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Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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From the Preacher

While this bulletin is being readied for publication, the Forest Hill church is in the middle of its 2017 Vacation Bible School. It is always a joy to see sweet children learning about God and singing songs that point them to the Savior, Jesus Christ. None of this would be possible without the diligent efforts of our VBS coordinators, teachers and helpers. So much time, energy, and talent goes into this effort and each worker is motivated by a love for God and for these children's souls. This year's theme has been developed to establish faith in God, particularly by examining creation and considering that every effect must have an adequate cause. Of course, the Cause behind this universe is the almighty God of the Bible.

June is one of the busiest months of the year for this congregation. In addition to VBS, our youth also conduct a VBS campaign. Furthermore, the annual graduation for the Memphis School of Preaching will take place Sunday, June 18. Former MSOP instructor and faithful gospel preacher, Rod Rutherford, will speak at both services that Sunday. We look forward to his sermon centered around the theme of the home on that Father's Day morning and then that evening he will preach a message that will be particularly beneficial to our graduating preachers.

FOUNDATIONS is a faith building camp for teen boys and girls that is hosted by Forest Hill and the Memphis School of Preaching. This year, approximately 200 youth will attend the program which is to be conducted June 24-30.

TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS: Sister Janet Sanders has been our proficient and efficient church secretary for the last 10 years. Recently she decided the time had come for her to retire from this work. We will miss Janet in this role but are pleased that the elders have employed sister Annette McAlister, wife of FH elder, Keith McAlister, to be our new church secretary. She has been a faithful and loyal servant of the Lord and of this church for many years and will do a superb job. Annette began working alongside Janet this week and we are so pleased to welcome her into this new capacity.

In February of 2016 Don and Jackie Walker moved to Memphis so brother Don could begin working with the Memphis School of Preaching. It has been a pleasure to have them with us and we regret they will be leaving us so soon. Unexpectedly, to the Walkers, an invitation came to brother Don to become the director of the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas, where he formerly served as an instructor. Understandably he has accepted this role and he and sister Jackie will be returning to Austin in July. Sister Jackie has also labored in the Memphis School of Preaching since their arrival and we appreciate the work she has done. The elders and brother B.J. Clarke, director of MSOP, are pleased to announce the appointment of brother Tom Wacaster, a faithful and sound gospel preacher of many years, as a new instructor in the school. We look forward to welcoming brother and sister Wacaster when they arrive in July.

Barry

Hold to the Traditions

Cecil May, Jr.

“TRADITION” IS A BAD WORD to many. Jesus disparaged some traditions (Matthew 15:1-6). For some, following tradition—Such as a “traditional order of service” (e.g., two songs, a prayer, the Lord’s Supper, another song, and then the sermon)—feels like being in a rut. The song leader at a congregation to which I had just moved told me they eschewed tradition; so they varied their order of worship every service. I could not resist saying with a grin, “Then you have adopted a new tradition: a different order in every service.”

A tradition is something handed down from the past. The language of tradition is “I received ...I delivered.” Whether a tradition is binding, optional, or wrong depends on its source and how the tradition is used. Jesus warned against “the tradition of the elders” (Matthew 15:2 ESV) and “your tradition (vv. 3, 6) speaking to the Pharisees.

Traditions of Men

Some man-made traditions are harmless and may be beneficial. There is no normative order of service, but some order will be followed. Synagogue services were likely a tradition developed during the Babylonian exile while the Israelites had no temple. There is no biblical command for synagogues, but Jesus, by custom, went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16).

Jesus objected to the traditions of the Pharisees under two circumstances: when they were bound as law (Matthew 15:2, 10-20) and when their tradition contradicted, or made void, “a commandment of God (vv. 3-9).

Traditions of God

Some traditions have their source in God through God’s spokesmen: “So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter” (2 Thessalonians 2:15).

Notice the “I received...I delivered” language in the following: “For I delivered to you as of first importance that I also received: that Christ died for

our sins in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3). Paul received the gospel he preached directly “through a revelation of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:12). He then delivered it to the Corinthians and others. Thus, by definition, the gospel, including the resurrection, is a tradition. It is a tradition from God, not from man.

