

Good News and Bad News

There is a lot of bad news out there, as mirrored on TV and the internet. The stock market is in trouble, thousands of American jobs are on the line, and threats of terrorism are shadows in the background. And then there are our own personal pain and problems to contend with. Financial, physical, medical, and relationship problems touch every one of us from time to time. The bad news is, bad news will always be here as long as this earth exists.

But the good news is, God's good news lasts FOREVER! We are told to *rejoice in the Lord always!* (Phil. 4:4). The good news takes care of life's biggest problem: sin and its terrible results. The good news gives us hope, the promise of eternal joy, a pure purpose, and a rewarding relationship with God our Savior. The good news of God's grace enables us to overcome all the bad news that the world and the devil can throw at us. So be encouraged. God's good news is victorious over bad news!

via Shinnston church of Christ
Shinnston, WV

MINISTERS

Pray for our
Minister search!

Campus Minister
Brad Tolbert

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Joshua Pettigrew

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Marty Baker
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Jason Meier
Jeff Newton
Joshua Pettigrew
Kerry Rice
Jeremy Wilson

Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

January 16, 2022

But Things Were Going so Well!

Have you ever felt like things were going pretty well? Maybe your bills are all being paid on time. You're doing well at work, maybe someone is even talking to you about a promotion. You're going to church and feeling spiritually strong. Then something comes along, and you make a stupid decision and fall into some type of sinful behavior. It seems that when we get on the right path something comes along to trip us up.

A person can seem to have everything going for them but still make bad decisions. In Acts 13:22 God chose David to lead the people of Israel. "After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'" David was a man after God's own heart, but he had times when he fell flat on his face. He fell to temptation, fell hard, and sinned.

We are responsible for our actions, but we should never forget that Satan is out to get us. In 1 Chronicles chapter 21 we read that Satan rose up against Israel, and he incited (or tempted) David to count the people of Israel. "Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel. So David said to Joab and the commanders of the troops, 'Go and count the Israelites from Beersheba to Dan. Then report back to me so that I may know how many there are.'" (1 Chronicles 21:1-2) David's actions angered God "This command was also evil in the sight of God; so he punished Israel." (1 Chronicles 21:7) Satan may have tempted David but it was David's decisions and actions that were sinful, and God punished not only David but all of Israel because he fell to temptation. David put his trust in soldiers instead of in God.

David repents and accepts the responsibility for his actions asking God to stop His punishment. "...Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown. David said to God, 'Was it not I who ordered the fighting men to be counted? I, the shepherd, have sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? Lord my God, let your hand fall on me and my family, but do not let this plague remain on your people.'" (1 Chronicles 21:16-17) We should always be on guard against temptation, and willing to repent and admit when we mess up.

~Brad Tolbert

Memory Verse

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

- Colossians 3:1 (NIV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

NOTICE

Due to the number of members dealing with illness, in person services have been **canceled** for **January 16th** and **19th**. Worship will be **livestreamed** today at 10:30, and a devotional video will be posted Wednesday night (Facebook and YouTube).

Pam Beard had Carpal tunnel surgery Friday morning.

Jill Curtis has pneumonia.

Valerie Thompson, Lydia and Jessica Meier, Lane and Stacy Usry, Cheryl Shirey, and Michelle Bailey have tested positive for Covid.

The **Pettigrew Family** is dealing with illness.

Mandy Tolbert will have knee replacement surgery on January 25th.

Gary Crook's sister in law, **Janice Sawyer**, has tested positive for Covid.

Congratulations to **Savannah** (Byars) and **Kurt Coslett** who are expecting a baby in July! **Savannah** is a former **Weevils For Christ** student.

TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Mike & Pam Beard...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Gary Crook... Shawn & Jill Curtis... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Ray & Kathy Linder...Joe and Peggy Moore...Jessica Pettigrew...LaVerne Potter...Cheryl Shirey... Rita Stiles... Samantha and Sawyer Tannehill... Valerie Thompson... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Remington Barnett... Chris Beard...Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...Kathryn Burton... Candace Carter... Alli Cooper...Jeremy Ewell...Oliver and Mignon Griffin... Niyah Jacobs...Tina Jarvius... Johnny Jeter...Deane Johnson...Judy Johnson...family of JL Johnston...Shirley Majors... Kathryn McDonough... Skylar McDougald and baby... Kent Measal...Austin & Andrea Oesch... David & Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search.. Janice Sawyer... Homer Shirey...Katie Strickland... Robert and Sue Thomas...Bob Tolson...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... William Woods... Sue Woodward...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Today!** 16 Roger & Margaret Harris
 18 Daniel Tolbert
 Jennifer Knight
 Michele Bailey
 19 John Ashcraft
 Donnie Wright
 21 Beau Beard
 Larry & Shirley Fisackerly
 23 Kynslee Baker
 Linda Bates
 Lily Kate Vanderzwaln
 28 Brady Beard
- Feb.** 1 Mathew Tannehill
 2 Lucy Pugh
 5 Jessica Meier

Jan Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 17 Genesis 49-50
- 18 Exodus 1-4
- 19 Exodus 5-7
- 20 Exodus 8-10
- 21 Exodus 11-13
- 22 Exodus 14-16
- 23 Exodus 17-19



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

Since March of last year, **Barbara Newton's 1st – 3rd Grade class** has mailed 329 cards to individuals and families. Good job!

If you would like to help feed the **Weevils For Christ** students this Spring, there are sign-up sheets in the foyer.

Best Choice UPC labels can still be put into the box in **room 134**. The proceeds from the labels will go to the **Paragould Children's Home**.

A Card of Thanks

"We can't say 'thank you' enough for all the meals, calls, texts, and cards sent during recent sickness and injury. As always everyone went above to make sure nothing was needed. So glad to be a part of such a loving and caring family. We appreciate everything so much!

Love,

Shawn and Jill Curtis and Matthew, Samantha, and Sawyer Tannehill

(This card will be posted on the bulletin board)

"While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him." - **Luke 5:12,13**

Attendance

Bible Class	66
Sunday AM Worship.....	80
Sunday PM Worship	60
Wed. Evening
Contribution.....	\$3,886

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MISSIONS

Truth for Today
In Search of the Lord's Way
Ghana Radio

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Jan 16	Carolyn Ashcraft
Jan 23	Carolyn Ashcraft
Jan 30	Sandra Baker
Feb 6	Sandra Baker

Ladies January Duties

Cards:	Linda Bates
Food:	Anna Koonce Rachel Wilson