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Minister's Moment—Who Will You Listen To?

How many feel overwhelmed? Do any of you feel over-worked? Are there any reading this who are fatigued and wondering if they can go on? Are there some wishing for Jesus' return simply so that you can rest from all of the spiritual warfare you are engaged in? You may not be there now but I bet at some point in the not too distant past, you were there. The devil whispering in your ear, "Just give up. Throw in the towel. It is too hard and you are too weak. There is an easier way." I just want you to know that you are not alone. From the very beginning that has been the devil's ploy. Remember Job? Everything has been taken from him, children, wealth, his health; you know Job must have been struggling to even get out of bed in the morning. Listen to what his wife tells him.

Job 2:9 - His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die."

She asks, "why are you still fighting Job? Why are you still trying to live a godly life? And then she throws out the idea so often Satan tries to get us to embrace, just give up. She says it a little more forcefully, "Curse God and die." When stresses of life keep piling up and we keep wearing down it is easy to start considering that as an actual solution.

Instead of taking that path I want to encourage you to listen closely to the Words of our Lord. Jesus is speaking to Christians who are in the midst of a real struggle. Some of them are abundantly aware of the battle they are in while others seem to be oblivious, yet Jesus encourages them all to do the same thing.

Revelation 2:7 NKJV - He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '

Revelation 2:11 NKJV - He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." '

Revelations 2:17 NKJV - He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." '

Revelation 2:26 NKJV - And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations

Revelation 3:5 NKJV - He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelations 3:12 NKJV - He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

Revelations 3:21 NKJV - To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

What is it that Jesus called for them to do? Overcome! No matter what their specific situation was they were all called to overcome. Jesus didn't promise them easy. He didn't claim that Christianity would be a piece of cake. What He did promise is that if you overcome this world by holding on to Him and standing firm for Him, that He would reward us with eternity with Him in the Paradise the God has prepared. Life can be extremely hard BUT Jesus is walking with us and He is calling us to Overcome. Hang in there, it is beyond worth it!

August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
v  Vacation Bible School 2026 June 14-18					1 12:30pm-CC Route (Last Day)	2
3 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School 5:30pm -Community Cookout 	4 5pm Men's Bible Study	5 5am -Men's Study	6 5:30pm -C4 Family meal 6:30pm -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	7	8	9 7pm -Tweetsie Trail Jams Concert
10 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School 2:30pm -Feeding the Homeless in JC 5pm -Picnic at the River	11 5pm Men's Bible Study	12 5am -Men's Bible Study	13 5:30pm -C4 Family meal 6:30pm -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study	14 5:20pm - 	15	16
17 10am -Combined Worship (Followed by a Fellowship meal) 1pm -Deacon's Meeting	18 5pm -Men's Bible Study	19 5am -Men's Bible Study	20 5:30pm -C4 Family meal 6:30pm -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study	21	22	23 5pm -Joy Group Country meal
24 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School	25 5pm -Men's Bible Study	26 5am -Men's Bible Study	27 5:30pm -C4 Family meal 6:30pm -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study	28 5:20pm - 	29	30
31 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School 5th Sunday Singspiration				 EAST TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN HOME & ACADEMY Needed for August: Dish detergent, laundry detergent, Lysol spray		



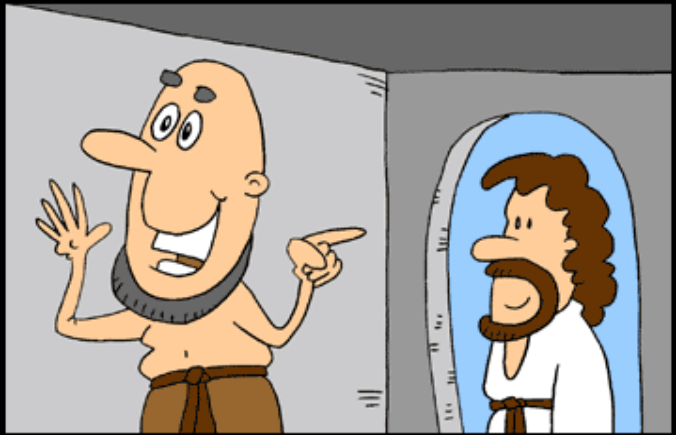
- 3-Josh Carter
4-Jason Carter
4-Chauncey Fernandes
7-Nathan Ward
8-Zeke Reed
9-Steve Strazay
12-Sam Vance
13-Sharon Hammons
14-Leia Holder
15-Anna Fowler
16-Lee Morrow
16-James Vance
18-Sydney Turbyfield

