if you put wax in the some oven, it melts! The difference isn't in the circumstance... the difference lies in the quality and character of the substance.

Weekly Schedule for February 26 to March 5

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

Tuesday Men's Breakfast9:00 am
 Ladies' Prayer Group9:30 am
 (at Betty Gillis' home)

Wednesday Fellowship Supper5:30-6:30 pm

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.

Next Sunday Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 (Special Music with David K.)
 Following evening worship:
 Birthday/Anniversary Social

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Lois BroylesWed., Mar. 1 Rena CutshallWed., Mar. 1 Martin WaltersSat., Mar. 4 Tonya WardNext Sunday	Monday, Feb. 27 Tom & Jeanene McCurry Tuesday, Feb. 28 Jerry & Lisa Gillis

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Jenifer Carter, Patrick Mitchell and Hunter Barker	AM - Kim Holley, Mike Ferguson and _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: GROUP 3

Rena needs to meet with you for a few minutes after church today.

Special Musical Event

David K, a multi-award winning flute player from right here in Johnson City will be with us *next Sunday evening* at **6:00 p.m.** David has developed a very beautiful and unique way of leading God's people and lifting the Name of the Lord through music. Please make plans to be part of this special night of music and praise.

WMU WEEK OF PRAYER

March 5-11 is the annual week of prayer for our North American Missions. Group 1 will provide a meal on **Monday, March 6**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall for all those ladies who attend this special meeting. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

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 each month.* 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.

SHOWER TIME

On **Saturday, March 11**, from **2:00-4:00 p.m.**, there will be a "diapers & wipes" shower in the fellowship hall for Pam and Patrick Mitchell's expected little boy, **Percy**. Pampers Swaddlers & Pampers Sensitive Wipes are preferred. Lori Deloach will be the hostess. All are welcome to attend.

DONATIONS NEEDED

This year we are asking for donations of **plastic eggs & wrapped candy** for our **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 15**. The candy needs to fit inside the plastic eggs. Give your donations to **Tonya Ward** or put them in the labeled box in the church vestibule. More information will be coming soon about the Easter Egg Hunt.

Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)



Sickness & Hospital

Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Susan Belcher
Amy Bird
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Ronnie Bryant
Bill Carpenter
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Matthew Cutshall
Steve Cutshall
Sam D'Antonio
Mary Davidson
Charles Ellis
Barbara Fazio
Doug Fox
Daniel Gardner
Kenneth Gray
Anita Hall
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Dorothy Holley
Elisabeth Holley
Ray Holtsinger
Glen Johnson
Lisa Justice
Jacob Luttrell
Herman Marcum
Katrina Mausolf
Tom McCurry
Jim McNamara
Lori Milliken
Matthew Millsaps
Teresa Monteon
Randy Moore
Pastor Kevin Morris
Faye Morrow
Jenny Murray
Halen Pate
Amos Penley
Atler Perryman
Glenda Purdue
Bart Rickman
Jordan St.John
Art Simpson
Art Simpson, Jr.
Larry & Judy Smith

Brother Snapp
Mildred Snapp
Betty & Elmer Taylor
Jeff Tolley
Gary Stafford
Tom Swain
Al Vanderland
Judy Vanlandingham
Megan Vess
Linda Vogel
Cameron Whitaker
Gene Wilcox

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
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church
Grieving families
Our school teachers
2017 Student Conference
The Sparks children

Praise the Lord!

Phyllis Shell
Brother Snapp
Pauline Gillis

Shut-in & Nursing Home

Christine Harris
Rena Hensley
Lou Shelton
Eric Starner
Brownlow Yarbor

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

Note:

If a name needs to remain on the prayer list for longer than one month, just let Pastor Craig or Linda King know.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

This week's menu:

**baked ham, green beans, mashed potatoes,
dinner roll, drinks & dessert**

(A **sign up sheet** is in the foyer.)

Meals are **\$4.00** for each adult.

Supper will be served from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

It's VERY important to let the cooks know how many meals to prepare. Otherwise, food may be insufficient or wasted. So, please remember to sign up!

Thank you for your help in making these fellowship suppers a time of social and physical nourishment followed by spiritual nourishment during group Bible studies.

Can't join us for supper? Bible study is still on the "menu" for everyone. Hope to see you there!

*Need more information or need to **sign up** or **cancel**?*

Call Lavon Jones @ 426-8105.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Have you visited the nursery lately? Our youngest children and volunteers are benefitting from many improvements. Our nursery can always use more volunteers. Please consider signing up. See **Kathy Ferguson** for more information.



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