

# THE EDIFIER



*“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and the things wherewith one may edify another” (Rom. 14:19).*

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## INVOLVING YOU...Larry Snow

We are taking this opportunity to be uplifted by the writings of our church family. These excerpts come from our book of daily devotionals, *The Lamplighter*, and serve as a reminder of this valuable resource. Please use them to supplement your devotional reading for the week from our “One Word” series. If you need a *Lamplighter* for yourself or to reach out to a friend please let us know. Additional copies are available through the church office.

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*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

*Matthew 11:28-30*

The more we learn about Jesus, the more we find our rest in Him. We will experience rest as we obey three commands of Jesus. The first command is **“Come to Me!”** Jesus regularly invited people to come to Him to meet their needs. We become a Christian through a choice we make to answer His invitation to turn from our old ways and come to Him, rendering obedience to Him.



Second, we will experience rest for our souls as we also obey Jesus' command of **“Take My yoke upon you!”** The word **“yoke”** is used metaphorically to refer to submission to a teacher. The fatal mistake for the believer is to seek to bear life's load without the yoke of Christ. God never intended for us to carry His burden alone; therefore, Christ deals only in **“yokes”**, a neck harness for two. The secret of peace and victory in the

Christian life is found in putting off the taxing collar of **“self”** and accepting the Master's relaxing **“yoke”**.

Jesus' third command is **“Learn from Me!”** We come, take up His yoke and the learning process begins. His meekness draws us to Him with our cares and concerns. *Give all your worries to Him, because He cares about you. I Peter 5:7...NLT*

George Caudill, *Lamplighter* page 264

Funerals are for the living, not the dead. Our smallness on earth is never as obvious as when a loved one moves on to the other side. Our grief, like us, is what is left behind. I watched my father gasp for his last few breaths one Sunday after church when I was nine. Somehow I knew, on that day that started like hundreds of others, that he was gone, whisked away in that torrent of sirens.

Sitting through his funeral I was struck by the sheer number that attends when a life erupts at forty and departs. The volume of tears that flow when death is rash and unexpected challenges the norms of our world, with so many people simultaneously questioning, “What if that had been me! What have I done with my life? Does it even matter? Am I ready to meet God?” We sit sniffing, riddled with questions that have nothing to do with our dearly departed. Singular focus comes to our own mortality, our own soul, our survival now that they are gone.

The grief which lingered was being left behind. At nine years of age, I thought, “How long will it take to see my Dad again?” I was staring down a lot of years, alone. None of us ever doubted where Dad was going or whether we would see him again. Of course we would! We have a hope and a promise, and so, our grief was different. I used to think this passage meant we weren't to cry or be terribly sad. But I was sad.

Since then I have watched my grandfather-in-law age ninety-plus, sing to his darling the Tennessee Waltz in the middle of her funeral then cry out, “Oh Minnie, why did you have to leave me?” The two had not been separate for more than twenty minutes in over forty years. But I knew it would not take long for them to find each other again, and they would get to leave their frail bodies behind this time. We will not grieve like the world. But we can be sad.

The sweet Grandmother gripped my hand when she no longer had a mind that worked. Eyes sealed shut, she muttered and mumbled to those waiting on the other side, and I was jealous. I knew my father was just right there, waiting to grab her hand from mine. It was the closest I've come to him in over thirty years. I wouldn't grieve because she was almost there. Be sad? No way!

Today I watch my mother struggle for each step as her body and health begin to fade. She has taught me to be strong and make our way through the storms of life depending on the very breath of the LORD. Every day she gets a little bit closer to reaching my Dad, and she can't wait to be with him forever. I know that when it is her time she will be running toward her one and only love, bursting through the stars and the confines of this earth. It's taken a long time for her to get there, but life is sweeter on the other side.

I will grieve, but not as the world, since I'll be seeing all of them very soon in the great scheme of things!

Jana Curcio, *Lamplighter* page 172

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

**Centennial Medical Center:** June McCormack (cardiac ICU; recovering from open-heart surgery)

**Horizon Medical Center:** Wayne Turbeville (rehab room #8)

**Southerland Place:** Alicia Daniel, (room 204, 200 Winner's Circle, Brentwood, TN)

**VA Medical Center Murfreesboro:** Sean Moore (3400 Lebanon Pike, Building 1, room #338, floor 1B, Murfreesboro, TN 37129)

- Aiden Fizer, (son of Anthony and Amy Fizer) who has been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes
- Ruby Williams, who is recovering from an infection
- Posetta Mayo, who has returned home from the hospital
- Rick Gray, (husband of Betty Ruth Gray, father of Ashley Fussell and B.J. Owen) who has an appointment with a rheumatologist tomorrow and is awaiting test results
- Monteen Roberson, (mother of Thelma Ryland) who is suffering with pneumonia
- Don Russell, (brother of Cindy Leach) who is experiencing heart complications



Greeting Card Ministry

Mabel Tidwell  
Happy Birthday (99)

In preparation for Walnut Street's Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner (Saturday, November 18), please:

