

All Ladies & Young Ladies Day

are invited to a Tea Party & Ladies Day

On March 18, 2023 at the Church of Christ at Brushy
774 Hwy 48 South - Centerville TN 37033

"Being Ladies of Legacy: Pass It On" - Titus 2:3-5

Speakers: Cathy Powell & Katie Bell



8:30 – 9 a.m. Registration & Light Breakfast
-2 Sessions with a Children's Class during the 2nd Session-
11:30 - Noonish - A Tea Party

*We look forward to seeing you on this special day to praise
and worship our Heavenly Father!*

Brushy church of Christ
774 Hwy 48 South
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The Brushy Beacon
"Staying Humble in Thee in 2023"

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:00
Sunday Morning Service 10:00
Sunday Evening Service 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00

The church of Christ at Brushy

Elders	Deacons
Ricky Atkinson	Paul Johnston Terry Banks
James Atkinson	Kevin Johnston Justin Atkinson
Tony Duncan	Caleb Truett
Preacher: Kevin Johnston	

A World of Distractions by Kevin Cauley

We live in a world of distractions. Cell phones, television, romance novels, fantasy movies, electronic games, online videos, and many other diversions frequently shift our attention from where our focus should be. To be fair, not all distraction is bad. Sometimes we need distraction to rest our bodies, minds, and spirits from periods of intense work. Distractions may be unrelated to entertainment. We can be distracted by problems: at work, at home, financially, emotionally, physically. Distractions are problematic when they interrupt, delay, or prevent what is important; when we substitute the distraction for what is real; or when we cease focusing on what we need to be concerned about immediately. When we are driving, distractions are dangerous and deadly. When we are working, distractions create loss of productivity, delays in production schedules, and decreased income. When we are worshiping, distractions result in formalism, pharisaism, and heartlessness toward God (Matthew 15:9), which is not what Jesus wants.

How do we manage our distractions? First, we must have the right values. When we value the wrong things, we will be lured by distractions to do the wrong thing. Right values come from God's word (Matthew 4:4). Prioritizing these values will reduce distractions (Matthew 6:33). Second, we must focus on others instead of self (Philippians 2:1-4). When we are just trying to entertain self, distractions become the main focus. Investing time in other people means we are not just thinking about self. Third, we need self-control and discipline (1 Corinthians 9:27). When we cannot control our behavior, we pursue distraction. When we have no discipline, distractions take over. Finally, we must spend time in Bible study and prayer (1 Thess.5:16-22). These daily activities will help us in all of the above.



Family News and Notes

Visitors If you are visiting with us today, we want to hear from you. We are thankful for your presence. Please fill out a Visitor card and leave it in your seat.

Ladies Day Meeting... If you are helping with Ladies Day, please stay for a quick meeting following morning worship in the Ladies Classroom today.

Ladies Day Light Breakfast... There is a sign up sheet on the table in the back of the auditorium for the light breakfast. There are still things that need to be signed up for. Please have the breakfast items here by Friday, March 17.

Spring Archery, BB Shoot & Egg Hunt You are invited to the home of Rodney & Tessa Tucker on Saturday, April 1, at 3 P.M. for an afternoon full of fun! There will be crafts, games, BB & Archery Competitions, an Egg Hunt, a devotional and Bon Fire to roast hot dogs and make smores. There is a signupsheet on the table in the back for food. They ask that you please bring 12 candy filled eggs to help with the hunt.

Friends & Family Day WOW! We had a great Friends and Family Day last Sunday. It was an awesome crowd with 138 in attendance for morning worship. We appreciate all the work that went into making this day a success. Many seeds were planted as God's word was shared! It was a great day of worship!

A Happy Birthday to... Leland Porter...March 13

Our Deepest Sumpathies to... the family of Walter Gilbert. Please remember his wife, Lois, Mark, Paul and all the Gilbert family in your prayers. He is the brother of Ann (Carl) Bryant and Shirley Mayberry. He served as an elder here at Brushy in the 80's and 90's. He was a diligent student of God's Word. His funeral will be today at Mcdonald Funeral Home in Centerville at 2 P.M.

A One Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Mar. 12	Deut. 3-4	Mar. 15	Deut. 11-13	Mar. 18	Deut. 21-23
Mar. 13	Deut. 5-7	Mar. 16	Deut. 14-16		
Mar. 14	Deut. 8-10	Mar. 17	Deut. 17-20		



“Walk By Faith”

The apostles Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” This is our situation as we are at home in the body and absent from the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6). What does this mean? We live our lives by trusting in the words of Christ since we don't see Him directly. Romans 10:17 says, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” We must hear the word of God to have faith. In Hebrews 11:6, the Bible says, “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Notice that without faith we cannot please God. Therefore, without a word from God, we cannot please God. This is why it is critically important that we do everything by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:17). We must have a word from God to walk by faith and to be pleasing to God. Consider what Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica about being pleasing to God. He said, “Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2). From this verse we learn that 1) we can please God; 2) we please God by walking according to the commandments the apostles gave us, 3) outside of receiving the commandments of the apostles, we cannot say that we are pleasing God. We must have a word from God to please Him.

Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

- Anita Quillen** is continuing therapy and having good days and bad days.
- Mark Gilbert** will have an MRI in April and then talk to a surgeon.
- Megan Inman** daughter of Nancy Bryant's friend, is taking chemo treatments.
- Kenny Loveless** is waiting for a liver transplant.
- Rusty Colvett** brother of Nancy Bryant, is recovering after surgery to remove a bone in his nose.
- James Stoltz** uncle of Kim Atkinson, will have a stint put in on March 21.
- Jimmy Gilbert** brother of Ann & Shirley, is in the hospital.
- CJ Hinson** is at home sick.
- Keith Bryant** is at home dealing with Covid.
- Helen Bryant** is at home not feeling well.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Dealing with Cancer - Aaron Bell, Walter Gilbert, Juanita King, Glen Herrington, Roger Pace, Lynn Pigue, Kenny Loveless, Megan Inman
- Special Requests - Scottie Simmons, Kevin Lawson, Fred Bowman, Deborah Brazil, Ryan Horton, William Kirby, Claud & Glenda Teet, Jeff Lynn, Ronnie Howell, Carl Bryant, Leona White, Evelyn Barr, Joe Atkinson, Carl Bryant, Rachel Watts, Maddie Owens

Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

- Dickson Nursing Home... Larry Donaldson
- Life Care Centerville... Frances Qualls
- Lewis County Nursing Home... Lee Freese

Ongoing Prayer Reminders

- All in the military and civil workers overseas and their families right.
- All those Preaching and teaching the Good News all over the world.
- Our Government Leaders – Local, State, and National (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Our Elders and Deacons who oversee, care for, serve, and feed us spiritually. (Hebrews 13:7)

Upcoming Events

- *Saturday, March 18 ~ Ladies Day with Cathy Powell & Katie Bell
- *Saturday, April 1 ~ Easter Egg Hunt & Target Shoot at the Tucker's
- *Sunday, June 4-7 ~ Vacation Bible School – Theme: Operation Creation

For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class	79	Sunday Morning Worship	XX
Sunday Evening Worship	138	Wednesday Bible Study	37
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