



# Messenger



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## JOURNEYS



### WITH JOE

## Not Your Usual Hero

Many, if not most people reading this "journey", may never have heard of Corporal Desmond Doss. I ran across his story while doing some research for a class I was teaching. Corporal Doss was the first conscientious objector to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military award. A devout follower of Christ, Doss believed that it

was not right for him to kill others, but he wanted to serve his country so he volunteered as a medic. During boot camp, his fellow soldiers ridiculed him for refusing to fire a rifle. They even mocked him when he read his Bible and spent time kneeling beside his bunk at night in prayer. It was in combat that Corporal Doss showed what he was really made of. Fast forward to May 1945. It was during the battle for Okinawa that Corporal Doss repeatedly risked his life to rescue scores of wounded men. Through his unselfish actions, he earned the gratitude and respect of his former critics and of those whose lives he saved.

Have you ever faced unjust criticism or ridicule because of your beliefs? It is important to know what you believe as a child of God, and that you be willing to stand up for those beliefs. Is it a problem for you to thank God for the food He has given you, even in a restaurant? Do people look at you funny if you don't join in a chorus of boos when the referee makes a call that didn't go as everyone thought it should? What reaction do you get when you say, "I am going to worship tonight, I will not be able to go boating,?" In the face of unjust criticism, Peter told his fellow Christians, "*Even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.*" After that, Peter told the early Christians to; "*...in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*" I feel it is important that we have a strong faith in God and His word, which comes by study, prayer and meditation on his word. As we do this, our response to a hurting world that is often hostile to Christ will be one that demonstrates God's love. It has been said that if we return good for good it is merely human. When we are able to return good for evil, that is when it becomes divine. I don't know about you, but I want to be more like Christ. To be more like Him I must have the ability to return good for evil. God will always be there to help me do this.

Prayer Thought: Strengthen us to be a light in our community so people can truly see Christ in us.

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## OUR FOCUS

### HAPPINESS OF FORGIVENESS—PSA. 32:1, 2

Notice some things \_\_\_\_\_ does to us:

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ our confidence.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ our relationships.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The word \_\_\_\_\_ is really, Oh, the \_\_\_\_\_!

David provides a threefold \_\_\_\_\_ of sin:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is defiance toward God.
2. Sin is \_\_\_\_\_ mark of God's \_\_\_\_\_
3. Iniquity represents \_\_\_\_\_!

David uses triad of \_\_\_\_\_ to express fullness of forgiveness.

1. Forgiven means to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ away.
2. Covered refers to that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Not count against is thought of \_\_\_\_\_

Key to Christian life is not our \_\_\_\_\_ holiness but our \_\_\_\_\_, sorrow for sin. It is \_\_\_\_\_ we are \_\_\_\_\_ transgressors, \_\_\_\_\_ sinners, and only by God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ can we be saved.

# Family & Friends News

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Mamie Baird**, mother of Joyce Midget, is at UMC room 215 with congestion.

**David Belcher**, a friend of Tom Wood and Dave Simpson, is being treated for lung cancer. His address is: 250 Cedar Bluff Road, Hartsville, TN 37074.

**Lisa Cannon**, cousin of Tammy Robertson. Tests came back clear and she is recovering after surgery. She will receive radiation treatments.

**Virginia Carr**, sister-in-law of Pat Carr, is at Lebanon Rehab room 102 B with Hospice.

**Rhonda Christian**, a friend of the Spencer's, is at Vanderbilt with complications from a surgery performed in Mexico.

**Will Cripps**, cousin of Corrie Cluck, was recently diagnosed with Lymphoma. Tests showed it is only in his neck. He has started chemo treatments and will follow up with radiation. His address is 215 Lexington Way, Hermitage, TN 37076.

**Jack Evins**, uncle of Ronnie Doak and former member of Maple Hill, is recovering after surgery at Summit, ICU, bed 5.

**Annette Gleaves**, aunt of Jean Chandler. Cancer has returned and she will begin chemo.

**Lesla Fletcher**, mother of Justin Latimer, is recovering at home. Her address is: 8150 Hickory Ridge Road, Mt Juliet, 37122.

**John Hawkins**, a friend of many at Maple Hill. The biopsy was positive, and the cancer is malignant. John is going to Indianapolis August 24 for further treatment. His address is: 230 Hawkins Hill Lane, PO Box 11, Gainesboro, TN 38562.

