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## Thirty Years and Counting!

This coming week I plan on going to my thirtieth year of Horizons – Future Church Leaders Workshop. It's purpose is to help develop future leaders for the Lord's church. Young men take classes on how to deliver sermons, lead singing, and on other ways to serve within the Lords church. Young ladies have a great week of classes addressing ways they can serve as well. This year there will be around 1,000 people on the campus of Freed Hardeman University during this special week. I want to share a couple lessons I have learned during these special weeks of my life.

### I. Every disciple of Jesus must find a way to serve.

I remember the first time I was challenged to deliver a lesson as a 10 year old. I was nervous, didn't know what I was doing and probably didn't say much, but I am thankful for the fact that I was challenged to expand my service horizon. What way could you step out of your comfort zone to serve the Lord in a better way? Like Isaiah in chapter 6 of his book do your best to say, "Here am I, send Me!"

### II. Nothing helps to encourage our faith more than spending time around other Christians.

My parents sent me away for a week (so they could rest I'm sure) and allowed me to be around men like Jerry Elder, Billy Smith, and David Stofel as male role models. I traveled up there with Trent Hill(deacon) Stan Butt(Minister), James Thomas(Deacon) and roomed with Kyle Butt(minister). Dozens of the friends I met at Horizons are now faithful servants of the Lord all over this world working as deacons, youth ministers, and ministers. Being with other guys and girls who love the Lord in this setting helped to concrete my faith, and challenged me to do all I could for the cause of Christ. As Christians we must make spending time with other Christians a priority. In Acts 2 you see the church spending time in each other's homes daily in fellowship and drawing together. How can you determine to make closer connections with God's people? I thank God for this program and ask you to pray for the young people that will be involved in next week.

John

## The Nations

Acts 17:26 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places they should live.

Once again it is time for us to think about our nation. July 4th is when we celebrate the independence of our nation. It cost the blood of many men and affected family after family in the newly formed nation. Men died for freedom, primarily religious freedom. People left their homes and came to this land in order to worship the Lord as they believed the Bible taught. Our nation was founded on Biblical principles. Building after building in the nation's capital has reminders of Biblical teachings or stories. Sadly at this time in our history this is being hidden from people. Textbooks are being rewritten to omit the religious side of our beginnings. Young people have not been taught the true religious heritage of the United States.

Paul taught the leading men in Athens that God is in control of the nations. From the time of the flood people were to inhabit the whole earth. All on the earth today are descendants of Noah and his three sons. All men are of the same blood even though there are so many physical differences. God has determined the nations and he has ended nations. To this very day, God is in control. Even the special nation of Israel that God chose as his people at times had his protection only later to be destroyed. God has blessed our nation with 240 years of existence. Thank him for his guidance and protection. Ask for his continual leading for our future. Offer up prayers of repentance for the sins of our nation. May we as a nation seek to serve him. God will determine how long we exist but godly behavior certainly plays a role in his decision. May God show his favor and mercy to us.

Joe

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

### OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Roberta Bolton - recovering f/sinus surgery/no phone calls
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 241
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman - sees oncologist July 5
- JoAnn Coleman - cataract surgery soon, acid reflux
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Joe Macer - lyme's disease
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Barney Roland
- Melissa Stutts - chemo & radiation
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Linda Kuykendall and her family in the death of her husband, Ray. Funeral arrangements are incomplete

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Delores Clark - daughter of Ann Brady - MPMC, Rm. 376,  
Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles  
Wilkins - Tracey's dad - Life Care, Rm. 227-A, Jane Wells,  
Little Gatlin Macer, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna  
Jett, Herman Willis - brother of Charlie, Greg Grissom under-  
going chemo & radiation, James Garner-uncle of Terry Bur-  
gess, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Dot Martin, sister  
of Linda Weaver - Life Care, Rm. Rm. 210, Bob Churchwell -  
brother of John Churchwell, David Phillips, Laurie Ann  
Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen -  
friend of Kim, Tracy Worley, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason  
Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Susan,  
Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie  
Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine White-  
head, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy  
Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Dora Bolton - mother of James,  
Ginger Chesnut, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry,  
Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones -  
mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at  
Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Cla-  
rence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Stacey Brown - cyst-  
tic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker -  
sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113,  
Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of  
Nell Hood, Ronnie Springer-leukemia - friend of John & Deb-  
bie Massey, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker,  
Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8, Sanai Pet-  
tus, 5th grade student at CA - cancer - 8041 Fenwick Lane,  
Spring Hill, TN 37174.

## WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 3, 2016

### SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson  
Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson  
Prayer.....Daniel Thomas  
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Barry Cross  
    MikeKinzer                      Terry Burgess  
    Gary Boyd                        Bobby Daniels  
    Jerry Ballard                    J.W. Gilliam  
    Donnie G. Davis                Sonny Hargrove  
Read.....Jim Pollard  
Sermon.....Joe Macer  
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

### SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
Prayer.....Jeremy Britt  
Read.....Eric Hixson  
Sermon.....Joe Macer  
Lord's Supper Presiding.....Richard Farris  
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....John Thomas

Ushers: Chris Mobley, Cheyenne McNeese, Jim Anderson

Greeters: Teri Hill, Nathan Hixson, Linda Kuykendall

Visual: Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. Chris Mobley, Larry Nicholson P.M. Chris Mobley, Larry Nicholson

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## NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Libby Moss, Katherine Nicholson  
P.M.....Teri Hill

## WEDNESDAY JULY 6, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader.....Conner Arnett  
Prayer.....Tommy Hight  
Announcements/Speaker - VBS.....Jim Pollard