

Wednesday Night Fellowship

September 23, 2015

Meal: Taco Salad, Corn, Refried Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

Program: Bill Carter - Session 2 of 3

How We Got Our Bible:

"The Early Christians and the Bible"

Reservations please by Tuesday 9/22
indicate # of people:

\$6.50 ____ Adults & Children 12 or older

\$3.00 ____ Children age 3-11 (meal above) or

\$3.00 ____ Children 3- 11 (PBJ/Applesauce)

\$6.50 ____ To Go Orders (reservation required)

Cost: Excluding To Go orders, \$22 maximum for a family of 4—each additional family member over age 11 is \$5.50; age 3-11 \$3.00.

NAME: _____

You can pay online (thru the QR code) or via website or pay on Wednesday night. You can tear off this tab to register or register online.

FAMILY PROMISE

(A community wide program of many churches who work together to provide temporary housing, meals and more for those who need it.)

1ST CHURCH (THAT'S US) WILL HOST OUR GUESTS NEXT WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY SEPT 27 THROUGH SUNDAY OCT 4

Please contact the church office at 928-9222 if you can volunteer. Even if this is the first time, we can find someone to partner with you for your duties.

YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION ON THIS TEAR OFF TAB:

NAME: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

TEAR OFF PORTION OF BULLETIN - USE TO REGISTER FOR WED NIGHT MEAL; PRAYER REQUEST; EVEN A BOOKMARK!

WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS!

"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."

--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all others in the congregation

For Your Information:

Restrooms are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a **nursery** for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there **if you desire**.

If you would like to consider **becoming a member** of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the **CONNECTOR; TOP FLOOR**; go through door at the front and to the right side of sanctuary.

Church Staff:

Rev. Jane Taylor, Pastor

Email: jane.taylor@1stchurchjc.org

Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music

Lisa Reis, Dir. Youth Ministries

Kathie Battista, ELC Director

Steve Reis, Dir. Community Outreach/ Discipleship

Bree Nelson, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Susan Dove Fields, Organist

Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer

David Gbaa, Custodian

Joshua Gbaa, Custodian

Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef

Kristi Henn, Nursery

Website: www.1stChurchJC.org

Phone: (423) 928-9222

Wednesday Night Programs for the rest of 2015

September 30: Bill Carter presents "How We Got Our Bible"
3rd Session: The Bible in Every Day Language

October 7: "Blessing of the Animals" at Powell Park

October 14, 21: (1) The Daniel Plan or (2) Cyberbullying - by Bree Nelson

October 28: Trunk of Treats

November 4, 11, 18: (1) The Daniel Plan or (2)"Turnips and Tinsel" presented by Fran Waterbury (3) Ceramics Class by Nancy Honeycutt

November 25: No Wednesday Night Meal/Program

December 2, 9, 16, 23: Advent Sessions: Fellowship Hall



Join us! **NEXT WEEK:**
UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN
SUNDAY

United
Methodist
Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

† QUARTERS

The Children's Department is collecting quarters to provide change as part of 1st CHURCH INASMUCH DAY to provide the quarters for Laundromat Love where volunteers will put quarters into the machines to help neighbors coming in to do their laundry. Change for change.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt

GREETERS: Linda Talley, Bill McClellan, Betty Gouge, Kent & Midge Merrill

PRAYER: Dianna Boorman **CROSSBEARER:** Rowan Mills

ACOLYTE: Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson

AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock



First United Methodist Church

900 Spring Street

Johnson City, TN 37604

Celebrating the Gospel and Worshiping God

September 20, 2015

10:30 am

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" arr Paul Karvonen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come here today, not because we are clever, but because God welcomes all regardless of the level of our education.

People: We come here, not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.

Leader: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truths will come from those who see themselves as little children in God's Kingdom.

People: O Lord, open our minds and our hearts; enable our lives to declare Your praise.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "God of Grace and God of Glory" **No. 577**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Wise and understanding God:

All: Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the wind. We are jealous of others and selfish for our own good. We boast of our own wisdom. We ignore Your ways of gentleness and mercy. By following our own desires, we find our lives littered with disorder and conflict.