**Linda Kirby** is home with Hospice. 210 Lei Lani Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087.

**Creola Minter**, mother of Lisa Kelley, was diagnosed with macular degeneration. She will have further testing.

**Daniel Rameriz**, missionary in Mexico, is in danger of losing his eyesight

**Jimmy Richardson** has an appointment at VA-Nashville on September 29 to have skin cancer removed.

**Ellie Rushing**, infant niece of Rachel Gray, was born without a soft spot and will require surgery. She will have a CT scan September 22 and surgery October 5.

**George Summers, Sr.**, is at VA-Nashville 2 North room A215 with pneumonia.

**Kevin Tackett**, friend of many at Maple Hill, has a mass on his colon and will see a specialist.

**Tina Young**, friend of Richard and Rhonda Swindell is undergoing Chemo treatments for the second time and is having a difficult time.

## RESPONDED

**Rochelle Malone** responded to the invitation Sunday asking for prayers of the congregation. 215 West Main St. Hartsville, TN 37074.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of:

**Cathy Applegate**, sister of Derrick Jones. Services were incomplete at the time of printing.

**Myra Bates**, aunt of Pete Heckman. All services were held Saturday at Bond Funeral home in Mt. Juliet.

## LONG-TERM ILLNESS LIST

Marlette Carey, Jimmy Davis, Peggy Dill, Louise Garner, Mellody Harvill, Billy Henry, Charles Jordan, Chuck Jordan, Anne Lain, Jack Lowe, Liam Macke, Joy McAuley, Mary McAuley, Tony Oliveira, Jimmy Scott, Margie Scott, Floyd Shrum, Terry Smith, Richard Van Dyke, Mary Anne Walton, Tonyia Watson, Maria Weiss, Danny Wright.

## ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/REHAB

**Betty Henderson** is at Lebanon Rehab, 105.

**Mary Hubbard**, stepmother of Terry Hubbard, is at Hearthside room D1.

**Francis Lanus** is at Hearthside room A1.

**Viola Smith** is at Pavilion room 311.

**Juanita Stewart** is at Quality Care room C5.

**Flora Reeder** is at Bellwood Assisted Living, room 326.

**Sarah West**, sister of Wayne Smith, is at Lebanon Rehab, room 204.

**Valerie Wright**, stepmother of Dwayne Wright, is at Select Specialty Care room 5504.

## HOME BOUND

Nonie Garrison, Vissia Hudson and Kathryn Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Keith Parker  
&  
Mr. and Mrs. Carey Randall McVeigh  
Invite you to celebrate in the union of  
Jessica Marie & Nathan Carey  
On Sunday, the Fifth of September  
Two Thousand Ten  
At Four O'clock in the Afternoon  
Juno Church of Christ  
4600 Hwy 412  
Lexington, TN 38351  
Reception Immediately Following

## THANK YOU

To each of you that shared in making the meal Wednesday night for the Brookhouse Shelter successful, THANK YOU! Our total from the Maple Hill family was \$2,010.00. We appreciate beyond words the example you are in our community!

Gratefully,  
Judy Bentley, Ronnie Doak, and Sandy Hubbard

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards while I was in the hospital and after I came home. Thanks for putting me on your prayer list, and continue to pray for me as I have started my treatments. Also, thanks to brother Miller for coming to the hospital.

Love to all,  
Bertie Harrison  
Sister of Marjorie Lanus

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Jacob and Heather Vanatta** on the birth of their son Jacob "Jake" Walter 7 lbs., 10 oz. born Wednesday, August 18. Proud sisters are Alexis and Adley. Grandparents are Chip and Valerie Vanatta and great grandparents are Walter and Dawn Vanatta.

January -June Financials  
Are available at the welcome centers.

## IMPORTANT MEETING

The elders are asking ALL parents of teens to attend a very important meeting next Sunday, **August 22** at 5:00 p.m. in the Teen Room concerning how to fill the youth minister vacancy. We are also encouraging parents of pre-teens who will be a part of this ministry in the near future to come and share in the discussion. Regardless of your participation in the past, we want you to come and share in this important meeting. Some hearing this announcement may be new to the community or the congregation; your attendance will also be welcomed and encouraged. From the 12th grade down, the youth of this congregation make up approximately 225-250 of our number. That is about 25-30% of the entire membership. The elders take very seriously the responsibility of shepherding every member of the flock. This includes our youth. We believe that if you attend this meeting you will see a renewed focus and energy in this area. It is our belief that the success of our youth ministry cannot be accomplished by any one individual. That is why we are asking you to come and be a part of this meeting. Your input and involvement is vital to its success.

