

## FAMILY CONCERNS

### IN THE HOSPITAL:

LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER: **Barb Elkins** (Joint Heirs)

METHODIST UNIVERSITY: **Sam Roach**

### CHURCH FAMILY:

**Gerald and Beverly Bond** (Bereans); **Dot Dorsey** (Joint Heirs); **Shirley Graham** (Joint Heirs); **Herrold Hanson**; **Elnora Pounds** (Seekers); **Bobbie Scrape** (Joint Heirs); **Michael and Melanie Semore** (Joint Heirs); **Mary E. Smith** (Joint Heirs); **Rebekah Smith** (FaithWalk); **Vicki Vandiveer** (Seekers); **Doris Watson** (Singles Blended)

### FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Rita Bernard; Bobbie Bradley; Polly Cox; Cherissa Dennis; Rachel Duram; Kamaya Evans; Purvis Flemming; Margaret Floyd; Danny Ginn; Bill and Elizabeth Inman; Larry Jene; Grady Mason; Mason Melton; Christi Murphy; Martha Nichols; Logan Holloway; Kayla Pritchard; Eric Sanders; Peggy Sisson; Bernice Via; John Vandiveer; Sharon Warren; Ruth Ann Weatherington; Sean Whitworth; Willie Williams; Russell Young

### IN THE MILITARY:

John Berger (Army National Guard); Quadrell Brumfield (Airforce); Jeffrey Cigrang (Navy); Major Jennifer Conk (Airforce); Major Ryan Conk (Airforce); James Cooper (Army); Major Lauren Cotney (Air Nat. Guard); Col. Whitney Gardner (Army); Brooks Gatlin (National Guard); Sgt. Tommy Glasscock (National Guard); John Grady (Army National Guard-abroad); Major Aaron Hines (Air Force-abroad); Major Stefan Lockton (Army); Jesse James Lucas (Airforce); Jackson Nelms (Army National Guard); Gerri Ripple (Navy); Jacob Robinson (Army); Paul T. Robinson (Army); Shawn Royer (Army); Jacob Tomlinson (Army National Guard); Col. Clarence David Turner (Army)

### ON THE MISSION FIELD:

- **Bruce, Janet, and Annie Bates** (Cumberland, RI)
- **Caleb, Fran, Abigail, Elizabeth, Ruth, and Mariam Borchers** (Providence, RI)
- **Colette Daugherty** (Meudon, France)
- **Arlin and Pamela Hendrix** (Meyzieu, France)
- **Frank and Gladys Hotorwoshie** (Accra, Ghana)
- **Ananias Moses** (Gaborone, Botswana)
- **Ralph and Twyla Williams** (Moduli, Tanzania)

## Discipleship Training Seminar

If you would like to take the first step in learning how to disciple someone, please join us on **Sunday, December 1st**, for an opportunity to become more knowledgeable about discipleship. The first session will be offered during the Bible Class hour, and we hope you will opt to join us. The seminar will continue after worship with a working lunch and practical training on how to become a more intentional follower of Christ and disciple maker. Invite your friends and family! All are welcome to this exciting training aimed at promoting faith in everyday life and bolstering the future of the church. **John Magnuson** (Executive Projects Minister) and **Joe Roberts** (Discipleship Minister), two experienced disciple makers and trainers from the North Boulevard Church of Christ in the Nashville area will lead us in three sessions:

**Session 1:** Discipleship: Joining the Mission at 9:00 a.m.  
Offered during the Bible Class Hour

**Session 2:** The Tools of Discipleship at 11:30 a.m.  
Working Lunch (Please RSVP to [dlogan@cocws.org](mailto:dlogan@cocws.org))

**Session 3:** Forming Discipleship Groups at 1:00 p.m.

It will be an uplifting time calling us to direct our energy toward intentionally following Christ. We hope to see you all there!

## Seniors On The Go Again...

Join us for the next Senior Arts Series as Theatre Memphis presents "A Christmas Carol" on **Wednesday, December 4th** at 1:30 p.m. This classic has been a Memphis family holiday tradition for 40 years. Tickets have been purchased in advance. Please contact **Joyce Heffernan** with questions or more information.

