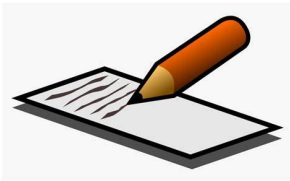


# KEN'S PEN



## *Blessed Are the Persecuted*

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mat. 5:10). The apostle Paul, in stressing the motivational aspect of Christ’s resurrection from the dead, and the dedication that it creates through unwavering faith, reflected upon the threat from society by simply saying, “I die daily” (1 Cor. 15:31). Unfortunately, this seems to have been the proper assessment of life for the early Christians; they went everywhere with their lives in their hands.

Today, we are not often called upon to pass through the same kind of fearful persecutions. The tests of Christians at the present moment, though outwardly minimal, are still more likely to overcome us than even those of a far more turbulent age. It is not so much the sneer of the world that does the damage—that is of little consequence. The real test comes as a result of the world’s false flattery, soft words, oily speeches, and blatant hypocrisy. The danger is in our growing rich and proud, giving ourselves up to the fashions of this present evil world, and losing our faith. If wealth is not our trial, be assured that worldly care is just as mischievous. How many Christians will successfully escape the ravages of the roaring lion, only to be hugged to death by the cuddly bear? In reality, it makes little difference to the devil so long as he destroys our love and confidence in Christ.

Is it possible that the church is far more likely to lose her integrity in these soft and silken days than as in the rougher days gone by? Most definitely so! We must awaken now lest we fall asleep to our own undoing with our once vehement flame becoming a steadily dying ember. Many of those who profess to be wheat today, are likely to prove tares later; hypocrites with fair masks on their faces, but no yearning to live as a true-born, blood-bought child of the living God (Matt. 13:24-30; 36-43). Let us never think that we can dispense with watchfulness or holy fervor! Whether we are in the grip of the most severe of persecutions, or in the lap of luxurious comforts, “we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Rom. 8:37).



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Jim Estes  
Aaron Foster  
Buster Green  
Larry Morgan  
Todd Swinney

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### COLLEGE MINISTER

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Danny Ramdial and Glen Brown

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Myrl Crowe  
Brandon Elliott  
Todd English  
Guy Gardner  
Ricky Green  
Beau Gross  
James Hester  
Steven Hodgin  
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### Sundays

Worship . . . . . 9:30AM  
Landmark Nursing & Rehab. . . 4PM  
Bible Classes. . . . . 5:00PM

### Tuesdays

Ladies Bible Class. . . . . 9:30AM  
Caring Cooks. . . . . 10:30AM  
Landmark Asst Living. . . . 1:30PM

### Wednesdays

Midweek Bible Study. . . . . 7:00PM  
College Fellowship. . . . . 8:00PM

## *From My Heart To Yours*

We commend **Todd English, Steven Hodgin, Cameron Jumper, Chris Langley, Jody Long, and Jonathan Pharr** in recently being installed as Deacons here at Booneville. **Deacons** are men who have been chosen to serve in a specific area of work within the Lord’s church. **Deacons** are not **Elders** and they do not oversee the local church in any way. The Word of God tells us **Deacons** must meet certain qualifications.

The characteristics or qualifications of a deacon are listed in **1 Timothy 3:8-13**. Deacons hold an office or position, “...let them serve as deacons...” This is a special position in the church with special qualifications and with special responsibilities, that being a servant to the local congregation. Since the role of deacons in the church is that of a servant, they would naturally be charged with doing things to relieve the temporal affairs and burdens from the elders and preachers. Their duties are not specifically listed in the Bible, so their duties are left primarily up to the elders.

The best definition I have ever heard to describe a deacon is a man chosen to serve or do a job related to that congregation that is too important to be left up to chance. The work of the church is a group effort, the preachers, elders, and church members all have their responsibilities as well as the deacons. Deacons are men who are needed to help to serve and see that the most important jobs are not left up to chance or neglected.

Let’s do all that we can to support our **Elders** and **Deacons** in the great work they do in leading our efforts of building up the Lord’s church in our community.

Have a great week! Doug

**May we always get along, love each other,  
look out for each other, and  
Follow the Will of the Father together.**

Remember In Prayer

- Becky Nelms (home MD Anderson for cancer evaluation. She did not have surgery last week. Sue Potts’s daughter)
- Martha Yates (home following ankle surgery)
- Nellie Barrett (at home on hospice care, Cincinnati, Ohio, Jerry Barrett’s mother)
- Addison McGuire (LeBonheur following truck accident, Philip Coat’s great-niece)
- Melody Woodruff (at daughter’s home following surgery)
- Jason Elliott (awaiting transplant, soccer coach at FHU and Vicky Thomason’s cousin)
- Chip Nanney (recent liver transplant, UMMC)
- Arlon Moore (12 year old student at Hills Chapel, @ LeBonheur due to accident, Cherly Lambert’s grandson)

On-going Treatments:

Jeremy Owens, Ausmmmtin Wentz, Katie Jo Lindley, Larry Lauderdale, Emma Lovell, Erik Hamilton, Tana Shouse, Owens, Amanda Conlee, Jennifer Beasley, Terry Green, Jerry Livingston, Eli Johnson, Justin Mauney, Teresa Burcham, Chuck Farris, Gretta Hills Binion, Loxlee Eaton, Larry Muse, Dawson Trout, Justin McCoy, Keri May, Rhonda Lansdell, Monique Fields, Allen Brown, Rickey Neaves, David Beach, Andrew Dunaway.