19-Steve Burrough
19-Billy Murphy
19-Brandon Wandel
21-Eddie Phillips
22-Elaine Cornett
23-Janet Wolfe
24-Melissa Carr
25-Randy Malchow
26-Keilani King
28-Jayna McClain
29-Evan Carter
29-Madelyn Kelly
30-Rocky Jackson



- 1-Michael & Haley Rice
3-Alan & Robin Taylor
6-David & Tonya McKinney
7-Robert & Leslie Luttrell
11-Tom & Carolyn Caraway
11-Joey & Donna Hughes
16-Matt & KC Wolfe
22-Dick & Kitty Hendrix
26-David & Rebecca Hayes
27-Lee & Lisa Morrow
30-Bill & Jenny Turbyfield

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Thanks to Paul
HEY HONEY, MY BEST FRIEND IS HERE AND
HE SAYS I HAVE TO DROP EVERYTHING AND
GO FISHING
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August 2025

Workers' Schedule

Children's Ministries

Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship:

3: Maddie Kelly, Abigail Kelly
& Maggie Turbyfield
10: Becky Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly
Lori Whitson
17: Theresa King, Mikkayla King
Courtney Dailey & Lori Whitson
24: Ashley Church, Sarah Turbyfield
& Lori Whitson
31: Nancy LeMay, Sharon Hammons
& Olivia Tuminello

Nursery 2nd Worship:

3: Karen Robey & Sharon Hammons
10: Jennica Norman & Shelby Canosa
17: Combined Worship
24: Karen Robey & Summer Hyden
31: Ashley Church & Lori Whitson

Preschool 2nd Worship:

3: Leora Hendrix
10: Carolyn Caraway
17: Combined Worship
24: Connie Wade
31: Leora Hendrix

Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:

3: Connie Wade
10: Lori Smith
17: Combined Worship
24: Lori VanDyke
31: Connie Wade

Kid's Worship:

3: Janice Greene
10: Allen & Tasha Dykes
17: Family Sunday
24: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe
31: Jeremiah & Allison McClain

Worship Ministries

Communion Meditations:

Worship #1 & 2

3: Nathan Wunningham
10: Jeff Carter
17: Bob Judge
24: Keith Carr
31: David McKinney

Sound Room:

3: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Ian Wolfe
10: Daniel Hill, Matt Wolfe
& Ian Wolfe
17: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Wayne Turbyfield
24: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Ian Wolfe
31: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Ian Wolfe

Brew Crew:

3: Jessica Greene
10: Lori Whitson
17: Combined Worship
24: Larry & Sharon Hammons
31: Billy Murphy

Medical Attendant:

3: Janet Wolfe
10: Allen Dykes
17: Bonnie Hoover
24: Terry Turbyfield
31: Jill Hughes

Worship #1 Greeters:

3: David & Theresa King
10: Russell & Megan Vines
17: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
24: Steve & Julia Strazay
31: Bob & Fetty Judge

Worship #2 Greeters:

3: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes
10: Kemp & Marcia Haley
24: Larry & Sharon Hammons
31: Everett & Lori Smith

Welcome Team

3: Paul & Courtney Dailey
10: Jeremiah & Allison McClain
17: Dan & Nancy LeMay
24: Bryan & Jill Hughes
31: Susie Wolfe & Betty Fernandes

Service Attendants:

3: Blue Team
10: Orange Team
17: Red Team
24: White Team
31: Green Team

Family Ministry Moments

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What an action-packed summer it's been! I'm thrilled to share a glimpse into how incredibly busy and blessed our Kids and Youth have been over the past few months. It was truly a blessing to be involved in and part of each of these fantastic events.