# News & Notes

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NAMASIGUE HONDURAS MEETING:** There will be a meeting this Tuesday night **August 24** at 7PM in the Teen Room. This will be for anyone who has any level of interest in the trip for next year. This will be an informational meeting to answer any questions or concerns. We will be sharing some exciting news about the trip, so please come and support this awesome work. Also, Jarrod Brown from Mission Lazarus will be at this meeting.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT MEAL:** There will be a meal to benefit Sherry's Run Wednesday, **August 25**.

**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH AND PLAY:** **August 28**. We will be leaving the building at 11 am and returning approximately 7 pm.

**LADIES' MINISTRY PLANNING DAY COMMITTEE MEETING:** **August 29** at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. The following ladies please attend: Jan Edwards, Clis Shates, Cynthia Cluck, Mandy Lussier, Jo Merritt, Lisa Whited, Danielle Pruitt, Meredith Davenport, Debbie Miller, Deanna Campbell, Joyce Sampson, Katreece McGrath, Melanie Hunt, Lounita Sampson, Tamara Johnson, Dana Miller, Wynema Carver, Nickye Hamlet, Lorie Watson.

**PAINT THE TOWN GREEN:** Buy a lime green bow for \$10 and attach to your doorknob, mailbox or car the week of Sherry's Run. Bows will be available for pickup on Friday, **September 3**, from 6 - 10 am and 4 - 8 pm and on Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10 from 2 - 7 pm at the event site.

**MEN'S TRIP INFO:** We're rafting the Ocoee River on Saturday, **September 4**. Men and boys 12 and older are invited. A sign-up sheet is posted with more info. Deadline for sign-up and money is Sunday, August 22. Please see Dwayne Wright or Landon Roeder with questions, or call Dwayne at 615.336.6687.

**WINGS:** Ladies of all ages are invited to attend WINGS on Tuesday, **September 7** at 6:30 at the home of Dolores Lester. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and Bible study while enjoying a meal together.

## FALL AND WINTER COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY October 23

**T-SHIRT PICK UP:** All those who have registered and paid the entry fee, please pick up your t-shirt on **September 9 or 10** between 2 - 7 pm on the west lawn of WBT. Wear your Sherry's Run t-shirt Saturday, **September 11**, and be ready for a group picture.



## Growing up in the Lord

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. 2 Peter 3:18*

## Lads to Leaders

The boys of Lads to Leaders will conduct this morning's service for the VESTA congregation. Please remember these boys in prayer.

## BOYS' MOVIE NIGHT

The Boys of MHCM, ages K-5th grade, are invited to the screening of the original "Star Wars" on Saturday evening, **August 28**. Please arrive at 6:45, as the film will begin at 7pm. The movie will be shown in the Teen Room.

## LADS TO LEADERS TAILGATE PARTY

**August 29** in the Family Foyer, 11-1 pm

Please sign up on the children's bulletin board.

## 5th - 6th GRADE SUNDAY NITE LIVE

**August 29**, after evening services.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, **September 10** at **6:30 pm**.  
In the Teen Room.

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

**September 24**, 6:00-9:30pm

This will serve as an outreach to our community. Please see the sign-up in the lobby. Also, watch for info on the MH website. If you have questions, please see Scott Griffith

**\*Maple Hill children may attend only if their parent(s) work the evening, as this is community outreach. Thanks for your understanding.\***



## Coming Soon

**Sunday, August 22nd**  
Last Day to sign up and turn in money for Rafting

**Wednesday, August 25th**  
Bible 101 @ 5:00 PM  
in Teen Room, Dinner at 6:00 PM

**September 4-5**  
Men's Rafting Trip, Boys 12 and older are invited

**September 4th**  
Devo after Evening Worship

**Bible 101...**Bible 101 will continue this Wednesday night at 5:00 PM in the Teen Room. Please make plans to attend this "back to the basics" Bible study. Bring a friend or two along with you. We will be studying God's word so bring your Bibles, notebooks, and questions along with you.



**Rafting Trip for Boys 12 and Older...**Don't forget to sign up to go on the rafting trip to the Ocoee River on Saturday, September 4th. All boys 12 years and older can sign up to go. The deadline to sign up and turn in money is TODAY, August 22nd. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions see Landon.

**Devotional...**Sunday, September 5, after the evening services we will be having a devotional in the Teen Room. Come enjoy time with each other, food, and devotional. More to come on this later. We hope you are all there!

## CORRECTION MILITARY ADDRESS

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## MAGI BOXES

Collection of items for the Magi boxes will continue through September 26. Reminder that postage for each box is \$7.00. If you would like to make a donation to help ship a box, make your check to Maple Hill and give to either Joe and Elaine Widick or Bill and June Bryson.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would be willing to help stock pencils and attendance cards.