Introducing his correction of the Corinthian abuse of the Lord’s Supper, Paul said, “For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread.” He continued with the institution of the Lord’s Supper as it is recorded in the Gospels, with some apostolic additions (1 Corinthians 11:23-34). Again the language clearly indicates that the Lord’s Supper is a tradition, but not a tradition of men. It is a tradition given by Jesus Christ and handed down authoritatively through His inspired holy apostles and prophets.

Do not disparage tradition. Do not turn a tradition of men into law. Reject any tradition that contradicts what God has decreed. Hold fast to the traditions that have their source in God.

(from *Gospel Advocate*, June 2017)



Rod Rutherford, faithful evangelist and former MSOP instructor, of Knoxville, Tennessee, will be our guest speaker, Sunday, June 18 for both worship periods, which includes the MSOP commencement address Sunday evening.

PRESIDE: Warren Davenport Ty Phillips
ASSIST: Robert Berch Paul Davenport
 Bob Gitter Travis Island
 Kevin Knipple Billy Rodgers

A.M. OPENING: Dan Dawson
A.M. CLOSING: Robert Jeter
P.M. OPENING: Marion Maund
P.M. CLOSING: Evan Manning

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK of June 4, 2017

BIBLE STUDY:	240
A.M. WORSHIP:	310
P.M. WORSHIP:	215
CONTRIBUTON:	\$17,451.00

OUR SICK

Shaunna Hanel, St. Francis Hospital, room 1013.

Aspen White is scheduled for a heart catheterization Monday, June 19 at LeBonheur Children's Hospital.

Tim Nichols is scheduled for surgery Tuesday, June 20.

Elsie Houston Johnson, mother of Phil Houston, Jackson-Madison County Hospital, Jackson, TN.

ILL AT HOME: Brian Everson, Kathi Graham, John Manning, and David & Carolyn Richardson.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Ann Castleman	Clarine Justice
Virginia Ditto	Ryan McCullar
Hazel Eskew	Helen Palazola
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Jerry & Betty Robbins
Anita Hopper	James Terry

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Daniel Berch, Genesis Hanna, Aneesa McLaurin and Anna Ulrich in the 1st & 2nd grade class who memorized all their cards last quarter.

Colson Albritton, Keegan Brown, Legacy Hanna and Ava Jones in the 3 & 4 year old class who memorized all their cards last quarter.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tracey Adkins on the birth of a grandson, Nathan Eli, born Monday, June 5. He weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. Jewel Earls is the great-grandmother.

INFORMATION LINE: 901-531-8849

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Jonah Wood

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "A" (Paul Connell) Sunday, June 11 following the morning service in the fellowship hall for a covered dish dinner.

TEAM "B" (Warren Davenport) will receive assignments the week of June 11.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 VBS through Wednesday, June 7. Theme: ***We Believe Because of Cause and Effect.***

VBS PIZZA DINNER Wednesday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All are invited.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP June 10-17.

ELDERS, DEACONS AND PREACHERS MEETING Sunday, June 11 immediately following the afternoon service in the chapel hall.

FOUNDATIONS YOUTH CAMP AT MSOP: June 24-30. MSOP is requesting all Forest Hill youth who plan to participate in the off-campus activities, please contact Jackie Walker or Joyce Phillips at 901-751-2242 to sign up and/or pay the fee. Thank you.

SUMMER SERIES beginning Wednesday, July 5 in the auditorium. Theme: "The Way of Salvation" by various speakers. A complete schedule is on the bulletin board.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, June 25.

Check out the new Forest Hill website!

foresthillofc.org

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

Last week's solution:

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; Acts 17:24-25

CORNERSTONE

Unscramble the letters in each word below to reveal the passage of scripture.

NDA WVTSROHEEA EY OD, OD TI YTRLIHEA, SA OT EHT ROLD, NDA TON UTON NME; WONNKIG TTHA FO EHT ROLD EY SLLHA VRIEEEC EHT WRREDA FO EHT TRNNIIHEECA: ROF EY VSREE EHT ROLD TSRIHC.

Solution next week

*Memphis School of Preaching
Graduation 2017*

*The Elders of the
Forest Hill Church of Christ
and Faculty of the
Memphis School of Preaching
join Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Clarke
in requesting the pleasure of your presence at the
Commencement Exercises and Reception
in honor of the Graduates
on Sunday, the eighteenth of June
two thousand and seventeen.
Reception: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.
in the Fellowship Hall of the Forest Hill Church of Christ
Graduation: 5:00 P.M. at the
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