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## Means of Grace: Searching the Scriptures

One of the most important practices for Christians is searching the scriptures. It is through this study that we can deepen our understanding of God, grow in our faith, and live out our beliefs in a meaningful way.

John Wesley was a firm believer in the importance of searching the scriptures. He believed that the Bible was the ultimate authority on all matters of faith and practice. In fact, he once wrote, "I am a Bible-Christian. I follow the Bible alone."

Wesley also emphasized the importance of regularly reading and studying the Bible. He encouraged his followers to read the scriptures daily and to approach them with an open and humble heart. He believed that through this practice, we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds and strengthened in our faith.

But searching the scriptures is not just about gaining knowledge. It's a means of grace for the believer to receive and understand God's Grace through the scriptures. In other words, it is a way in which God works in our lives to transform us and make us more like Christ. As we read and study the Bible, we are exposed to the heart of God. This allows him to continually bless us through the word so that we are encouraged and uplifted by the promises of His love and grace.

Moreover, searching the scriptures helps us to discern God's will for our lives. As we study the Bible, we learn more about God's character and his purposes for us. We are able to discern what is pleasing to him and what is not, and we can make choices that align with his will.

In conclusion, searching the scriptures is a vital practice for Christians. It helps us to grow in our faith, deepen our understanding of God, and discern his will for our lives. As John Wesley once said, "The Bible is the means by which God communicates with us. Therefore, it is essential that we read and study it regularly."

May we all continue to search the scriptures and be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Keep The Faith,  
Pastor Tommy

### Scripture & Sermon:

1 John 5:13-15

"Means of Grace:  
Prayer"



### New Concerns

Betty Byrd

### Continue Prayers for:

Laticia Coney

Will Cox

Carol Graham

Betty Wall

Lisa Lynd

Sharron Schall

Cheri Cox and family

Carol Graham and Mac

Warren McDow

Mary & Robbie Robinson

Chris Cline

Wesley Glen Ministries

Mary Prater

Jim & Mary Leary

Virginia Eadie

Hailey Holder Allen

Bill Reedy

Sarah Mayer

Cary Martin

Mac McNeal

James McNeal

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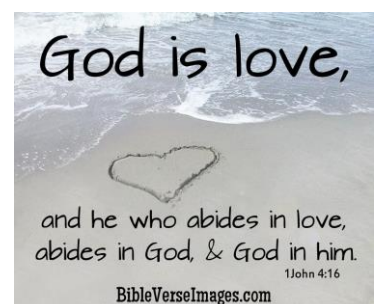
### Finance Report for

July 2

TBA

### Worship Attendance:

Sunday School



## Member/Visitor Orientation

New Here? Curious about our ministries or maybe even where things are located around the facility? Join us on the 1st Sunday of each month for our visitor and new member orientation immediately following 10:30 worship. There will be a Q & A session with Pastor Tommy and tour of our facility. All are welcome and everyone is invited; just come to the front of the sanctuary following worship. See you at The Well!

## Picture of the Original Church

Some folks have about the framed prints of the church that were presented to the founding members on Sunday and if they could order/purchase one... yes, you can... if you'd like one just call or email the office, they are \$20 for the picture only and \$40 framed.

## Mark Your Calendars...

- ◆ VBS July 9-12, 6-8p
- ◆ Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, July 14, 1p-6p
- ◆ We will not have Finance or Admin Council meeting for July. We will resume with our meetings on August 14 at 6p and 630p.
- ◆ We will have 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday covered-dish lunches in the Fellowship Hall July, October and December... the church will provide the meat and the congregation can provide side dishes... so mark your calendars for some food, fun and fellowship!
- ◆ Our next rotation for Family Promise is August 6, 7, 8... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

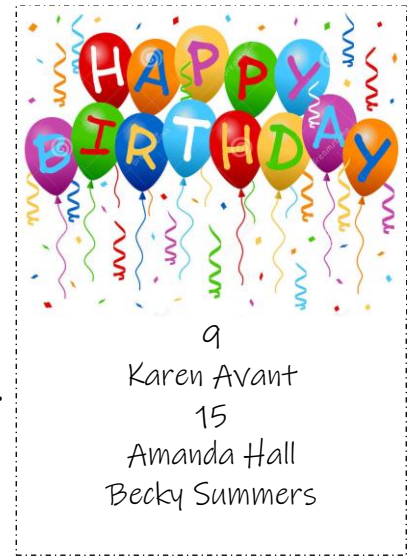
**New Time Capsule...** we are going to fill a new time capsule as The Well at Centerville. So, Sunday School classes, Life Groups, Partners in Prayer, Movin' n Groovin', Yoga, Quilters, church historian, Library... anyone and everyone that would like to put something in the time capsule get it together and we'll do it at our October 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch after worship. It's going to be fun and exciting!

## Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry July 12, 11a... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Clothes Closet Volunteers for July 11- Sabrina Williams, Cynthia Boutwell, Marilyn Outz
- The Clothes Closet served 232 people for the month of June. That's awesome!
- Our Open Door Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday 9a-noon. **We really need Size 1 (newborn) diapers; travel size- shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste/mouthwash, sanitizer, sanitary pads/liners and plastic totes/lids.**

## Vacation Bible School

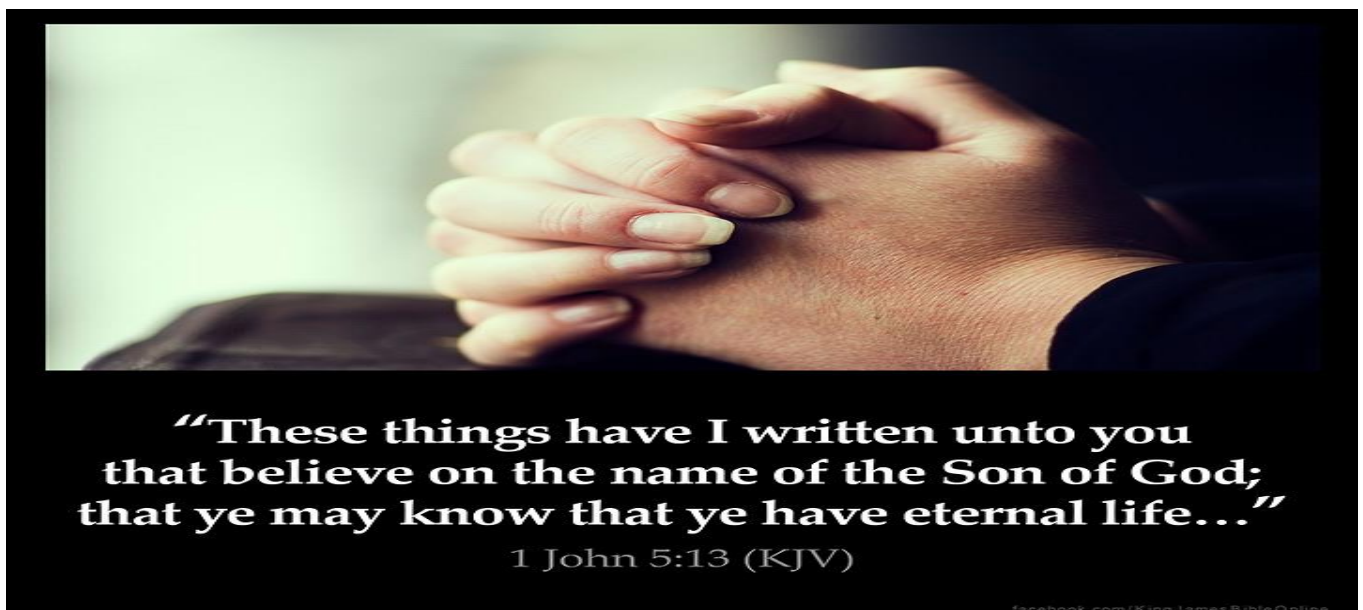
Vacation Bible School is July 9-12, 6p-8p... SS classes will provide the meals. If you'd like to volunteer or register a child email Katie at [kaodum@gmail.com](mailto:kaodum@gmail.com) or call the office at 478-953-3090. The theme this year is "The Well". We're excited! Come join us!



## Bible Reading Plan

### Week of July 9<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday.....	1 Samuel 9
Monday.....	1 Samuel 16
Tuesday.....	1 Samuel 17
Wednesday.....	2 Samuel 5
Thursday.....	2 Samuel 6
Friday.....	Psalms 23
Saturday.....	Psalms 118



# Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

## This Week's Schedule:

### Sunday- July 9

#### Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier  
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter  
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen  
W.C. Hester, Michael Walston



9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship

6p-8p Vacation Bible School



#### Greeters

10:30a Sherrie Shell, Sharon Morrison

#### Communion Servers

Eric & Gloria Nelson  
TBD



#### Finance Stewards

J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke, Mel Smeltz



#### Assisting with Children

##### Sunday- July 9

Nursery- TBD, Laura McKenzie  
Children- Sherry Armour, Katie Odum



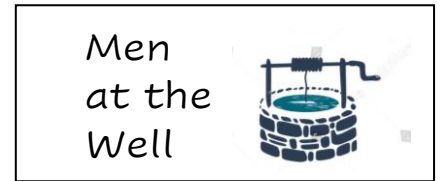
##### Sunday- July 16

Nursery- Brooke McKeever, Laura McKenzie  
Children- Marie Davis, Amber Gamble, Dawn Wilkins

### Monday- July 10

6p-8p Vacation Bible School

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



### Tuesday- July 11

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Partners in Prayer

10:00a Yoga

4:30p Life Group I "Under Construction"

6:00p Life Group III "LG3"

6p-8p Vacation Bible School

7:30 p Narcotics Anonymous



### Wednesday- July 12

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast

11a Food Pantry

6p-8p Vacation Bible School

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



### Thursday- July 13

9:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:30a Lynn-Pritchett Circle

10:00a Yoga

5:30p Dulcimers

7-9p Amateur Radio Club

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



### Friday- July 14

1p-6p Blood Drive

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



### Saturday- July 15

7:30p . . Narcotics Anonymous

## Sunday School

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

#### Sunday School Class

Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship  
Youth  
Pilgrims

#### Studies

The Jesus You May Not Know  
Matthew  
Psalm 91  
Romans  
Genesis 1:1 vs The Big Bang  
Angels

#### Teacher

Kathy Rutke  
Katie Odum  
Nancy Hudson  
Don Schall  
Eric & Gloria Nelson  
Kathy Blanchard

