

Follow Jesus

June 2016



e-Newsletter

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

→ Keenagers



Senior Saints Outing

When: June 2nd
Time: 11:30
Where: Johnson University

We will meet at the Church and travel together. Please contact Jean Idell if you have questions (789-9081).

→ Camp Dates



Smoky Mountain Christian Camp invites kids and youth to sign up for camp! Camp weeks are available for kids and youth.

ELEMENTARY:

Junior (3rd-4th Grade) June 19-23
Beginner's (1st-2nd Grade) June 23-24

INTERMEDIATE:

Adventure (5th-6th Grade) June 5-10
Regular (5th-6th Grade) June 26-July 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Regular- June 12-17
Adventure- July 17-22

HIGH SCHOOL:

Regular- July 3-9 (WTCC Youth attending)
Adventure- July 10-15

For more details, or to register: smccamp.com

→ Summer Kids Events



ELEMENTARY OVERNIGHTER

When: June 17th
Who: Rising 1st-6th

ELEMENTARY EXPEDITION

When: June 28th
Who: Rising 1st-6th

We are excited about this summer's events! Instead of VBS, we are offering experiences throughout the summer for kids to grow closer to Jesus and each other.

Parents: Stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, feel free to contact heather@followjesus.org for information.



SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

West Towne offers a variety of opportunities to serve inside and outside of our Church walls. Here are some opportunities this summer:

Our Preschool Ministry is looking for leaders and subs for both services. Contact rhonda@followjesus.org for details.

One Way Kids has several openings for leaders. Heather would love to talk with you about a place on the Kids' Team. Contact heather@followjesus.org for more information.

"Working Wednesdays" is an opportunity for 7th-12th grades to put their faith into action. Outings will take place June 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th. For details, contact marshall@followjesus.org

Help people in our community by serving with the Furniture Ministry! This will take place on June 18th from 9am until noon. Sign up to help at followjesus.org/furnitureministry.

For more opportunities, check out followjesus.org/serve.

DON'T BE A SITTING DUCK

BY PASTOR GEORGE CLARK

School is out. Time to relax! That's good. But those warm breezes can make you feel like doing nothing at all: sleeping in on Sunday; no commitment to serving. With other activities going on, it's easy to let your spiritual life slide, saying, "I'll get going again in the fall."

Here at the start of summer break, let me encourage you to keep your spirit strong through daily prayer and Bible reading. One teacher at church admitted. "I was ashamed that my quiet time was such a flop. I never admitted that to the men and women I taught or mentioned it in the lessons I was writing. And I certainly didn't tell my wife about it. No wonder I sometimes felt like a hypocrite! I confessed my repeated failure to God, and I'm sure He forgave me. But I missed out on the joy of talking and listening to my Lord."

Here's what I encourage you to do. Recognize this as a spiritual problem rather than just a personal weakness. Face the fact that it's serious, but it doesn't have to continue. God will help you if you ask Him. Close the door of your room. Tell yourself, "The next half hour belongs to God." Give this chunk of time to Him just like you give Him a percentage of your income. This time is simply not available for other uses. Make use of variety. Use a devotion book with your Bible, or a book of songs. Keep a prayer log to jog your memory and keep track of God's blessings and answers to your prayers.

Satan grins when you give up daily worship. You're a sitting duck! Instead, make this the best summer of your spiritual life!

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



During this six week sermon series, we will explore what Jesus meant when he said, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" (Mark 1:17, NLT) As we walk through this sermon series together, let's consider the following during our quiet time:

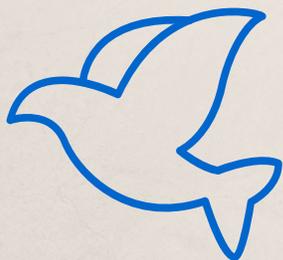
EVERY LIFE MATTERS TO GOD. What's on the line is important! How should you respond to that?

BE READY. Do you recognize what God has done for you through his gift of Salvation? Are you prepared to share that with others?

KNOW HOW TO CAST OUR NETS. Do you use every day conversations to share God's Truth?

KNOW WHERE TO FISH. We fish where we live! What places are you fishing?

LEARN TO BE PATIENT. Just because you cast your net, doesn't mean the fish will bite. Are you patient while fishing?



KARM

the thrift store with a mission
karm.org

KARM CORNERS OF THE FIELD

Did you know that WTCC partners with KARM? It's true! One of the ways that we partner with Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries, is through their Corner of Your Fields Program. When you donate items to KARM, let them know you are part of WTCC. In return, KARM sends us gift cards that can be used at their stores. We, in turn, hand these gift cards out to families in need that look to WTCC for assistance.

Hope for Pine Ridge

June 3-10

WTCC Youth are traveling to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Donations are being accepted through May 31st. You can help meet the needs of the Lakota people by contributing the following:

- * (New) Stuffed Animals for boys or girls
- * Baseball Caps
- * Sunglasses
- * Blankets
- * Toiletries
- * Monetary Donations

Items can be left in the donation box near Guest Services. If giving money, please note that it is for Pine Ridge. Questions? Contact marshall@followjesus.org



A FEW REMINDERS

➔ Leadership Election



It's time to elect Elders for 2016! Ballots are available in the Worship Center (on the top of the Communication Box). If you are 18 or older and a member at WTCC, we encourage you to submit your ballot no later than June 5th.

➔ Mail Slots



If you receive mail at the Church, it is placed alphabetically by last name in the mail slots. This is located to the left after entering the FLC.

➔ Church Directory



Have you signed up for our online directory? If not, you still have time to join!

Go to followjesus.org/directory to customize the personal information you wish to share with fellow WTCC members

➔ Lost & Found

Missing a Bible? Or maybe your favorite sweater? It could be in our Lost & Found! Stop by Guest Services and ask. There is also a Lost & Found Box located in the FLC beside the vending machines.

➔ Communication Cards



Do you have a suggestion, comment or question? We'd love to hear from you!

Communication Cards are available in the Worship Center, on top of the Communication Box. Fill it out and place it in the box.



PRAYER

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded of the power of prayer.

"Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help." -Psalm 39:12 (NIV)

"Lord, teach us to pray." -Luke 11:1

"After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed." -John 17:1

"They all joined together constantly in prayer." -Acts 1:14

Prayer is central to our walk with God. Whether we are praying alone, with a friend, or with a group, it draws us closer to the heart of Jesus. At WTCC, we believe in the power of prayer.

Here are some ways you can join us in prayer:

- * Submit a prayer request or concern. These can be done online (followjesus.org/prayer) or by filling out a Communication Card.
- * Pray with us. Each week, a copy of our prayer concerns is placed in the Info Rack in the Lobby.
- * Join WOW (Women of Worth) on Tuesday mornings at 9am. Each week, they meet to walk (inside and outside) and pray for our church family and each other. WOW invites women of all ages to participate. (Note: If you are unable to walk, please join us for prayer time.)

startingpoint

Ready to get involved at WTCC?
Want to hear more about the
heartbeat of our church?
Join us for Starting Point on
June 5th!
followjesus.org/startingpoint

Thank you for supporting Kids
Hope this past school year!
This program is expanding and
mentors are needed for
2016-17 school year. Contact
heather@followjesus.org to get
involved.



Movin' On Up!

To better accommodate our
families, we are making
adjustments to some of our
promotion dates.
Rising 9th Graders have moved
up to HS Ministry.
Rising K5 Kids will moved up on
August 7th.
Elementary Parents:
Stay tuned for exciting news from
Heather!

Do you enjoy a Traditional Service?

Join us for our 6 pm Service!

Every Sunday in the Chapel.

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