## Wedding Invitation from The Williams

Everyone is invited to celebrate the marriage of **James Williams**, son of Ralph and Twyla Williams, to **Aislinn Nofuente** on **Saturday, December 7th** in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to attend the reception following the ceremony, please RSVP by **November 23rd** to Twyla Williams at 901-517-3513.

## Sympathy

Our express our sympathy to the family and friends of **Earl Priest** on his passing on Saturday, November 9th. His visitation and funeral were held on Thursday at Memphis Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Earl and Willene Priest Endowed Scholarship Fund at Harding School of Theology.



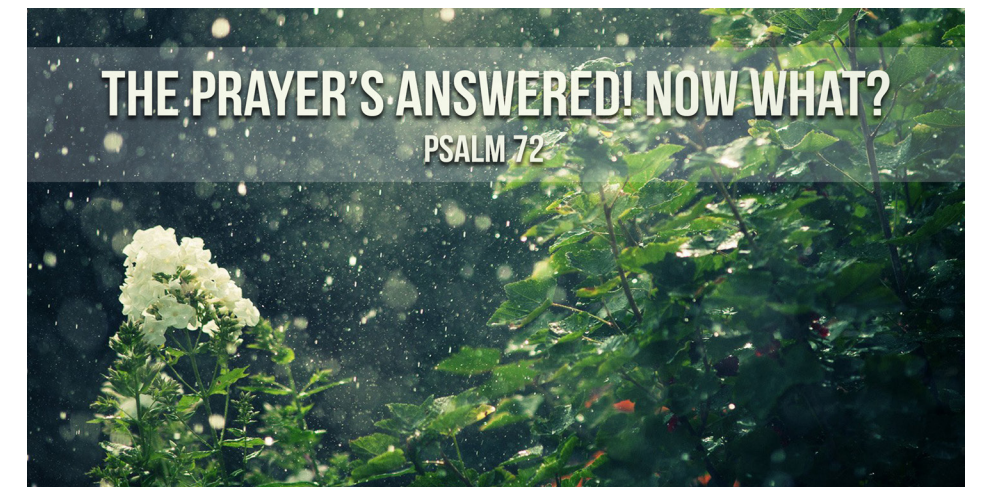
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## To our guests...

Welcome to White Station. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray you will be uplifted by the worship assembly, challenged by today's lesson, and find connection in one of our Bible classes.

If you want to learn more about White Station and how you can join us as we serve God & our city, join us at our next Discovery Worship.

For more information: [donmKinder@gmail.com](mailto:donmKinder@gmail.com).

## This Week at White Station

Fellowship Every Weekday from 8 a.m. to Noon in the Coffee House

### MONDAY (11.18)

- ♦ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ♦ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
- ♦ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
- ♦ Community Yoga @ 6:15 & 7:30 p.m. in the CLC Gym

### TUESDAY (11.19)

- ♦ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ♦ Ladies' Bible Class @ 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room
- ♦ Volleyball Free Play (Adv.) from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 18+

### WEDNESDAY (11.20)

- ♦ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ Pickleball from 9 a.m. to Noon in the CLC Gym
- ♦ Open Half-Court Basketball from 2 to 4 p.m.
- ♦ Devotional @ 3 p.m. in the Chapel
- ♦ Fellowship Meal @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Pork BBQ (with limited chicken upon request), Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips & Nacho Cheese, and Banana Pudding)
- ♦ Pickleball from 8 to 10 p.m. in the CLC Gym

### THURSDAY (11.21)

- ♦ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ♦ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
- ♦ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
- ♦ Volleyball Free Play from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 18+

### FRIDAY (11.22)

- ♦ Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 a.m. in the Education Building Conference Room
- ♦ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ Pickleball from 9 a.m. to Noon in the CLC Gym
- ♦ Open Half-Court Basketball from 2 to 4 p.m.