We need You, Father. We run to You for forgiveness and new life. Give us the willingness to put others first, and the wisdom to serve instead of seize. Let us submit to Your wisdom, so that we might bring righteousness, peace, and justice to others in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Welcome to 1stChurch. We're glad you are here. Please sign the **red** folder in pew.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The Lord is steadfast in love and hears the prayers of all who come seeking mercy. Brothers and sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to forgive and serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Following the Time for Children, those 3 years old through 4th grade may gather with the adult at the doorway to the right of the lectern to attend King's Kids)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

MORNING PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The altar of our church is always open; in particular, you are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar during the morning prayer time as well as during the closing hymn after the sermon. If you desire assistance please signal you would like someone to pray with you.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "I Need Thee Every Hour" **No. 397**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Jesus Loves Me" arr Fred Bock

***DOXOLOGY** **No. 94**

***GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 9:30-37

ANTHEM "Shepherd's Psalm"

The King of Love, my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows. Thine oil anoints my head.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.
And in Thy house, forevermore, my dwelling place shall be.

SERMON "Welcome!" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Be Thou My Vision" **No. 415**

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

*A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER



Flowers for the altar this morning are placed to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Sammy Barnes
by Delores, Deana, Linda, Doris & Tom

With Sympathy and Prayers For Comfort

Our Church Family extends sympathy to Donna Wilkinson and family for the recent loss of her dad, Jay O. Stevenson, of Oak Ridge, who passed away Sunday Sept 13, 2015



1st Church Family also extends sympathy to Billy Walker, Katie Uelhof and their families for the recent loss of Billy's mother, Belva Walker, of Nashville, who passed away Sunday, Sept 13, 2015.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Clare Warren, parents, & grandparents
Jane Eddy and her parents
Ralph and Joan Garland
Evelyn Moore
Frank Gregg
Carrie Denny
Chuck Short
Donna Wilkinson's parents, & Donna
Tony Woodall
Bonnie and Clay Marrs
Carol Anne Milliken
Mary McClellan
The Moore Family: Angie, Bailey, Eric
Scott Huff
The Kellum Families
Judy Story and family
Bobbie Wells
Ann Patton
Catherine Mason

Gail, her brother, and son
Amy Dryburgh
Donna Wilkinson and family
Billy Walker, Katie Uelhof and family
1stChurch InAsMuch Day
Linda Stanley
Harold Green, Nancy Hopson's dad
Sue Zabala
Phil Gray
Our Church and Action Plan following
Ministry Architects Consultation
Our Staff
Our Pillar Teams, Chairpersons
Our Committees, Members,
Our Early Learning Center
All Who Attend our Church
and All we need to invite

Sept. 20, 2015 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

IT'S NOT TOO LATE . . .

. . . BUT IT IS GETTING CLOSE!

**PORTRAIT SESSIONS HAVE
BEGUN BUT THERE IS STILL TIME
TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINT-
MENT FOR THIS AFTERNOON,
MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY.**

*YOU ARE NEEDED. THE CONNEC-
TION'S PILLAR WANTS THE NEW DI-
RECTORY TO BE AS COMPLETE AS
POSSIBLE. DON'T MAKE THEM CHASE
YOU DOWN FOR A PICTURE!! ☺*



**ELECTRONIC GIVING
AVAILABLE**

Scan this QR code

TWO SAVE THE DATES FROM OUTREACH:

**TRUNK OF TREATS/WEDNESDAY NIGHT
OCTOBER 28: 5:45 - 7:00 PM (NOTE TIME)**

**HOLIDAY TASTE OF 1ST CHURCH
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
HELPING YOU STAY INFORMED AND PLAN AHEAD**

**Help Us Find Homes:
2 TYPES OF T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

**Royal Blue 1stChurch t-shirts available for \$8;
Remaining sizes: 2 children's medium, 5 adult
large, and 7 adult mediums. First come first
serve. Contact Jamee Roberts at
jameejosroberts@yahoo.com**

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shirts also available - \$15.00 donation for the
ESUMC mission - contact Karl Kapoor at
knkapoor@charter.net**