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# COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
Of A Congregation**

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**April 7, 2024**

**Elders:**

Frank Bohannon  
Jonathan Loveday  
Larry McDuffee  
Brian McLaughlin  
Jon Tatum

**Deacons:**

Jim Bell  
Garrett Blyly  
Kyle Fairman  
Dylan Griffin  
Jeff Hunt  
Mike Isaacson  
Gary Lau  
Doug Loveday  
Don Napier  
Johnny Parham  
Tom Parham  
Mark Roberts  
Brandon Savage  
Jake Sears  
Chase Wood  
Jerry Wood  
Jason Wyatt

**Ministers:**

Alan Judd  
David Lipe

**Missionaries:**

Don Iverson

**Service Times:**

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	
Tuesdays	11 AM
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	
Tuesdays	10 AM
<b>Joyful Generation</b>	
<b>(Youth Devotional &amp; Fellowship)</b>	
1st Sunday of the month	7 PM

## CROSSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING  
MAY 5 - 8, 2024



GUEST  
SPEAKER

David Smith  
North Hamilton Church of Christ  
Soddy-Daisy, TN

## SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY, MAY 5:  
9 AM, 10 AM, 6 PM

MONDAY, MAY 6-  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8:  
6 PM

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## APRIL 8, A DAY OF PRAYER FOR INDIA

Don Iverson

In Luke 18, Jesus taught the importance of persistent prayer. In this parable, the widow begged the judge continually, and for a long period. Her prayer was answered because she refused to stop asking. The outstanding principle we learn from Jesus' story is how God expects us not to give up, and to never stop asking.

God has answered so many prayers for the India work. He continues to give us a wonderful increase. In 2023, there were 20,956 baptisms, and the establishment of 195 new congregations. We are blessed to have 415 preacher students in 34 schools of preaching. He has heard our many pleas for the downtrodden and has allowed us to have 250 children in the five children's homes He has provided.

Now, the work is at a critical juncture. With so many challenges, we must walk by faith (Hebrews 10:38), wholly depending on Him. Because of the battles, we earnestly request April 8 as a day of focused prayer (and fasting for those willing and able), for this great work. Please pray specifically for the following.

- Lord willing, Don and Cathy will return to India on Wednesday, April 10. Pray for a safe journey and for their wisdom. The schedule is action-packed.
- There are currently many challenges coming from the authorities. Pray for the government not to hinder the work. Satan is fighting us at every turn, hoping to close down these good works. Many high-ranking Indian officials have vowed to rid India of Christianity. *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"* (Ephesians 6:12).
- Pray for our evangelists. Pray for their strength to stand, as many are threatened, beaten and sometimes jailed for their faith (II Timothy 2:1-3).
- Twenty schools of preaching will have graduations during April-May. Pray for the zeal of this new crop of men as they are unleashed in a country of 1.2 billion idol-worshippers.
- Pray for the children in our orphanages. Pray for the Bible teachers and staff. Their work is arduous. While Don and Cathy are there, Bible camp will be conducted for the homes. Pray the children will grow to be strong in their faith.
- We are working to establish elders in congregations where such is possible. In the past year, we have seen elderships formed in eight congregations. By the end of 2025, we pray to have elders in sixty-five congregations.
- Sixty-thousand New Testaments are rolling off the presses as we speak. Pray these will work powerfully as they are mostly delivered and used within Hindu homes (Isaiah 55:11).
- Beseech God for His guidance, that we can all understand and operate according to His will, by His Word. Pray for all to be honest.

## ADDRESSING STREAMING

To the congregation,

I would like to share a message with you regarding the phone conference call and streaming of our worship services. The intent of these offerings to our members is to give an option for you to still participate in services while you are unable to physically attend the service. I think that we can all agree that there are many circumstances why someone would be in this situation, and we pray that your condition improves so that you may join us once again. In like manner, these offerings are meant to be a TEMPORARY option for you until you can return. I do also understand that there are a number of us that require this to be a longer term situation due mostly to health limitations, and again, we pray that you may recover and join us once again.

I would now like to mention the downside to offering these services. Members may exploit these resources and use them as an excuse or a crutch to not attend worship when they are able to do so. I will be explicit in saying that **THIS IS NOT THE INTENDED FUNCTION OF THESE SERVICES**. Using these services in this manner, you are placing your soul in danger of falling away. I also know that the services are used by some during vacations or travel, and I would implore you to first seek out a local congregation to attend in person instead of just using the stream or conference call. We gain much more being in the physical presence of the church than we do over the internet.

I am also making a definitive change to YouTube regarding the archive of our service. In the past I have tried to edit the videos of the streams down and have them uploaded in the same afternoon and then archiving the live stream from that morning. This has gotten more difficult for me to do with the addition of a second child. The change has already been implemented in those who run the stream to immediately archive the stream at the end of service so it can no longer be viewed until I upload the video at a later time. The reason for doing this is that as long as the stream is up, someone can go back and watch it and be able to see everything from the singing to the sermon to the Lord's Supper as if they were attending in person or live via the stream or conference call, thus creating another avenue for them to forsake the assembly. The change will at least require someone to be watching service live to participate in all of the acts of worship. When uploading videos after the fact I edit out prayers, singing, and the Lord's Supper and only upload the sermon. My reasoning for this is the same as mentioned above about archiving the stream and I will continue to do so.

On a final note, please be patient with me when it comes to uploading videos if you are looking for a particular lesson. I try to be timely in uploading but sometimes life happens and currently I am the only one doing editing. I have one member that I am going to train on editing in the near future and that will be a great help. And to finish off, as many of the deacons are in the same predicament as I am, I can always use more help in booth or editing. Please consider helping the deacons and in larger the congregation out and volunteer for duties around the church and step out of your comfort zone, you might find something you enjoy doing!

In Christian Love,  
Garrett Blyly  
Deacon: Streaming & Social Media

# NEWS AND NOTES

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