

WHERE WERE YOU LAST

Where were you last Wednesday night, last Sunday morning, or the last time your Class Care Group got together for a time of fellowship or a service project?

Now we know that we are not saved by attending congregational worship or being an active participant in our Class Care Groups. However, these are proven and powerful ways that build our relationship with God and with each other. We attend these gatherings to find a place of refuge from a perverse world, and to renew our strength that Satan continually seeks to deplete. We are not saved by attending our gatherings. However, when we do not participate in these gatherings we deprive ourselves of great blessings that God has provided for us.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

We are not saved by attending such gatherings. But consider this, how many Christians decide to "fall away?" Not many. Most Christians who do "fall away" do so in small increments. They miss a study here, they miss an assembly there, and before they know it, they have removed a vital part of their life. It is not long before they engage in habits and practices that they would not have even considered when they were actively involved with the forever family at Goodman Oaks.

Make no mistake about it, we are not saved by attending such gatherings. However, one of the primary purposes of our gatherings is to hold Jesus up so we can focus on Jesus and draw strength from Jesus. If you miss such gatherings then the question has to be, are you focusing on Jesus?

We are not saved by such gatherings. I know that we have responsibilities such as work, family needs, or perhaps sickness that keeps us from meeting with the forever family. But if we are honest with ourselves we need to ask what keeps me from meeting with other Christians. Is it a legitimate reason, or is it a weak excuse?

- Perhaps it is time to re-evaluate your priorities.
- Perhaps it is time to recognize some lazy habits.
- Perhaps it is time to confess some sin.

It is the time to focus on Jesus, to recommit your life to walking with him, and to richly receive all the blessings he has for you. Congregational worship is a blessing. Participating in our Class Care Groups is a blessing. Come and be blessed.

**Grace & Peace
Derek**

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live, call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Helen Denton** is dealing with gout.
- **Julie Golden** will have out-patient surgery **Monday, May 7.**
- **Emily Ready** is in the early stages of a high risk pregnancy. Pray for Banks also.
- **Phillip Jones** has congestive heart failure.
- **Lula Whittle** is at North Delta Hospice.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Danny Jackson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Tom MacMillan, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Jerry Richardson, Jack Usery, Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Jane Winstead, Jeanette Williams.

REHAB: Peggy McGowen

Hospice: Lula Whittle

SHUT-INS: Mary Lou Bennett, Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Lynn Stalnaker, Helen Weathers.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Pam Edwards, Sallye Giles, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Mary Jackson, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to the Lightkeepers class for organizing, cooking and cleaning for our 5th Sunday fellowship.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Camp is now open. Please be sure to go to www.sardislakechristiancamp.org to register your child. The full amount is not due at registration. You can pay a deposit only. The dates for our session of camp are **Sunday, May 27 – Saturday, June 2!**

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MINISTRY

Teachers and assistants from cradle role to grade 5 are invited to a security class with Mark Kimbell, **today.** We will discuss safety issues and upcoming curriculum. Box lunches will be provided. The meeting will begin at **11:30AM** in the Lifeguard Classroom # 20.

SENIOR SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 20** we will be honoring our graduating Seniors. Plan to be with us for a day of fellowship as we honor **Allison Davis** (Desoto Central), **Silas Nelson** (Desoto Central), **Austin Rivers** (Lewisburg), and **Caroline Byrd** (Hernando). They will be recognized and presented with a Bible in the morning service and then a more personal tribute will be given in the evening service with finger foods, slideshow, and games to follow.

Reminders . . .

- ☞ Goodman Oaks will be helping at Field of Dreams (Snowden Park) on **May 8th and 10th. 6:00-7:30PM.** Call Susan Brownfield for information.
- ☞ Mother's Day is **Sunday, May 13.**
- ☞ The TLC's will meet at Hazel's **Tuesday, May 15, at 8:30AM.**
- ☞ **VBS is July 15—18, 2018**

Invite a friend to Worship

COLLEGE SENIORS

We want to congratulate all of our seniors graduating from college. This is the beginning for you not the end. Remember, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13.

December Graduates: Cody Cottrell—Nursing
Sarah Walker—Nursing

May Graduates: Rachel Jackson—Pre-Med
Luke McNamara—Music Education
Charis McNamara—Biology
Kathleen Reed—Nursing



SUMMER INTERNS

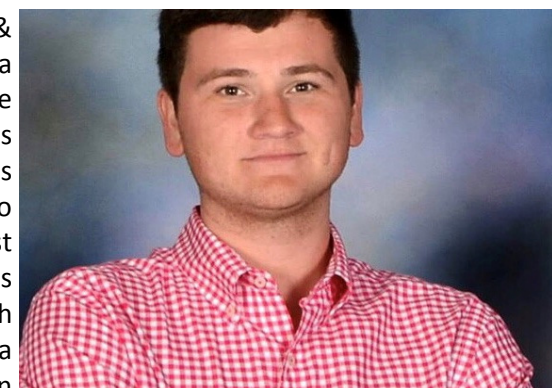
I would like to introduce our summer interns to the congregation. They will be helping with all the teen activities we have planned for the summer.



My name is **Courtney Cottrell** and I am from Memphis Tennessee and my parents are Todd and Susan Cottrell. I will be entering into my third year at Harding University as a nursing major in the fall. I recently returned home from a study abroad trip in Greece where for three months we got the opportunity to travel all throughout the footsteps of Paul and even went to Israel

where we walked in the footsteps of Christ. I'm very excited to work with the youth this summer and to grow spiritually along with them.

I am **Blake Loper**, son of George & Jamie Loper. I am currently a Junior at Mississippi State University. My major is Sports Administration. My goal for this summer as a youth intern is to give back to the youth group just a little of what Goodman Oaks has given to me over the years. With God's guidance I pray to be a good example to the young men and women of Goodman Oaks and strive to help them grow into stronger and more knowledgeable children of God.



WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today.

- We have an attended **nursery** for **0-2 year olds** available off the foyer.
- **Children ages 3-5** will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church in **room # 21**. Pick up time is after the song of invitation.
- **Hearing assistance** is available at the sound booth.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call **Derek McNamara** at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class	9:00AM
Morning Assembly	10:00AM
Evening Assembly	5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00PM
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Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

"A Farewell Blessing"

2 Peter 1:1—2

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contribution:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 24,929
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	356
Morning Assembly	526
Midweek Class	208



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader - Todd Cottrell

484 "You Are My All In All"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

959 "Just A Little Talk With Jesus"v1
800 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"v1

Prayer - Elvis Davis

329 "What A Savior"

The Lord's Supper & Offering - Scotty Smith

"Holy Spirit Dwell In Me"

"Great Are You Lord"

480 "Blessed Assurance"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

"A Farewell Blessing"

2 Peter 1:1—2

Invitation Song - **924** "Just As I Am"

Shepherd's Prayer - Marty Brownfield

We proclaim Jesus,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

~ **Colossians 1:28** ~

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