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The Way Things Used to Be

"Say not, 'Why were the former days better than these?'" (Ecclesiastes 7:10 ESV)

I have regularly driven Highway 69 in west Tennessee for some forty years or so. When I began attending Freed-Hardeman College (now University), that was the route I would take. I think it began in Alabama as Highway 20, then the number changed with the state line. It was a curvy, dangerous road. Back a few years ago, I saw a homemade sign that referred to it as "Bloody 69."

A few days ago, I was driving that stretch of highway again and I happened to notice something that made me think. From the current road, I could faintly see part of the earlier highway, where it had been abandoned for the new, less dangerous route. Grass had covered most of it, but one could still the curves.

Sometimes, we get nostalgic and daydream about the "golden days" of years gone by. Those who recall fondly the older houses and church buildings tend to forget the inconveniences of wood stoves and windows that have given way to gas heat and air conditioning. The truth is, we think of the best parts of the past and tend to forget the negative things.

We sometimes forget that we are able to worship and serve God more comfortably and effectively than ever before. We have better-trained preachers and teachers, as well as technology that allows us to follow the songs and sermons with our eyes as well as our ears. I have noticed one thing: Not too many of those who long for the "good old days" want the one to one-and-a-half-hour sermons that were common in those same years!

The fact of the matter is, we are where we are, in the time in which we are, and we need to make the most of it. Let us use the conveniences at our disposal to praise and serve God to the fullest and lead others to him. Let us use a deep knowledge of the Bible to enhance our lives and encourage our brothers and sisters. To a church that needed to make real progress, Paul wrote: *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love"* (1 Corinthians 16:13, 14). May we follow those words.

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

November 9—Caring Cooks
November 13—MNftM/ Prepare Fruit Baskets
November 14—Deliver Fruit Baskets
November 16—Golden Agers' Trip
November 18—Winter Clothing Give Away

Winter Community Giveaway

The time is near! Our Winter Community Giveaway is next Saturday November 18th 9am - 4pm.

Items needed:

Winter Clothing (all sizes)

Toys

Household Items and Appliances

Please insure that all donated items are in working condition and clean. If possible, please hang all clothing on wire hangers.

Drop off time: Friday November 17th 9am-7pm

Members of the church that are in need will have opportunity to shop Friday from 7:30 - 9:00pm or Saturday from 7:30 - 8:30 am.

Volunteers are needed for both days to help organize, sort and move items in and out. We will also be offering Bible Studies, Bibles and prayers and need volunteers to greet people and evangelize. Please sign up in the main lobby. Please volunteer as much as you can.

Fruit Baskets:

It is time to wrap and deliver fruit baskets for the elderly and shut-ins of our congregation. The fruit and other elements of the baskets will be put together and made ready for delivery during the next Monday Night for the Master, November 13. Please come and be a part of this special effort.

Bread of Life First Aid Kits

Bring donations to the lobby by Wednesday, November 29. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please see Jimmy Smith. List in lobby.

Welcome!

Tim and Bridget Mabry recently met with our elders and made known their desire to be identified with this congregation. Please welcome them and their daughters, **Grace, Hannah and Sophia.**

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to **Maxie Fortner** and family at the death of her brother, **Ben Massey.** His funeral was held Monday, November 6, in Tennessee.

Ladies' Bible Class Invitation

The girls involved in Lads to Leaders' Speeches will be presenting their speeches during **Ladies' Bible Class Sunday, November 12** in the Old Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please come and support them.

Birthdays: November 12-18

- ♦ November 13—Sandra Smith
- ♦ November 14—Modean Driver
- ♦ November 15—Kim Copeland
- ♦ November 16—Luke Dougherty,
Brynn Smith
- ♦ November 17—Denise Dawes

Lads to Leaders Meeting

There will be a **Lads to Leaders** meeting in the old fellowship room this **Sunday, November 12**, following the morning worship service. We will be filling out registration forms for events as well as for hotel accommodations.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 5:50 Arrival time; Prayer and dinner 6:00, activities building.

Who is invited???...families of kids who ride the bus on Wed and Sunday and any of us who want to eat and enjoy being together. An hour of praise through singing and prayer will follow in the main building auditorium.

In order to plan properly, will you please indicate if you are coming and how many of your family will come, please text or call "Miss Maxie" ...270-703-7304.

Remember in Prayer:

Nelda Beth, Norman Bradford,
Richard Darnell, Ethel Davis,
Ralph & Billie Davis, Jimmy Davis,
JoNell Dawes, Robert Driver, Cindy Grubbs,
Imogene Hulsey, Carol Myers, Bob Overbey,
Kandyce Owen, Linda Smith, Michael Smith
(Inez Darnell's son)

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—John Main,

Jim & Barbara Story

CCCCtr—Betty Clark, Hazel Demery

Jackson Oaks—Betty Burkeen

Stilley House—Raymon & Joy Cordle,

Ed O'Dell, Ralph Steury

Military: Cory O'Bryan—Ft. Campbell

**Winter Clothing, Toy
& Houseware
Give-Away**

**Saturday,
November 18th**

**at the Activities
Building**

Record: November 5, 2017

Mid-Week (November 1)	160
Sunday Bible Study	194
Sunday Morning Worship	235
Sunday Evening Worship	121
Contribution	\$11,047

A Genius Speaks

Albert Einstein was a German-born physicist who pioneered work in mathematics and relativity. After immigrating to the United States, he taught at Princeton and helped develop the atomic bomb. Estimates of this genius' IQ range between 160 and 190. Outside of science, he left a quote that is representative of its own wisdom.

As the story is told, he was on speaking tour in Japan in 1922, when a courier brought a message to his room. Realizing that he had no money for a tip, he scribbled some life advice on a piece of hotel stationary and gave it to the young courier. The note (which nearly a century later sold for over a million dollars) said: "A quiet modest life brings more joy than a pursuit of success bound with constant unrest."

This nugget of wisdom is highlighted frequently in the Scriptures. Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 4:6, "One hand full of rest is better than two fists full of labor and striving after wind." Jesus warned about excessive worry in the sixth chapter of Matthew in the midst of the Sermon on the Mount. Paul told the Philippians, "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need."

We often make life far more complicated than we need to. Let's learn to listen to one voice (God's), seek after one goal (heaven), and live one day at a time to God's glory.

—Don Loftis

**Pew Packers
Sunday, 5:45 p.m.**

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.
Worship — 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, November 12, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Dale Roberts
Opening Prayer: Robert Hall
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Cox
Convalescent Center: Dennis Driver
Gary Smith

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader: Jared Higginbotham
Opening Prayer: Tom Simpson
Closing Prayer: Mark Hart

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Announcements: Dennis Driver
Song Leader: Dale Roberts
Opening Prayer: Connor Parshall
Closing Prayer: Nick Darnell