Continuing Prayers:

Brian Rowland, Ray Miller, Ben and Joann Roberts, John and Peggy Wroten, Martha Eaton, Billy Taylor, Cassie Stewart, Debbie Gillentine, Irene Baker, Tina Anderson, Tim Floyd (awaiting kidney transplant), Leah Bishop, Betty Vincent, Otis & Erika Davis, Martha Smith, Cecile Robinson, Cody Reynolds, Sterling Phillips, Steve Morgan, Mac Cooper, Cheryl Hoffman, Steven Wold, Olivia Pounders, Leista Horn, Allison Wade Perrigo, Glenn Newton, Benji Yates, Marjorie Hester, Christy Nash, Wade Davis Family, Delores Griffin, Ruth Staley, Brad Sloan, Billy Deaton, Mary Sullivan, Jim Thomason, Jackie Lambert, Anthony Moore, Sam Haskins, Ann Gardner, Eloise Kendrick, Pat Ross, Betty Bramlett, Harbor Johnson, Lexie Aycock.

Homebound/Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

At Home: Dorothy Hester, Sue Glenn, Roger & Connie Mauney, Francis Jennings, Mike Timbes, Ruemell Palmer, Ann Stevens, Delores Coats, Rachel Daniels, Margaret Gooqe.

Landmark: Shelby Owens, Audrey Cook, Flora Wanner, John Wroten, Barbara Beard, Marvin Christian, Rachel Daniels, Joyce Morris, Martha Eaton  
Landmark Assisted Living: Jane Allen, Kathryn Floyd  
Montgomery Gardens, Starkville: Quitman Wigginton  
Baldwyn Nursing & Rehab: Delma Sanchez, Paralee Aycock.

Oak Tree Manor Amory: Ann Young  
Ruleville Nursing and Rehab: Gabe George



L2L MEETINGS

TONIGHT, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5  
PUPPETS - 6PM - Spain house

Any L2L Girl who would like to practice your speech, song or Bible reading, you are invited to do so in Wednesday night Ladies Class tonight and also on Wednesday night, March 27. ALL L2L GIRLS are encouraged to participate in this.

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17

SONG LEADING/SONGS OF PRAISE will meet immediately following morning worship, until 12:00. Guys in little chapel, Girls in classroom 209.

THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

L2L participants will present at Iuka Church of Christ. Their service begins at 5:00. Our bus will leave at 4:00 from the TAC. Please sign sheets in the foyer to indicate your participation.

NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Our L2L Debate teams will give their presentations next Wednesday night, guys in auditorium and girls in the little chapel this year’s topic is: “Resolved: The use of instrumental music in the worship of God by His church is not authorized by His word.” Everyone is encouraged to come support our young people! (Teens—Adult classes will meet in the auditorium)



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday  
March 24

Each family is asked to bring plastic Easter eggs (stuffed with candy) place in barrel in foyer.

SIGN UP SHEETS

Nursery - Ladies who can help tend the nursery during Sunday morning worship, please sign in the foyer.  
Wednesday Night Devotional - Men who are willing to present a five-minute devotional on Wednesday night, please sign in the foyer.

5th Sunday Contribution

Sunday, March 31 contribution will go toward benevolence and food pantry.

SENIOR RALLY

Henderson Church of Christ will host their annual Senior Rally March 23. Our bus will leave from the annex at 8:30AM. Please sign in the foyer if you plan to attend.

CARD SHOWER

Chip Nanney (get well)  
17 Chloe Cove  
Booneville

Jason Elliott (get well)  
145 Bavarian Drive  
Henderson, TN 38340

Kathryn Floyd (thinking of you)  
Landmark Assisted Living room 205  
701 W Church Street  
Booneville

Rachel Whitley (thinking of you)  
Landmark Nursing & rehab room 104  
100 Lauren Drive  
Booneville

Joyce Morris (thinking of you)  
Landmark Nursing & rehab room 106  
100 Lauren Drive  
Booneville

Martha Eaton (thinking of you)  
Landmark Nursing & rehab room 109  
100 Lauren Drive  
Booneville

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

9:30 Morning Assembly

Song Leader.....Chris Langley  
Opening Prayer..... Carter Swinney  
Scripture Reading .....Drew Galloway  
Proverbs 4:23

Lesson ..... Doug Smith  
“The Museum of Your Heart”

Lord’s Supper .....Jerry Barrett  
Collection: Preside: Guy Gardner, Drew Bruce  
Assist: Anderson Long, Ralph Williams, Dewey Jackson, Field Smitherman  
Announcements/Closing Prayer .....Brandon Elliott  
Ushers: Chris Beard, Tom Wade, Cole Swinney  
Security Team: B  
A/V: Bobby Brasel, Andrew Langley, Brant Sappington  
Nursery: Lisa Hodgins

5:00pm Assembly

KidSing

Classes for all ages

Adult classes - auditorium - Doug Smith  
The Five Acts of Corporate Worship  
Annex - Ken Forrest - Isaiah - Daniel  
Little Chapel Young Adults - Steven Hodgins  
“Practical Application of James part 2”

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2024

Song Leader ..... Thomas Long  
Devotional.....Andrew Langley  
Lead Prayer .....Michael Dooley

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024

Song Leader .....JoJo Riley  
Devotional..... Cameron Jumper  
Lead Prayer .....Johnny Parker

SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024

Worship AM ..... 284  
Classes PM..... 236  
Contribution ..... \$16,528.00  
Wednesday 3/6 ..... 310

If you cannot help lead in worship please contact Chris Langley prior to Sunday Morning/Wednesday night. Call or text 610-2201.

Food Pantry / Clothes Closet  
Open March 14 & 21

Monthly food pantry item: RICE