

# THE MESSENGER

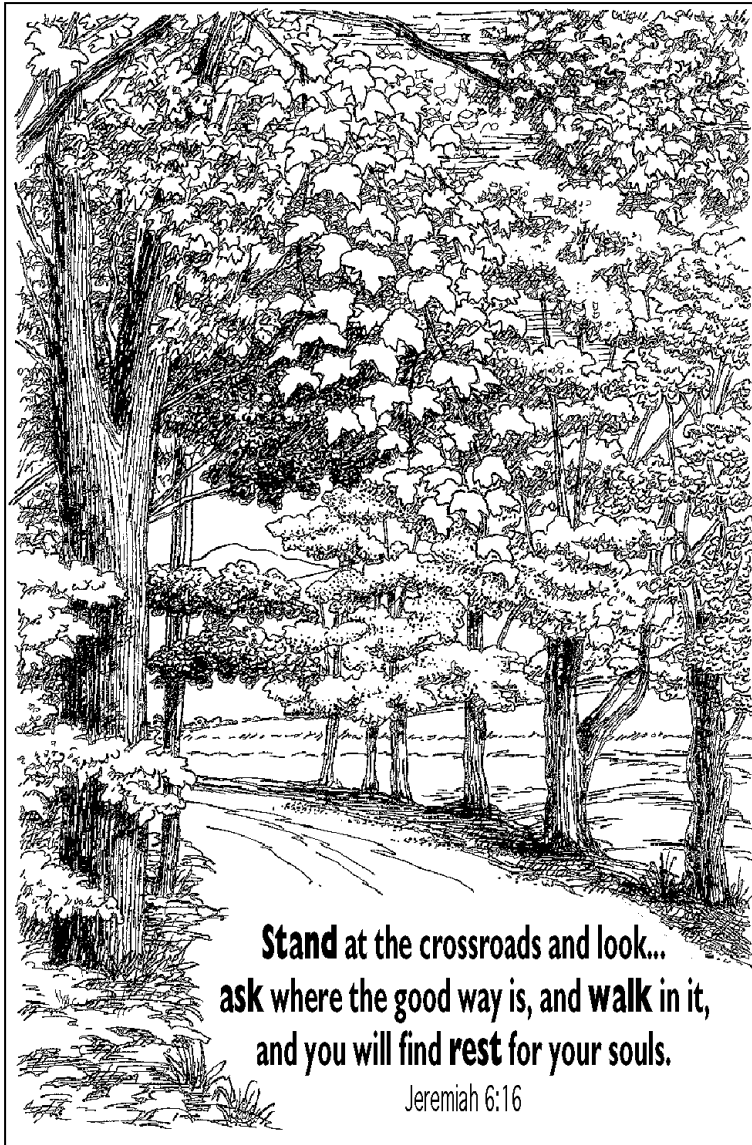
## Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church

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**Stand at the crossroads and look...  
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,  
and you will find rest for your souls.**

Jeremiah 6:16

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

The book of Hebrews tells us that “*by faith Abraham...obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going*” (11:8). He had no map, no AAA brochure, and no motel reservations. His caravan simply headed west toward the Mediterranean, and that was that. God had said He would show him where to stop sometime in the future when he got to wherever he was going.

Abraham didn't have a clue. He was simply trusting God to take him where he needed to go. Faith is happy to step out not knowing where it's going so long as it knows WHO is going along. As long as God's strong hand was holding Abraham's, everything was going to work out just fine. The caravan moved ahead in faith.

We like to control the map of life and know everything in advance. But faith is content just knowing that God's promises cannot fail. THAT is the excitement of walking with God. When we read the book of Acts, we never seem to know what's going to happen with the next turn of the page. The Spirit is in control, and that is enough. Paul had no formula as to how he would evangelize; he simply went by faith. God unveiled the route as he went along.

We forget that the Christian church was founded in a prayer meeting. It was led in its earliest and most successful years by simple men full of faith and the Holy Spirit. They concentrated not on “the secret of church growth,” but on the secret of receiving the power God has promised. Because of their FAITH, the Lord gave them both power and growth.

## SENIOR ADULT FUND

**In memory of Dewey Hawkins** by Fleming & Jean Lynn...Margaret Lindsey...James & Doris Campbell...Ernestine Hawkins, Sandra Blackwell & Kim Malone...Keith & Sandra Herman...Willing Workers Sunday School Class Jim & Evelyn Benson

**In memory of Louise Chapman Minton** by Sharon Reilly, Cheryl Wilson & Morene Henson...Homemaker Sunday School Class

## USHERS

Charles Farmer, Chairman, Paul Chapman, Roger Henson, Chuck Harvey, Mark Leonard, Edwin Cantrell, Rick McCadden, Michael Farmer, Craig Wooten

## EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

**If you are unable to stay, please notify the contact person or switch with someone. We still have openings...if you are interested in volunteering. Our babies need your loving hands.**