### SATURDAY (11.23)

- ♦ Walking Track open from 9 a.m. to Noon
- ♦ Open Half-Court Basketball from 9 a.m. to Noon

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	ATTENDANCE:	CONTRIBUTION:
LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS	Sunday, 11.10	Sunday, 11.10
	AM Worship Services..... 495	Weekly Actual.....\$21,294
	AM Classes ..... 298	Weekly Budget.....\$27,500
	PM Worship Service ..... 69	
	Wednesday 11.6 ..... 201	



A staffed nursery is provided for children 0 - 36 months. The nursery is located on the green hallway, Room E112 in the Education Building. We also provide an age-appropriate Children's Worship for children ages 3 through Kindergarten located on the south hall in Room 129.

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.

**AUDITORIUM** ..... Worship Leader: Greg Muse  
 Welcome/Scripture Reading [Psalm 72:1-4]/Prayer ..... Clay Fowler  
 Songs: 144 - O, Worship the King  
 416 - Footprints of Jesus  
 "The Prayer's Answered! Now What?" (Psalm 72) ..... Rodney Plunket  
 Response Song: 179 - He is Lord  
 Songs: 162 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
 332 - Lead Me to Calvary  
 Lord's Supper and Offering ..... Keith Therrell  
 Songs: 691 - Make Me New  
 538 - My Hope is Built  
 Special Announcement: Racial Justice Survey ..... Clay Fowler  
 Announcements ..... Clay Fowler  
 Song: 594 - Live for Jesus  
 Prayer ..... Paul Collins

**FELLOWSHIP HALL** ..... Worship Leader: Steve Townsdin  
 Welcome/Announcements/Scripture [Ps. 72:1-4]/Prayer .... Theresa Jordan  
 Song: Christ For the World We Sing  
 Special Announcement: Racial Justice Survey ..... David Jordan  
 Song: Cornerstone  
 Lord's Supper and Offering ..... Carlus Gupton  
 Bread and Cup: A Shield About Me  
 Offering: Safe Families Video  
 Song: Let Us Be You  
 "The Prayer's Answered! Now What?" (Psalm 72) ..... Rodney Plunket  
 Songs: Instruments of Your Peace  
 Build Your Kingdom Here  
 Prayer/Blessing ..... Fran Craddock

## Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

**CHAPEL** ..... Worship Leader: Greg Muse  
 Welcome/Scripture Reading [Eph. 4:1-6]/Prayer ..... Ellis Haguewood  
 Songs: 869 - We're Marching to Zion  
 720 - The Bond of Love  
 709 - How Sweet, How Heavenly  
 Sermon ..... Carlus Gupton  
 Response Song: 704 - Bind Us Together  
 Lord's Supper and Offering ..... Don Meredith  
 Song: 853 - When We All Get to Heaven  
 Prayer ..... Mike Carter



## Baby Shower Today

There will be a baby shower in honor of **Caleb and Tiffany Taylor** today from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. They are expecting a baby boy and have registered at Target and on Amazon.

## Boots and Pearls: Pearl House Fundraiser

Come support the Pearl House and have some fun! Our annual dinner is coming up **this Thursday, November 21st** at Loflin Yard (7 West Carolina Avenue, Memphis). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each. You can find more information about the event at [thepearlhouse.org/events](http://thepearlhouse.org/events).

## Join Us for "Grati-Tunes"

All are invited to "Grati-Tunes" (formerly known as "Thanks-singing"), an evening of song, praise and prayer to welcome the Thanksgiving season. Join us **next Sunday, November 24th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Children's Worship Center. We hope you will stay afterwards for coffee, hot cider, and light refreshments.

**Grati-Tunes will replace our regular 5:00 p.m. Chapel Service on Sunday night, November 24th.**

## 14th Annual Thanksgiving Day Potluck Dinner

You are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with us in the Fireplace Room from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 28th**. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we give thanks for our blessings. About 60-100 people attend each year, many of whom have come to rely on this meal to celebrate the holiday. Do you have other plans, but still want to help out? Make an extra casserole, side dish, or dessert and deliver it to the church Sunday through Wednesday. Don't want to stay all day? There's LOTS you can do in an hour: arrive early to help organize and warm food; make coffee and tea; help folks feel welcome, or play games; help clean up by washing dishes, wiping down counter tops, and taking down tables. Bring your family and friends! There's nothing like the feeling you get working together to share God's light and love with those who can't be with family or who need a helping hand. Sign-up sheets will be available in Bible classes starting today, or you can call the church office (901-761-2007) to sign up.



