

Staying Connected By Al Behel

A thirteen-year old boy told me that he just had to have his cell phone. His time was limited to 9:30 P.M. and that just wasn't enough time for him to talk with his friends. This scene is repeated over and over again in my office as parents use the loss of cell phones as a form of discipline. A fourteen-year old, who had few friends and no phone, requested that his parents buy him a phone even if he had no service so he would be able to walk along the beach on vacation looking like he was connected.

The "in" crowd for teens no longer means hanging out at the mall. It means having a cell phone which has become the primary mode of socializing for teens, and they will avoid kids who do not have phones. Text messaging has replaced face-to-face contacts, or even talking on the phone for teens. Everyone wants to be "connected." Robbie Blinkoff of Context, a Baltimore company which uses anthropologists to study consumer trends concludes, "Next time a teenager says, 'Dad, if I don't have a phone, I'm going to be a nobody,' they are being serious.

We need to stay connected, but in ways that go far beyond cell phones. We need instant and continual contact with God. To be separated from Him for just one minute is too long. The apostle Paul captured the essence of this need when he said, "In Him we live and move and have our very being." We depend on Him for every breath, every thought and every movement. We need Him more than we need anything else.

And we need to stay connected with one another through our fellowship with Jesus. Disconnected Christians are at great risk of dying spiritually. We need mutual encouragement and support in our efforts to remain faithful in a faithless world. We need to pray for one another, admonish one another, forgive one another, and love one another. We need to lift each other up when we fall, and go after each other when we stray.

Staying connected is the key to staying faithful. The early Christians met regularly for fellowship, to receive apostolic teaching, break bread together, and to pray. Do we need less?

Brushy church of Christ
774 Hwy 48 South
Centerville TN 37033



The Brushy Beacon

"Staying Humble in Thee in 2023"

April 30, 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

Welcome to Our Special 5th Sunday with Jon Hackett Speaking

9 A.M. Bible Class:

"Encouraging Family Members to Faithfulness"

10 A.M. Morning Worship:

"Achieve the Incredible with Enthusiasm"

1 P.M. Evening Worship:

"Why We Study the Bible"

We are so glad you are here and thank you for your attendance!

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.

Meet Jon Hackett... Jon Hackett is the pulpit minister for the church of Christ at Lomax in Hohenwald, Tn. He has worked with churches in Alabama, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Costa Rica, Greece, and Kenya. He continues to teach and serve organizations in the United States, Europe, Central America, and Africa. He holds a Master's degree in Organizational Development with a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation. Aside from working with churches, he also works with organizations, businesses, educational systems, that desire to strengthen their people's ability to lead and grow. Currently, he serves as a member of the Board of Governors for Kenya Christian Industrial Training Institute and the Institute of Practical Christian Ministry in Nairobi Kenya. He and his wife Rabhel, have been married for over 26 years, and have two beautiful daughters, Emily and Grace.

Secret Sisters Just a reminder to remember your Secret Sister as Mother's Day is approaching. Remember her with a card or gift. If you have questions or need assistance, see Cindy Atkinson.


Education Committee Meeting There will be an Education Committee Meeting on Sunday, May 7, following the morning worship service.

Graduation Celebrations As the school year quickly comes to an end, we want to celebrate your graduates and their accomplishments. If you have a child or grandchild that will be graduating from Day School, High School, or College, please let Amy know so we can celebrate them in our bulletin!

Our Deepest Sympathies to... the family of Norman Durham. He is the son of Hilda Durham and the Late Gene Durham. His funeral will be May 2, at 1 pm at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald.

Adult Summer Series Our Wednesday Summer Series will begin on Wednesday, May 17, with Andy Baker speaking. He will be speaking on the Parable of the Talents on Matthew 25:14-30. We hope you will make plans to attend!

Area Wide Singing Brushy will be hosting the Area Wide Singing on Friday, May 12, at 7 P.M. We usually have 60+ visitors to come on this night. We will have finger foods at the Annex, so bring your favorite finger foods and plan to attend.

A One Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan					
April 30	Psalm 102-104	May 3	Psalm 106-107	May 6	Psa. 89; 96; 100; 101; 105; 132
May 1	2 Sam 5:1-10; 1 Chr 11-12	May 4	2 Sam. 5:11-6;23; 1 Chr. 13-16		
May 2	Psalm 133	May 5	Psa. 1-2; 15; 22-24; 47; 68		

Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

- Mark Gilbert** remains in the Hospital and will have his heart shocked back into rhythm this week.
- Cathy Duncan** continues to deal with health issues.
- Nancy Bryant** had an MRI last week on her back and will have a follow up appointment on May 8.
- Mary Nell Mayberry** daughter of Delton & Barbara, has begun aggressive chemo therapy treatments.
- Demi Rickle** – 10 month old granddaughter of Keith Bryant's coworker, is very sick with cancer.
- Joe Vandyke** brother in law of Jo Atkinson, has begun taking chemo and radiation treatments.
- Judy Goodman** is in a swing bed in the Centerville Hospital.
- Kenny Loveless** is preparing for a liver transplant.
- Judy Rogers** is in Richland Place for Rehab.

Continuing Prayer Requests

Dealing with Cancer - Aaron Bell, Roger Pace, Lynn Pigue, Kenny Loveless, Megan Inman, Debbie Pierce, Ricky Chandler, Michael McCann,
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, Rachel Watts, Maddie Owens

Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Dickson Nursing Home... Larry Donaldson Life Care Centerville... Frances Qualls

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

- *Today, April 30 ~ Special 5th Sunday with John Hackett Speaking
- *Friday, May 12 ~ Brushy Hosts the Area Wide Singing at 7 P.M
- *Wednesday, May 17 ~ Wednesday Night Summer Series Begins with Andy Baker
- *Sunday, June 4-7 ~ Vacation Bible School

For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class	Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday Evening Worship	Wednesday Bible Study
Contribution	\$1962