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OK, Who Turned the Heat On?

Hebrews 12:2-4

*"**looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.**"*

Well, as anyone who has stepped out the doors in the past week has noticed, we have been in a bit of a heatwave... yes, and a record-breaking heatwave at that. Time again, as a new Tennessean, I have been told that, "Yes... it does get

hot from time to time, but... this is unusually hot for our area in the mountains." Now, that's good to hear and know, but the reality is that you still have to deal with the current situation and ... whew... boy has it been hot!

The term and idea of heat can be used in multiple ways. It can relate to temperature, but it can also speak of an uncomfortable situation or event. For example, how many times have you heard someone say when a situation got a little rough, "Boy, it is getting a little warm in here." Additionally (of course along the same lines), someone might say that a conversation got "a little heated" - or someone

was about to "blow their top" (the idea of steam coming through).

The truth is, like the seasons, we will experience times of cool and refreshing, but we also get balmy hot and frigid cold. And when we experience those harsh temperatures, we can't throw up our hands and quit, but rather we have to recognize - this is simply life (life is not always pleasant, but neither is it always tough).

Well, our spiritual lives are very much the same. There will be times of great spiritual sweetness; however, there are going to be times of difficulties and valleys through which we would have preferred not to

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walk – but walk them we must. It is important to remember that God often looks to the difficulties in life to bring about our greatest transformation. That is, we tend to learn the most from hardships rather than from the joys of the mountaintops. And... think about it... you have to start in the valley to reach the mountaintop (and the valley helps us recognize the joys of the mountaintop).

The Scripture above teaches us something very powerful in this same light. Jesus endured all the suffering, and even the death of the cross, because He knew the forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life that would come through His sacrifice. No, He did not want to be tortured or experience horrific pain, but He knew that His Father was working something far greater than any creature could have imagined – our life through His death! And just like Jesus, sometimes we have to endure the heat of hardship (and sometimes it gets really hot), but we cannot lose heart. As the scripture teaches, we have not suffered to the point of losing our lives like Christ or other martyrs. We must be faithful to stay the course and recognize that we are co-laborers with our Savior, and we are fulfilling His sufferings for the good of all concerned.

And by the way, when I looked up our weather and saw how hot things were going to be in Bristol, I also looked around the USA... and guess what, the heat wave was hitting them too! So... remember, hardships are not just hitting me or you, they hit us all. That's why we need to, and must always, pray for each other!

Maranatha,
Pastor Shane



Church Family,

Summertime is a season of great opportunity. It's a time for connection and growth. I hope you are branching out and spending time with family, as well as working on building stronger relationships with all those people in your network.

At Tennessee Avenue, we have instituted the Summer Social event on Sunday evenings after church, with the intention of our families spending time playing and interacting. It's been so much fun! Please come and join us if you haven't made it yet.

Another enormous opportunity for our church family is Vacation Bible School. I don't know of an event that has more potential to impact the church family than VBS. Psalm 22:30-31 says, *"Our children will also serve him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord. His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything he has done."* This is a solid promise of God; we can stand up and teach God's truth and He promises that the next generation will hear it and serve Him.

VBS is a church family event. It is aimed at children, but it is a call to the entire Family of God to engage. Malachi 4:5-6 says, *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."* As the Spirit of our Father is actively ministering to His children (I pray that's you and me), Malachi's prophecy tells us that the effect will be a generational healing between the older and younger folks in our church families. VBS is an event that reveals the true health of a church's generational connections. Our Father's desire and design is clear in Scripture, and that is why our enemy works so hard in destroying generational alignment.

Our VBS is scheduled for July 17-22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening. We need your help. Please understand that at this point in history, our Father wants to stop the spread of the curse. The clearest way for us to join in the work of our Father (John 5:17) is to turn our hearts to the children. This is my plea to each and every one of you; we can break the curse and release the blessing of God over our church family by serving our Savior in some capacity during VBS. All of us have different gifts and abilities; even just your presence and prayers can be a powerful encouragement. Let's do VBS as a strong family who has a perfect Father this year. God bless your Summer!

Praying Malachi 4:5-6 over our church,

Bro. Paul
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

**IF THE SON THEREFORE
SHALL MAKE YOU FREE,
YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED.
JOHN 8:36**

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



Hi Families!

Happy 4th of July! Please enjoy this simple and meaningful devotion with your family from Kidzmatter.

Announcement: VBS is so so so close!

We are in DESPERATE need of teachers and group leaders! Please let me know if you are willing to help in this area. This will be a fun and rewarding for experience for both the kids and the adults. We will have dinner each night, and inflatables on Friday night. Get ready for some fun!!!

Miss April
Children's Ministry Director

FAMILY DEVOTION

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY?
(TALK ABOUT IT)

IN AMERICA, WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM. WE DECLARED THAT WE WERE FREE FROM ENGLAND AND THAT THEY COULD NO LONGER CONTROL OR TAX US.

AS A CHRISTIAN, WE ARE FREE NOT FROM A COUNTRY BUT FROM SOMETHING ELSE. WHAT ARE WE FREE FROM?
(TALK ABOUT IT)

WE ARE FREE FROM SIN.

