



TANNER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MARK'S MESSAGE

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

In a small eastern Kentucky town, the local police chief was also on the Volunteer Fire Department. His job was to answer the phone in event of a fire, and ring the fire bell to summon volunteer firemen. One morning the phone rang and the chief answered, "Fire department". Out of the ear piece came a woman's terrified voice, "Hurry, send the fire truck!" But immediately she hung up. The chief sat there stunned. "Send it where?" In a very few minutes the phone rang again, and the chief again answered, "Fire department". Once more, in hysteria, she cried, "Hurry! Hurry! Send the fire truck". Again, she immediately hung up the phone. The chief was very upset and frustrated. He ran out into the street, looking around in a full 360 degrees for smoke. No smoke. Where was the fire? Whose house was going up in flames? Were there children in danger? All these things flooded his mind. He heard the phone ring again, and on the way back to the station office he devised a way to keep the lady on the phone long enough to determine where to send the fire truck. He grabbed the phone and said, "Where's the fire?" The voice on the other end yelled, "In the kitchen"! And she promptly hung up the phone once more.

We can understand the chief's frustration. This humorous, fictional account illustrates how confusion stems from a lack of information. Like when a child isn't picked up at school or a bill isn't paid because one parent forgot to tell the other about a change in plans. But guess where the most confusion exists? The greatest amount of confusion exists in religion. No real surprise there! Why? Because too many people rely on what they hear from everybody. Everybody but the Lord.

The Lord won't confuse you. Take God at His word. Trust His word. Read His word. Submit to His word, and it will be clear.

Mark

Tanner's News and Events

SEMINAR ON CHARITABLE GIVING

TODAY, brother Dale Hubbert will be bringing us 2 lessons on Charitable Giving. Dale has preached for several congregations over the years and is currently a member at the Union Church of Christ where he has served as one of the elders. He also works for Investor's Resource and is educated on various investment strategies. He has helped many brethren and preachers over the years with GIVING, RETIREMENT, & INVESTMENTS

WELCOME BROTHER DALE!

GIVING TO THE LORD

We want to be right with God and living according to His word in every aspect of our life and that includes our giving. Is giving just a financial issue or is it supposed to be more? 53% of Christians have not given to their church in the last month. Not only that, but church giving has not exceeded 3% as a portion of income in over 40 years. I believe that many church members want to give but are so burdened by personal debt that they cannot. I believe that Christians want to give, but yet struggle with understanding the main principle behind giving and as a result miss out on the blessing of giving (Acts 20:35). In 2 Corinthians Paul makes the familiar statement that "Our God loves a cheerful giver." So how do we get to the point to where giving becomes cheerful and enjoyable? The first step is to understand that stewardship is not about the church's need to receive, but rather is about our need to give as a response to God's command and His grace in our lives. **When we shift our thinking from giving to support a church budget to giving in response to God's abundant grace, we become the kind of giver that Paul is talking about.** Stewardship, like most everything, is an issue of faith and whether or not I trust God enough to put not only my life but also my money in His hands. Christian stewardship is a way of living in which we recognize that everything belongs to God, and that all resources must be used for His glory and the common good. Mark

For Your Information:

- **Copies of 2021 Financial statement** are available in the foyer
- **SEND A CARD TO THE FERGUSONS**—Charles, Rhonda & Skyler would love to hear from you! You can send them a card at 515 11th Avenue Dayton, Tn. 37321.
- Ken has made several DVD copies (in the Foyer) of the young men conducting the Sunday service.

Our Sunday Morning Class will now be streamed or recorded for viewing.

- This allows those of our church family that are viewing from home to benefit from our class study
- This also gives us an opportunity to encourage our friends & family to tune in

NEXT CLASS: The Reality of the Gospel Cont.

 **LIVE STREAMING**



BETTER IN 2022

The difference in attitude makes all the difference in the world! What we are in heart determines what we see, what we hear, what we find, what we receive. Before we can get anything out of a church worship service, we must of necessity put something into it—our love, our devotion, our individual attention, our sympathetic attitude. In order to receive, we must give. We often think that the trouble is on the OUTSIDE of us, when in reality the trouble is on the INSIDE! "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God".