Contact Person; Nancy Sudduth, 400-8311

November 20

A.M. Maudene & Michael Aaron Cantrell, Babies  
Crystal & Michael Buff, Ones  
Missy & Kenny Forrester, Twos & Threes  
P.M. Andrea & Josh Corley, 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Becky Corley, Alyson Corley, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

November 27

A.M. Pat Jacques, Sheril Turner, Babies  
Sheena & Josh Greene, Ones  
Melissa & Coleman Flynn, Twos & Threes  
P.M. Ansley & David Welchel, 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Alvin Baker, Nancy Sudduth, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

At Home: Kyle Herman, Allen Ray, Mike Hall, Harry Mason, Ruth Stokes, Barbara Corley, Adam Morris, Donna Lemmons, Lanny Kemp, Susie Horton, Anlee Pittman, Tim Wilson, Ron Stokes, Vivian Burrell, Oran Howard, Patricia Lee, Mary Warlick, Betty Hand, Stanley Bayne

## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Love and sympathy is extended to Greg Campbell in death of his grandmother, Mildred Campbell.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kelli Stokes Jones and Leigh Rogers on their marriage, November 12, 2011.

## THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to thank you for every act of kindness that was shown to us during our time of sorrow. Keep us in your prayers.

Kathryn Hawkins & family

Thank you church family for all of your calls, cards, food & prayers during our bereavement. We are comforted by the love you have shown to each of us.

Bobby & Karen Chapman & family

Paul & Glenda Chapman & family

## AWANA

Sundays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### FOR YOU INFORMATION

Over the Christmas break the Awana game lines will be installed on the FLC gym floor. Due to this procedure, the gym will be closed from December 19-30th. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Awana Commander, Sharon Sudduth

## CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. at the FLC. Special music by Wendy Arms Trio. More details next week.

## XYZ EVENTS

Apalache Baptist Church has a few rooms available for a Senior Adult trip to Pigeon Forge, December 5-8th. 3 nights and 4 shows. Cost. \$170.00 double. Deadline, **Sunday, November 20th**. See Tony Stewart.

Friday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. XYZ Christmas party at FLC. "Surprise Entertainment". Meal will be catered. Sign up on bulletin board.

The XYZ Group will be going to the "Senior Follies *Forget Me Not*" on March 17, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson. 30 seats are available. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board

## LADIES MINISTRY EVENTS

**Progressive Dinner**—December 3, 2011— Meet at the FLC parking lot to carpool at 6:00 p.m. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 27.

**Extraordinary Women Conference**—March 16-17, 2012 at the Bi-Lo Center. Cost is \$51.00. Deadline for payment is Sunday, November 27. See Debbie Conwell.

## BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

### Tuesday

6:00-7:00 p.m. K4/K5 & 1 & 2 Grade Girls—7:00-8:00 p.m. Middle School Boys

### Thursday

7:00-8:00 p.m. Middle School Girls—8:00-9:00 p.m. High School Boys

### Friday

5:30-6:30 p.m. 3-5 Grade Boys & Girls

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>CARE Group 3 at MC</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>Worship hour</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Awana</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship hour</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
		<b>Music! Missions! &amp; Munches!</b>
		<b>Preschool—Youth at FLC</b>
	<b>7:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Adult Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>CARE Group 4 at MC</b>

### Greeters

**Sunday School:** Carroll Pittman, Roger Henson, Faye Fowler, Carolyn Mason

**Worship:** Linda Green, Kay Farmer

**Outside Greeters:** Quain Sudduth, Colby Fowler, Lee Green, Bradley Belue, Bryan Robison

**STAFF ON CALL—Ted Conwell, 895-9710**

**DEACON ON CALL—Tim Turman, 895-7621**

### PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

For urgent prayer concerns, please contact the church office, 895-2334 or Sharon Turner, 895-3168.

### SHUT-IN MEMBERS OF THE WEEK (Send a Card)

Stanley Bayne

Please contact the Church Office for address

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

November 20—27

<b>20 -</b>	<b>Pam Turner, James Farnham, Samuel Eberly</b>
<b>21 -</b>	<b>Kieron Campbell</b>
<b>22 -</b>	<b>Mary Nell Farmer, James Prentice, Beth Farmer</b>
<b>23 -</b>	<b>Donald Joe Wood</b>
<b>24 -</b>	<b>Carolyn Mason, Keith Herman</b>
<b>25 -</b>	<b>David Hines, Drenda Belue</b>
<b>27 -</b>	<b>Shirley West, Rachael Hice</b>

### LAST WEEK'S RECORD

November 13, 2011

<b>Sunday School .....</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Morning Worship .....</b>	<b>305</b>

**Our church is supported entirely by tithes and offerings and it is the privilege of all members to give regularly as God has prospered them.**