

Those to Serve

Sunday, March 15, 2020 (AM & PM)

Announcements: Matt Holman

Song Leader: Scott Turney

Scripture: Jared Baker-J. Swindell

Prayer: Ray Shafer-Bobby Wilhite

Speaker: J. Garrison/J. Turney

Dismiss: Chris Young—Matt Smith

NHC Worship Service

(March 15, 2020)

Group 3 – Mike Prater

Song Leader: Cancelled

Prayers: Cancelled

Speaker: Cancelled

Communion: Cancelled

Wednesday (March 18, 2020)

Announcements: Matt Holman

Song Leader: Ian Garrison

Scripture: Haden Coble

Prayer: Matt Holman

Invitation: Justin Turney

Dismiss: Zander Williford

Bus Driver: Chris Young

If you cannot serve, please call or text Gary Dodson at 510-8078

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Classes: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am and 6:00 pm (2nd & 5th Sunday afternoon worship at 1:15pm)

Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages: 7:00 pm

West Sparta Messenger

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YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER

Derrick Coble

Anyone who has spent a significant amount of time with children understands that inevitably they will get into some trouble. The trouble always consists of breaking something or neglecting something. Children may break the rules, break something in the house, or try to break each other! On the other hand, they may neglect the rules, neglect something, or neglect each other! When trouble happens, how many times have you heard yourself say, "You should know better." As a parent, it is frustrating to continuously warn, correct, and punish children for not abiding by the rules. In a Christian home, they should know better. As David said, "thou hast taught me from my youth" (Psa. 71:17) and his son would say, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecc. 12:1). However, even these two men were susceptible to the temptations of disobedience—even though they knew better! Since God deals with all Christians as children (Heb. 12:7) it could be that He often thinks, "You should know better" when we fall into sin. Christians have been known to break God's rules through the lust of the flesh, eyes, and pride of life (1 John 2:15-17; cf. 1 John 3:4). God's children have even been known to break things in God's house (the church; 1 Tim. 3:15) by changing His design for worship, leadership, fellowship, etc. It is even true that God's children have tried to break down each other by "biting and devouring" (Gal. 5:13) and envy/strife (James 3:14). Add to this all the times Christians have neglected God's rules for living faithfully (2 Peter 1:5-11), neglected to do something good (Gal. 6:10), or neglected helping each other (1 The. 5:11). Even though the Lord is slow to anger (Psa. 103:8), He will chasten His children (Pro. 3:11). So, the next time you hear yourself say, "You should know better." Think about the sins and weaknesses that are present in your own life. Do you know better? Most likely we do. Yet, when we are willing to confess those sins to our Father He will listen and forgive because He is compassionate, longsuffering, and His love is great (Psa. 86:15; Eph. 2:4).

Remember In Prayer

- **Judy Null** is scheduled to have back surgery, Friday, March 20, at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.
- **Mike Moore** (Virginia Moore's son), is in serious condition at CRMC. He has been diagnosed with terminal cancer in numerous areas of his body.
- Please remember all the tornado victims in your prayers.

Please keep these in your prayers.

Shut In

Lenard Broyles
Sarah Eller
Melavie Heath (NHC Cookeville)
Alton & LouVernia Lowery
Ruth Phifer
Faye Smith

Life Care

Edward Baker (407B)
Carol Baker (205)
Margaret Cunningham (528A)
Bobby Haile (216)
Marie Seibers (201A)

NHC

Ernestine Holman (226B)

Churchwide Calendar

W.C.C.T.S. (March 16, 23): The White County Christian Training Series will continue the last two Monday nights in March—here at West Sparta. The time is 6:30-8:30. We provide drinks and everyone brings finger foods. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Sunday (March 15): Derrick will be in Pulaski, TN—holding a gospel meeting. In his place, Jason Garrison is speaking Sunday morning and Justin Turney is speaking Sunday evening. We appreciate these men for filling in.

Baby Shower (March 15): We will have a baby shower for James and Lauren Hice from 3:00-5:00pm. They are having a girl (her name is Evelyn “Evy” Claire)! See Allison Turney for details.

Ladies Class (March 15): The ladies will meet downstairs at 4:45pm to discuss Achsah—Polly will be teaching.

Youth Devo (March 22): The youth will have a devo immediately following evening services. Please see Matt Holman.

News and Notes

BITS: NHC & Life Care have requested that no visitors come to the facility for the time being. So, if you have visits to make at NHC or Life Care—you just need to send a card, until further notice. We don't want to take any germs into these facilities that might compromise the health of the residents. The progress for each team is recorded on the board outside the fellowship hall. This no visitor policy has come from their main office for all facilities.

Short Mountain Bible Camp: Short Mountain Staff applications are available on our White/Warren Facebook page and on the West Sparta website. They must be completed and returned by March 15, 2020.

Health Concerns: There is so much sickness going around! Let's use the hand sanitizer in the foyer and outside the fellowship hall often. Also, let's try doing elbow bumps instead of hugs and shaking hands. Maybe we can help each other stay healthy this spring!

Question & Answer Night (March 29): Our monthly Q & A night is the last Sunday night of the month and is geared toward answering questions from the youth. So, parents and teachers, please help your children write down their questions for Derrick to answer.

Responses: *Billie Welch* responded last Sunday asking for strength to fight the good fight and for increased knowledge. *Lesa Elkins* also responded wanting to make sure she is in a saved relationship with God. *Mike Moore* talked with Derrick Tuesday and expressed a desire to repent of his past sins. He just let “life” get in the way of his attendance and his Christian life.

Special Contribution on Sunday, March 22: We will have a special contribution on Sunday, March 22, to aid the Christian families in Cookeville who were affected by the tornado. Some entire families were killed, many lost their children, parents, homes and all their possessions. All monies collected above our regular contribution will be sent to different congregations of the Lord's church to help their members. Plan ahead to see how you can help.