Our summer kicked off with an energetic Vacation Bible School (VBS), where children learned and grew in faith. We also hosted two fun-filled Kids' Day Out events, providing opportunities for our younger ones to connect and enjoy exciting activities. Our kids also had incredible experiences at Camp ACC, participating in three different camp sessions that created lasting memories, friendships, and strengthened faith.

Not to be outdone, our Youth enjoyed a fantastic summer retreat at the beach, a time for spiritual reflection, fellowship, and fun in the sun.

Allison and I are so grateful for the opportunity to minister to so many young lives here at C4! Thank you for your continued support, which makes these programs possible.



**Blessings,
Jeremiah McClain**



**Wednesdays
at 6:00pm**



**Wednesdays
at 6:30pm**

August Sunday School Lesson Schedule



Adults/Youth:

August 3: Unit 3 Session 4	—	God's Test of Job (Job 2)
August 10: Unit 4 Session 1	—	God's Miraculous Call (Exodus 1-4)
August 17: Combined Worship		
August 24: Unit 4 Session 2	—	God's Miraculous Power (Exodus 5-12)
August 31: Unit 4 Session 3	—	God Miraculous Deliverance (Exodus 13-15)

Children:

August 3: Unit 3 Session 4	—	God's Test of Job (Job 2)
August 10: Unit 4 Session 1	—	God Called Moses (Exodus 1-4)
August 17: Combined Worship		
August 24: Unit 4 Session 2	—	Moses Confronted Pharaoh (Exodus 5-12)
August 31: Unit 4 Session 3	—	Moses Parted the Red Sea (Exodus 13-15)



Combined Worship Sunday, August 17th

10:00am

Followed by a Carry-In Fellowship meal

C4 Community Cookout

Sunday, August 3rd will be our last Community Cookout for the summer! Come out and join us for this time of fellowship!

Central Cares Route



A big thank you to all those who participated in making the Central Cares route a huge success this summer! We appreciate all those who donated their time and resources for this ministry!

Chris Tomlin/Cane Concert

If you signed up for the Tweetsie Trail Jam concert on Saturday, August 9th, the cost is \$35. Please give your payment for the tickets to Jeremiah McClain or Lori Whitson (Please don't pay through our online giving, if you need to pay electronically, see Jeremiah or Lori).



On Sunday, August 10th, we will feed the homeless in Johnson City. Meet at the church at 2:30pm to prepare food, deliver it and serve it. See Billy Murphy to volunteer!

Picnic at the River



Our annual Picnic at the River will be on Saturday, August 10th! We will meet at the property of Nick & Leia Holder (181 Blue Springs Road, Elizabethton) for a cookout and fun by the river! The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring side dishes, desserts and drinks to share! Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!

There will be carry-in Fellowship meal on Sunday, August 17th, following combined worship. The church will provide the hamburgers/hot dogs, please bring side dishes, desserts and drinks for your family and to share with visitors. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!



Thursday Serveday



On Thursday, August 14th & 28th, we will be serving in the community for Thursday Serveday! We will gather at 5:20pm on those Thursdays and head out to serve

together in the community! Bring tools, gloves, etc. If you are interested in serving and want more information, contact Lori Whitson or Josh Carter!

Our small group ministry, Connection Groups, will begin on September 7th. We are looking for those who are willing to open their homes to host. If you would like to help in some way with this ministry, please see Todd Wolfe.

Connection Groups

On Saturday, August 16, from 2-4pm there will be a Baby Shower for Jesse & Alayna Carr to celebrate the expected arrival of James Thomas! They are registered at Amazon, Walmart & Babylist.com. Come out and join the celebration!



The Joy Group (50+) will meet on Saturday, August 23rd at 5pm. We will have a carry-in country meal! There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to sign up for what you want to bring!

Wednesday
Family Meal

Come join us at our Family Meals at 5:15-6 each Wednesday at the pavilion! (And then stay for Bible Study at 6:30)

- 6: BBQ Pork, stuffed potatoes & baked beans, ice cream & cookies
- 13: Baked pasta, French bread & salad, Brownies & ice cream
- 20: Chicken tenders, green beans, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll & ice cream
- 27: Meatball subs, chips, fritos corn salad, ice cream