

# God's Team: Stories of God's Power

June 1-4, 2025

Adult Class Speaker: Shane Willis

Teens: Sunday - Kellen Beard & Mon.-Wed. Mickey Mathis

Bible Classes for All Ages ~ Taught by Brushy's Own

VBS Kickoff on Sunday, June 1, at 5:30 P.M.

**7 P.M. Sunday: GOD MAKES THE SUN STAND STILL**

**Aim:** To learn that with God on our side, we don't have to be afraid.

**Bible Text:** Joshua 10:1-15

**7 P.M. Monday: GOD WINS WITH A SMALL ARMY**

**Aim:** To see that even if God's instructions don't make sense to us, we should obey Him.

**Bible Text:** Judges 7:1-23

**7 P.M. Tuesday: GOD GIVES LIFE TO A BOY**

**Aim:** To remember that God is all powerful--even over death.

**Bible Text:** 2 Kings 4:8-37

**7 P.M. Wednesday: JESUS HEALS A MAN'S HAND**

**Aim:** To learn that Jesus had the power to heal and He didn't follow the rules of men.

**Bible Text:** Luke 6:5-11

**We will closeout our VBS on Wednesday night with ice cream & cookies!**

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## The Brushy Beacon

"Let God's Word Be Our Guide in 2025"

May 4, 2025

### 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

Ricky Atkinson  
James Atkinson  
Tony Duncan

#### Deacons

Paul Johnston      Terry Banks  
Kevin Johnston      Justin Atkinson  
Caleb Truett

**Preacher:** Kevin Johnston

### God Working in the Background by Dan Jenkins

The Bible clearly says, "Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father above" ([Jas. 1:17](#)). While we might sometimes misunderstand what is truly good, there is no doubt that there has never been a good and perfect gift which does not come from God. It is so wonderful to read the Bible and see where God reveals just how He often works in the background to bring blessings to His people.

Think of the providence of God in the life of Joseph and how it shows He works. Years before anyone understood what was actually happening, God gave Joseph two dreams about what some day would come about. The first dream concerned his brothers' bundles of wheat bowing down to Joseph's bundle. When he told his brothers this dream, their hatred of him became even greater. When he told them of the second dream, where the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to Joseph, his father, Jacob, rebuked him by saying, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" ([Gen. 37:7-10](#)).

Because we know the "rest of the story," we read and immediately understand how all of this came about. There was no way Jacob, Joseph or any of his brothers could have imagined how this would happen, even as it was happening. This is such a revelation about how God used events (even the jealous hatred Joseph's brothers had, the lies of Potiphar's wife and the seven years of famine) to accomplish His purpose. Any of them could have asked at various times in their lives, "Where is God?" It is only afterwards that Joseph could look backwards and say to his brothers, "God sent me before you to preserve life... You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive" ([Gen. 45:50](#); [50:20](#)).

Some might foolishly say, "Jacob and his children were so lucky that Joseph was the ruler in Egypt." It was not luck—it was God working in the shadows. How do we know this for certain? It is because God foretold it in the two dreams.

The only way anyone can know that a specific event was God working in the shadows is for God to speak to that specific event and say, "I did that." To see this, read the words of Mordecai to Esther about all that had happened to enable her to become Queen of Persia. "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this" ([Esther 4:14](#)). Without divine revelation, we cannot know any specific event happens because God changed the world to make it happen. We do not need to know, for it is enough to know that every good gift comes from our Father.



## Family News & Notes

### Congratulations to...

...Tate Atkinson who will be graduating from the Centerville church of Christ Day School on May 22. He is the son of Justin and Emily Atkinson, the grandson of James & Kim Atkinson & Gary Gatewood, and the Great Grandson of Glenda Tanner.

...Reed Grimes who will be graduating from the Centerville church of Christ Day School on May 22. He is the son of Drew & Katie Grimes and the grandson of David & Jeannine Grimes and Phillip & Jodie Bates.

