

University Heights Church
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:30 PM (This is
immediately followed by a
short worship period)

First Friday of Each Month

Singing: 7:30 PM

LEADERSHIP

Elders

David Collins

John Thompson

Troy Antle

Evangelist

Adam Litmer

Deacons

Richard Brundige

Matt Thompson

Adam Litmer

Bill Morelan

Jim Parsons

Pat Seabolt

Adam Daniels

Jamie Powell

NOTE

The college age/young adult class is in session now. Go right up the steps and straight ahead to the large classroom. Anyone would be glad to show you the way upon request. We are studying John's epistles.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Rick Small, the Collins and Daniels family, John Thompson, Mary Weatherholt (just a few more weeks!), David Seabolt, Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd (and her sister, Dorothy), Louis Harrod, Paul Atkisson, Ed Allison, The Bays and Robbins family, Sheila Lawson, Keia Burton, Robert Brundige, Susie Burton, Valerie and Barry Boyd, Janett's mother and stepfather, Sandy Driver, Erlene Young, Larry Sells, Evelyn Damron, Jennifer Dunbar, Jean Gartland, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul Lyda, Pete Soro, The Ward and Thacker family, our brethren in southern Philippines, our brethren in Zimbabwe, Jamie Powell's father, Bruce Feltner, Harleigh Spartman, Fay Thomas, Mattie Johnson

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A Message And Some Thoughts

Adam Litmer

Over the last week college students have been returning to campus. Some have been members here while on campus and others we are meeting for the first time. Welcome! College age Christians are an important part of this congregation and have been for a very long time. Sometimes young Christians lack confidence in themselves and question whether they can be a benefit to a local church away from their "home" congregation. You most certainly can! Paul instructed a young Christian in this way: *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.* (1 Timothy 4:12) Our Lord does not place an age restriction on Christian's being good examples of speech (gracious, wholesome words), conduct (behaving as a Christian should), love (always seeking the best for others), faith (truly trusting and obeying the Lord), and purity (a heart of holiness). When you do these things, even though you are in your late teens or early twenties, you show an example of a Christ centered life that each of us ought to follow. We encourage you to join us here at University Heights while away from your home

congregation. We hope to encourage you as much as you will encourage us as we all serve the Master together!

Friday was my 39th birthday. Depending upon the age of the well-wisher I am “getting old”, just “entering my prime”, or am still “just a pup”. I recently read of the passing of a man who was 103 years old. Having been born in 1914 we can safely assume that his memories begin around 1920-22. In one sense, this is an incredible thing to consider. I have learned that my own memories (reliable memories that others have verified) start in about 1985. That man could remember things through firsthand experience more than *60 years* before that. In another sense, it’s hard to see much difference between the two of us. What is 39 or 103 years in the grand scheme of things? Even if that man had perfect knowledge of all that happened in the world during his lifetime his knowledge would hardly register as a single drop in the ocean of mankind’s history. What’s truly incredible is that God has seen it *all*. It’s hard to imagine that we know much of anything before the One to whom a thousand years amounts to a single day (2 Peter 3:8). It’s hard to imagine that we have experienced much of anything before the One who created the world and set all of its operating patterns and forces in place (Job 38-42). May such considerations keep us humble and awed before our God.

This past Thursday several of us were able to travel to Louisville for Rick Small’s surgery. As we chatted I mentioned to Diane that it often seems as though our lives go from one problem to the next on an endless loop. She responded that she could not imagine facing it without faith and trust in God. Amen!

Moses declared, *The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.* (Psalm 90:10) Some, as the previous paragraph demonstrates, manage to live several years beyond this. Of course, our lives are not *only* filled with toil and trouble. As people of God we enjoy extraordinary blessings in this life, chief of which is fellowship with God, and thus find that our default setting is joy. Even so, the anxious moments exist for us just like everyone else. What will the doctor have to say? How will the surgery go? What will the samples reveal after testing? Is my company going under? Am I about to lose my job? What will I do next? It is difficult to imagine how one’s life would be anything but a teeming mass of anxiety without God. Fortunately, none of us will ever have to experience that. *We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* (Hebrews 4:15-16) Passages such as James 5:14 and Philippians 4:6 show us that our prayers are not limited only to moments of temptation. If it concerns us it concerns God. “O how marvelous! O how wonderful, is my Savior’s love for me!”