- **Begin collecting new or *gently used* coats, scarves, mittens/gloves**
- **Be thinking about families in need that you would like to *sign up* to attend the meal**
- **Go to the Information Booth next Sunday, 10/15 and pick up a *Heart-Felt Food* grocery list**
- ***Be in prayer* that this outreach event will be successful**

## FAMILY NEWS

**Those of our number who are expectant mothers:**  
Morgan Haselhuhn (1/14); Kaylee Speight (3/4)

### Note of Thanks:

*Dear Walnut Street Family,*

*Thank you so much for the hospital visits, texts, calls, cards and outpouring of love you provided to our family following Maddie's recent accident. Most importantly, thank you for your prayers to God to watch over our daughter.*

*Sincerely, Richard & Johnna Perez*

## Trunk-or-Treat at Walnut Street!



Please begin bringing in candy and treats for our upcoming Trunk-or-Treat Outreach!

**Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:**

### ***Fifth Sunday Fall Celebration***

**October 29**

**Speaker - David Shannon, President  
Freed-Hardeman University**

### ***God's Blueprint for the Home***

**Marriage Seminar**

**Friday, November 10– Sunday, November 12**

**Walnut Street Church of Christ**

**Presenters will be Dr. Mike Cravens and  
Dr. Roy Sharp**



### **Home Builders' Bonfire and Hayride**

**Saturday, October 14 at  
5:30 PM**

**Home of Joseph & Jamie  
Brown**

**Please bring chips or  
marshmallows.  
Hotdogs and drinks will be  
provided.**

### **CIA Hayride**

**Saturday, October 21 (3-6 PM)**

**The bus will leave from the  
office side of the parking lot.**

**All parents are invited to  
join the fun!**

**Look for the sign-up sheet in  
the Gathering Room. Deadline  
to sign up is  
Wednesday, October 18**

**Walnut Street Church of Christ  
Mission Statement**

Manifesting the fruit of the Spirit,  
proclaiming Christ to the lost and  
serving mankind to the glory of  
God.

**ATTENDANCE**

Wed, 10/4...371

**Sunday-October 1**

Worship—9 AM .....720  
Bible Study .....554  
Worship—6 PM.....471

**CONTRIBUTION**

10/1.....\$30,275.75      Weekly Budget.....\$29,762  
2017 Annual Budget - \$1,547,633

**Elders**

Gaylan Brown..... 446-9909	Robby Harmon ..... 289-1936
Gary Brunett..... 887-1227	Tim Hogue..... 319-6714
Bobby Cathey..... 446-9216	Brian Ragan ..... 414-4529
George Caudill ..... 446-3996	Tim Spann..... 943-7248
Joe Corlew ..... 446-8787	Bob Spencer ..... 446-3882
Ted Williams ..... 446-6441	

**Ministers**

Steve Baggett.....Pulpit	Alan Ragan ..... Youth
Bud Lambert.....Counseling	Larry Snow.....Involvement
Bob Spencer ..... Youth	

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**More Opportunities to Learn about Jesus**

**Search For Truth**—Dickson Local Cable Channel 19  
(Tuesdays-12 Noon, Thursdays-11 am, Fridays-8 pm)

**WWW.STUDYJESUS.COM/ WWW.ESTUDIAJESUS.COM:**

Stats YTD: 831,949 visits through 10/1

StudyJesus.com can be found in religious books section of itunes

**Youth Class Locations**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Building Area</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Building Area</u>
Birth - 6 months	Nursery	K-3rd grades	300 hallway
6 months - 1 year	Nursery	4th grade	Room 105
1-5 year olds	400 hallway	5th grade	Room 205
		6th-12th grades	500 hallway

**Adult Bible Classes**

<u>RM #</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
101	Fundamentals	Southerland
103	Hebrews	Brunett/Perkins
Chapel	Romans	Brown/Hogue
406	Ephesians	DeBerry
408	College/Young Adults	Gooch
410	What I Wish I'd Known Before I Got Married	Various
412	Gospel of John	Baggett, Ragan, Williams
Loft	Building Your Faith - James	Harmon
406	Making Investments That Last (8 am)	Caudill

**YOUTH CORNER**

**6th-12th Grade Activities**

—Bob Spencer & Alan Ragan—

**Today, 10/8:** No Chorus practice; 6th-12th grade devo at the building

**Monday, 10/9 - Tuesday, 10/10:** Loft closed

**Wednesday, 10/11:** Wednesday Evening Bible Class

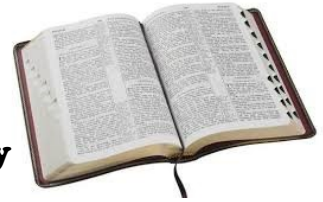
**Thursday, 10/12 - Friday, 10/13:** Loft closed (No 5th Quarter)