Congratulations to... Devin & Gracie Johnston! They were married on April 26, at the Pinewood church of Christ. Devin is the son of Kevin & Amy and Grandson of Paul & Evelyn Johnston. Gracie is the daughter of Carla Smith. We wish them many years of love, faithfulness, and service to our God.

Team 1 – Compassion Card Group You will need to sign cards today in the Ladies Classroom following the morning worship service. It will not take you long. Please see Tony or Cathy if you have questions.

*Jim, Louise, Beverly      Jim, & Pamela Brooks      Lois & Mark*

*Cindy, Crystal, Laynie      Brad, Jacinda, Emma, Lynlee, Ansleigh, Everleigh      Leland & Savannah*

Secret Sisters Please remember your Secret Sister on Mother's Day, May 11. Even if your Secret sister is not a mother, some flowers or a gift would be nice. If you have questions, please see Cindy.

All Ladies... will meet today, May 4, up front in the auditorium to discuss the shower for Byron Tucker & Emma Porter which is on May 10. If you can't stay and would like to help, please contact Amy.

Brushy is Hosting the... Friday Night Area Wide Singing on Friday, May 9. There is a singup sheet for food on the table. We will eat at 5:30 P.M. and the singing will begin at 7 P.M. We need you to attend and help out as we will be hosting around 70 visitors. We greatly appreciate your help with this! If you have any questions, please contact Amy or Pamela.

The Education Committee... will need to meet following the evening worship service on Sunday, May 11, to discuss the Summer Series. We will meet in the Ladies Classroom.

4 Weeks to VBS Our Vacation Bible School will be on June 1-4. Shane Willis will teach the Auditorium class. Kellen Beard will teach the teenage class on Sunday Night and Mickey Mathis will teach the teenage class on Monday – Wednesday. All other classes will be Brushy's Own. Each Lesson is listed on page 4 of the bulletin. Please be praying, preparing, and inviting friends and neighbors to our VBS. It is a great evangelistic opportunity to share the Gospel. Please see James and Kim for further details.

Graduation Celebration We will celebrate Darby Tidwell and Mason McNabb on Sunday, May 18, following the morning worship service with a fellowship meal. They will both be graduating from Hickman County High School. If you have questions, please contact Cathy or Crystal.

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!

Remind Messages To continue to receive messages and updates, please download the Remind App. You will need to join our class. The code is 79f2fbk, You can download the Remind App from either Google Play or the Apple Store. Please do so. If you have any questions or need help, please see Amy.

A Happy Birthday to... Clara Shannon...May 7      Kim Atkinson...May 9

## Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

**Lois Gilbert** will not have a treatment for 3 weeks and then recheck everything.

**Jett Owsley** a 4-year-old with a rare brain tumor and is continuing radiation treatments.

**Karen Bowen** mother of Wendy Tucker, is continuing to have health issues.

### Continuing Prayer Requests

Dealing with Cancer - Glen Herrington, Rodney Tune, Tina Kvapil

Special Requests - Chris Allen, Miranda Smith, Judy Goodman, Randy Dotson, Colleen Perkins  
Alaina Rylie, Annis Womack, Brenda Horner, Blake Furr

### Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Community Living Center in Murfreesboro... Fred Bowman

### 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, May 10 ~ Brushy Hosts the Friday Night Singing – Meal at 5:30 P.M. & Sing @ 7

\*Sunday, May 11 ~ The Education Committee will meet following Evening Worship

\*Sunday, May 18 ~ Graduation Celebration Meal after A.M. Worship for Darby & Mason

\*Wednesday, May 14 ~ Adult Wednesday Night Summer Series Begins with Dale Jenkins

\*Sunday, June 1-4 ~ Vacation Bible School with Shane Willis, Kellen Beard, & Mickey Mathis

\*Sunday, June 11 ~ Youth Summer Series Begins & Dale Jenkins speaks in Auditorium Class

### For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

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You're Invited to a Wedding Shower Honoring  
**Byron Tucker & Emma Porter**

On Saturday, May 10, from 1 to 3 P.M.

They are registered at Amazon & Walmart

Both Ladies and Gents are Invited!

Hosted by Anderson Bend & Brushy at the Brushy Annex