**Tennessee Avenue
Early Childhood Education**



Families,

It is hot, and the humidity is high! We're all burning up! But in a few months, it will be cold, and we will be freezing! And the kicker is, we are complaining. We're complaining about being hot, and we'll be complaining about being cold. It's a vicious cycle. But what if, for just a moment, we would be thankful for the heat, and then for the cold. It seems simple. However, why do we have such a hard time being thankful, but find it so easy to complain, about the littlest inconveniences in our lives? 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says: *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* It's hot outside, but we can find a place to cool off. When it's cold outside, we can find a place to warm up. What would happen if we started thanking God every day for little things? Maybe then, when there is something big going on in our lives, we will find it easier to find something to be thankful for!

Our Summer season is in full swing on campus, and things are staying busy! Camp is in full swing; we are learning about the Fruits of the Spirit. The Daycare and K4 are having a blast with a different theme based on Bible verses every week. We

are so thankful that God has placed so many children in our path, and it is our prayer that by the end of the Summer we will have been able to show Jesus to all these kids, and that they are able to take that with them into the new school year.

Blessings in Christ,

Jessica Sharrett
Early Education Center Director



SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ⇒ July 4th: Closed
- ⇒ July 14th: Closing at 3pm (Teacher Conference)
- ⇒ July 15th: Closed (Teacher Conference)

the month of JULY

birthdays

1 st Donna Dixon Doris Peters	13 th Tom Murray Doris Vance	23 rd Marvin Feagins
4 th Cadence Dixon Barbara Raymond	14 th Lauren Spence	24 th Janice Hicks Bradley Worley
5 th Ernie Fleenor	15 th Cooper Moore	25 th Sherry Zimmerman
6 th Brittany Sheffield	16 th Courtney Gent	27 th David Hunt
7 th Peggy Price	17 th Linda Altizer Jessica Carter	29 th Nancy Chapman
8 th Chris Blevins Bobbie Lewis Hollie Ryan Angelica Waugh	18 th Juanita Hicks	30 th Doris Gordon
9 th Linda Douberly Eddie Guy	20 th Neela Cooke	31 st Adelayde Gott Tarver Gott Evelyn Shipley
	22 nd Connie Stipes Donna Whisman	

God Bless AMERICA

anniversaries

1 st Ronnie & Nancy Blacklock	14 th Rick & Carol Hale	23 rd Caleb & Lindsey Boyd
10 th Keith & Debbie Boyd David & Sarah Hunt	16 th Tim & Vonda Beavers	29 th DJ. & Terry Ryan
	22 nd Paul & Donna Whisman	

Event Calendar

2 nd	Senior Adult Breakfast Golden Corral, Exit 7 9:00 am
3 rd	NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS - July 4 th Holiday
4 th	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY Church Office, Academy & Daycare Closed
6 th	Kidz Korner Children's Ministry Area 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
6 th	Youth Service TABC 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
7 th	Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm (Thursdays)
15 th	Choir Picnic Rec Area 6:00 pm
17 th -22 nd	Summer VBS TABC 6:30-8:30 pm
29 th	Senior Adult Trip-Riverboat Cruise Knoxville depart TABC 10:30 am

dear CHURCH family

thank you

Thank you for your get well wishes and the lovely bud vase of roses during my recent surgery and recovery. I greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Elaine Crowell (Daughter of Mary Bernard)



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TABC FINANCES

Tithes & Offerings

"...try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts... See Malachi 3:10

05/29/2022 Offering	\$6,340.32
06/05/2022 Offering	\$13,807.90
06/12/2022 Offering	\$6,703.00
06/19/2022 Offering	\$5,824.00
06/26/2022 Offering	\$6,994.00
On-line Giving 5/25-6/26/2022	\$19,268.65
Period Giving Total	\$58,937.87
Total 2022 offering YTD:	\$403,913.97

Bank Balances

Current Loan Balance	\$1,331,425.93
General Account	\$432,513.03
Designated Account	\$42,366.03
Daycare / Academy	\$213,217.03
Money Market	\$50,742.61

SUMMERTIME SOCIAL

SUNDAY EVENINGS AFTER CHURCH

Everyone is invited to join us at the Rec Area every Sunday night after church for games & fellowship! We'll play volleyball, basketball, 4-square, gaga ball, card games, or just sit around chatting. Bring your lawn chair and your favorite drink and enjoy your church family and friends!



SUMMER VBS
Make Waves
JULY 17-22
6:30-8:30 PM
Pre-register at: www.vbsmate.com/tabckidzbristol or visit tabaptist.org & follow the link on the VBS banner at the top of the home page.



Senior Adult Riverboat Cruise
Friday, July 29th

Senior Adults, join us for a riverboat cruise on the Tennessee River! The cost is \$42 per person; in order to ensure our group reservation, we must have all payments turned in to Mrs. Peggy or the Church Office by July 8th. No reservations can be taken after July 8th. Call the Church Office at 423-989-4325 for all the details.



SAVE THE DATE
Celebrating 32 years of Revival with...
Summer Revival
AUGUST 7-10
Sunday: 11am & 6pm
Monday-Wednesday: 7pm
Childcare provided for Infants through Pre-Schoolers.
Evangelist Rick Coram



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Prayer Prompter

*As we celebrate the day of our
independence from a tyrannical King,
Let us also declare our dependence on
The King of ALL Kings
by starting everyday in prayer.*

See Psalm 5:3

COME JOIN US!

SUNDAYS

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Children's Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Evening Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Kidz Korner	6:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

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