## Part-Time Fellowship Hall Worship Minister

White Station has a part-time job opening for a Fellowship Hall Worship Minister. The job description can be found on the COCWS website under "About Us." Inquiries and resumes should be emailed to **Charlie Michael** at [cmichael@cocws.org](mailto:cmichael@cocws.org).

### WHAT ABOUT WEDNESDAY?

- @ 3:00 p.m. — **Rodney Plunket** in the **Chapel**
- @ 5:30 p.m. — **Fellowship Meal** in the **Fellowship Hall**
- @ 6:30 p.m. — **Deaf Bible Class** in **G211**  
**Iglesia de Cristo** in the **Library**  
**One Another (Men's Class)** in **G206**  
**Ladies Classes: Fearless** in **G201** and **In His Image** in **G216**  
**Peak of the Week** in **G209/210**  
**Sanctuary (Youth Group)** in the **Station**  
**Children (age 3 - 6th grade)** in the **Educational Building**

FROM BOB TURNER

## God of all [Dis]comfort

Last week, the Northwestern University student newspaper made headlines rather than printing them when they apologized for their coverage of former Attorney General Jeff Sessions's visit to their suburban Chicago campus. The editors of The Daily Northwestern regretted that their coverage of Sessions's visit "contributed to the harm students experienced" and triggered students by covering an event that some considered traumatic. What exactly about Sessions's visit harmed the students was left unsaid. The fact that some students felt uncomfortable was enough to convince the newspaper to reconsider its standards.

Last summer, we went to the beach, and I entered the sand barefoot. I started walking on my heels because my feet were burning, and then dropped everything and sprinted for the water to cool off. Everyone else walked at a normal pace because they sensibly covered their feet with shoes, sandals, or flip flops. Not me. I pranced around with tears running down my cheeks like I was the only one on hot sand. It was hot for everyone else, too, but they were wise enough to prepare. That's one of the unspoken rules of the July beach, in the same way that hearing and tolerating the other point of view is one of the unspoken rules of college.

Sometimes life is hard because it is actually difficult, but sometimes it is hard because we assume it is supposed to be easy. The same can be true of our work in the Kingdom.

Jesus invites his disciples to follow him by carrying their cross (Mark 8:34). Today, that's the equivalent of hauling an electric chair. That doesn't sound very safe. He says, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that they hated me first" (John 15:18) Also harsh. Paul says, "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12). The New Testament envisions a church prepared for battle, not a relaxing vacation. There is such a temptation for churches to play it safe, even when we've been told that our battle will be difficult.

I'm hopeful for our future as a church, but that future will be built through our discomfort, not through our comfort.

- Our culture is increasingly unchurched. We need to learn how to have spiritual conversations with those lacking a religious background.
- Our neighborhoods and schools are becoming more ethnically and religiously diverse. This religious, cultural, and linguistic diversity might challenge our assumptions, and require us to learn how others live and think.
- Our churches continue to suffer numerical decline. This creates opportunities for flourishing or failure.

We have some significant opportunities over the next month. Today, we are taking a racial justice survey to learn how we view race and how we can better address injustices in our body and community. On Sunday, December 1st, we will learn more about an emerging discipleship ministry (see the announcement on the back of the Server). Our work in racial justice and discipleship will occasionally stretch us and make us uncomfortable. We have a choice to make. We can retreat to comfort, hang out with people like us, and blame our perceived enemies. While comfortable, that also sounds pretty sad. Instead, we can act on faith and follow the call of God, wherever it might lead us. When we take that uncomfortable path, we might find that it is more rewarding than we imagined. And better, we might find that we are following in the steps of Jesus.