Next Sunday—BETTER ATTITUDE

Tanner Family Special Concerns

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Melvis Adams Athens Nursing Home & Rehab across from the hospital. His address is 611 W Market, room 43A , Brett Agee, Drew Bennett, Grant Beverly, Jean Bond, Matthew Chandler, Colin Coan, Stephanie Cooper, Caleb Crowe, Faye Davis, Louise Davis, Beverly Haney, Heath Hartley, Freddie Hays, Judy Hogan, Quention Hogan, Ed Hysaw, Gary Hillis, Russ Housman, Adam Howard, Brandon Howard, Adam Jones, Sue Lemay, Tom Lemay, Carol Lewis, Marie Malone, Craig Marshall, Sis Martin, Susan McCluskey, Teresa Mitchell, Debra Patrick, Lynn Patrick, Emmalice Patrick, Ann Poyner, Allison Scroggins, Dana Bailey Shores, Joe Stewart, Philip Taylor, Curtis Trotter, Miranda Turner, Sherri White, Dusty Williams, Rodney Wilson, Bill Bryant, The Kirby family (friends of the Bates), Jose Guerrero (our Hispanic minister), Kim Mills (Andy Shoults step daughter), Chad Carter, Jean Bonds daughter-in-law, Jeanette Stewart

In Need of Prayer

- Tony Anderson's sister, Judy McCarley has covid
- Charles Thompson is improving from covid phenomena
- Carolyn Williams CT scan was good. X Ray showed arthritis in back & hip
- Doug Brown's covid test came back negative. He's still sick but doing some better
- Danny Dodson has a large hemiated disc. He is scheduled for surgery at Athens Hospital Mar 2nd
- Evie Watts has been sick this week with an ear infection
- Caroline McCoy (Bryant's granddaughter) has RSV & pneumonia
- Paulette Carter had outpatient surgery on her finger Friday
- Velvet Meals hasn't felt well this past week
- Phillip Taylor isn't feeling too good. He's still recovering from his recent procedure
- David Latin (Mark's Uncle) last week was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. He is currently in the hospital in Prattville, AL & has begun treatments
- Additional—



VALENTINE'S DAY QUOTES

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." – Charles M. Schulz, Cartoonist

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance." – Oscar Wilde, Playwright

"This fire that we call Loving is too strong for human minds. But just right for human souls." – Aberjhani, Historian

"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies." – Aristotle, Philosopher

"There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved." – George Sand, Author

"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." – Dr. Seuss, Author

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person." – Mignon McLaughlin, Journalist

"Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile." – Franklin P. Jones, Engineer

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY! WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AND TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO LIVE THE LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER. WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND THE WORSHIP TO BE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND COME BACK AND BE WITH US ANYTIME YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY. LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN COME ALONG-SIDE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND GET YOU INVOLVED IN WHAT THE LORD IS DOING THROUGH US.



Regular Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Classes.....	9:30
Sunday AM Worship.....	10:30
Wednesday Evening Classes.....	7:00
Sunday Worship/Bible Study @ Summer Manor in Decatur	2:00

Evangelists

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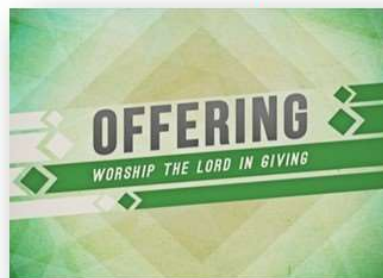
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FACEBOOK AT
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There you can:

- **Stay connected to your Church Family**
- **Stay up-to-date on what's going on**
- **View our weekly Classes and Sermons**
- **Get our weekly Bulletin**



**YOUR WEEKLY
OFFERING can be
dropped in the
plate at the audito-
rium entrance or
mailed to the
Church address**



The prefilled com-
munion cups are
available in the foyer

Birthdays

None this week



Anniversaries

None this week