**Saturday, 10/14:** Loft closed

**Sunday, 10/15:** Chorus practice at 4:30; 6th-12th grade devo at the home of Barry & Christie Piland

**Young Adult Devo  
tonight**

**at the home of  
Charles & Gail DeBerry**



*Upcoming* EVENTS

- **Shut-In Visitation Team Meeting** - tonight following evening worship; pick up cards in the Gathering Room
- **Home Builders Bonfire and Hayride** - Saturday, October 14 at the home of Joseph and Jamie Brown
- **Deacon Budget Meeting** - Sunday, October 15 at 5 PM in room 410; budgets are due at this meeting
- **Fall Ladies' Fellowship** - Friday, October 20; menu is soup, salad and sandwiches
- **CIA Hayride** - Saturday, October 21; sign up in the Gathering Room
- Mark your calendar for **Walnut Street's annual Trunk-or-Treat Outreach** - Saturday, October 28; please begin bringing candy and treats (see cart in Gathering Room)
- **God's Blueprint for the Home Marriage Seminar** - November 10-12

## Sunday Morning - October 8, 2017

Welcome..... Kyle Dickerson  
 Song Leader..... Mark O'Neal  
 Song # 548..... *The Lily of the Valley*  
 Song # 477/276... *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest/Turn Your Eyes to Jesus*  
 Prayer..... Fred Mayberry  
 Song # 344..... *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Lord's Supper Meditation—Steve Moore  
**Lord's Supper**

Song # 574..... *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

### Offering

Song # 546..... *'Till the Storm Passes By*  
 Scripture Reading—Heb. 4:11-16..... Robert Reid

## ONE WORD—SUFFERING

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Song # 552..... *Have Thine Own Way*  
 Song (screen only)..... *Firm Foundation*  
 Prayer..... Walter Crafton

## Sunday Evening - October 8, 2017

Welcome..... Larry Snow  
 Song Leader..... Anthony Curcio  
 Song # 718..... *We Shall Assemble*  
 Song # 38..... *Awesome God*  
 Prayer..... Anthony Brown  
 Song # 18..... *Faithful Love*  
 Children 3rd grade and down may go to their classes during this song.  
 Song (screen only)..... *You Are My All In All*  
 Scripture Reading—Eph. 4:17-24..... Ken Southerland

## THE CHOSEN OF GOD ARE TO PUT ON...

Colossians 3:12-17

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Song (screen only)..... *Surround Us Lord*  
 Those wishing to take the Lord's Supper may go to the chapel during this song.  
 Song # 23..... *Our God, He Is Alive*  
 Prayer..... Lewis Curd

## ONE WORD DEVOTIONAL

### Reading Schedule

October 9..... *Joy in the Midst of Sorrow* (p. 250)  
 October 10..... *Revealing Our Pain* (p. 251)  
 October 11..... *Avoid Distracted Living* (p. 252)  
 October 12..... *What Do You See?* (p. 253)  
 October 13..... *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* (p. 254)

### Serving the Lord's Supper this month:

**Officiate:** Watson McCord/Dan Erranton  
**Serve at table:** Steve Moore/Stephen Long  
**Serve:** Jimmy Barber, Jason Baggett, Dennis Bass, Frank Becker, Larry Brown, Michael Burgess, Mike Burgess, Roger Chester, Brian Choate, Donnie Choate, Sherman Cline, Kevin Galloway, Jim Greene, Smiley Greer, Corky Grigsby, Isaac Holley, Steve Jordan, Matthew Steidl, Peter Steidl, James Tiensvold, Tyler Wilkins  
**PM:** Karl Littleton/Luke Littleton

### Soundbooth & Powerpoint

**SB 9am:** Ken Southerland  
**PP 9am & 6pm:**  
**SB 10:15am & 6pm:** Joey Holley  
**Wed:** Greg Donegan

### October's Ushers

Chuck Daniel, BJ Garton, Chip Haslam, Justin Lamb, Ray Mayo, Henry Perkins

### Bible Hour

Sandy Clinton, Paul & Belinda Cummings, Carol Heflin, Karl & Valerie Littleton, Pat Pewitt, Matt Steidl, Tyler & Bethany Wilkins

### October's Security Teams

**9am:** Ron Fuller/John Petty  
**10:15am:** Fred/Jan Mayberry  
**6pm:** Terry Deak/Brian Webber  
**Wed:** Al Denton/Phil Hall

### Today's Greeters

**Curbside:** Milton Williams  
**Gathering Room:** Claudene Lovett/Lori Whitaker, Troy/Traci Williams, Dan/Val Erranton, Joe/Rebecca Kelley  
**Information Booth:** Mark/Stephanie Gooch

### Wednesday Devotional

**Lead Singing:** Steve Baggett  
**Speaker:** Eric Hickerson  
**Prayer:** Jim Williams

### October Nursery Attendants

**9 AM:** Ashley Crownover, Debbie Horsley, Brittany Lamb  
**10:15 AM:** Kristen Greer  
**6 PM:** Stacey Poole, Karon Woodard, Sarah & Annabeth Woodard  
**Wed:** Pamela Massie, Paula Hill