



# THE BEACON

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday evening worship **tonight at 6pm!**
- Bring a Friend Day will be coming up soon, April 25. Postcards are on the way, but that is just one of the ways you can invite...start telling your friends in person, on the phone, by email, or any way you can. This was a BIG day last year, let's do it again!

## FOR YOUTH

- Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 14-16. If you have not already agreed to help in some way and would like to see Trice Dunn or Tim Reynolds.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BIBLE BOWL TEAM!

They practiced...They learned...They competed...They conquered

**Taylor Collins • Canaan Dunn • Jackson Dunn • Brianna Higgins  
Colton Oakley • Logan Oakley • Brooke Reed • Dalton Reed  
Elijah Reynolds • Isaac Reynolds • Olivia Reynolds**

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

*Neil Vick • Evalyn Jordan • Deanna Friend • Maria Muniz • Marsha Harper • Gaye Johnston • W.C. English • Kenneth Starks • Katy Walker • Mildred Harmon • Julia Washburn • Charlie Bennett • Mason Rudolph • Evalyn Jones • Barbara Vick • Shelley Gladstone • Terry Henderson • Doug Johnston • Hollis Wilkins • Rancie Owen • Melissa Buchanan • Kaelin Adams • Leon Lovett • Christie Hurt • David Smith • Gary Dowdy*

**PLEASE LET DANIEL KNOW WHEN SOMEONE  
NEEDS ADDED OR MAY BE REMOVED**



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 30—Dwayne Oakley  
April 2—Kolton Lindsey  
April 5—Nancy Black  
April 12—Olivia Reynolds

March 31—Judy Moore  
April 4—Ricky York  
April 10—Danny Higgins  
April 17—Terry Henderson

**THIS WEEK'S BUS DRIVER IS JIM H., CALL 354-8616**

## RECORD

	Act.	Goal	1Yr. Ago
Sun. School	95	125	105
Worship AM	157	150	136
Worship PM	63	125	89
Midweek	96	125	83
Offering	\$3170	\$3200	\$2784
Weekly Budget:		\$3000	

# THOSE TO SERVE

**Announcements**  
**Sun. AM Song Leader**  
**Scripture Reading**  
**Lord's Supper Devo.**  
**Greeters**  
**Sun. PM Song Leader**  
**Wed. PM Song Leader**  
**Wed. PM Devotional**  
**Bus Driver**

## THIS WEEK (3/28)

Daniel Walker  
 Steve Higgins  
 Steve Starks  
 David Smith  
 Nicky & Debra Smith  
 Steve Higgins  
 Steve Higgins  
 Mike Wyatt  
 Jim H. (354-8616)

## NEXT WEEK (4/4)

Trice Dunn  
 Jeff Edwards  
 Logan Oakley  
 Ricky Collins  
 Bill & Mary Dale  
 Jeff Edwards  
 Jeff Edwards  
 Mason Thompson  
 Bill Dale (704-0029)

## THREE WEEKS (4/11)

Trice Dunn  
 Mike Wyatt  
 Jordan Holland  
 Steve Higgins  
 Trish & Erick Mackie  
 Mike Wyatt  
 Mike Wyatt  
 Terry Henderson  
 Greg Nelson (527-5870)

MISSION WORKS	
CHINA	\$300/month
AFRICA	\$300/month
T.R. WEBB (MSOP)	\$200/month
NEW PATHWAYS	\$150/month
GBN-TV	\$100/month

LAST WEEK YOU BROUGHT

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<b>Britthaven:</b> Nadine Peck (126B) Pauline Shepherd (100)
<b>Spring Creek:</b> Deloris Pritchard (113) Perry Cornwell (326) Margaret Grogan (314)
<b>Stille House:</b> Emma Powell (201)
<b>At Home:</b> Sharon Brewer Terrell & Barbara Darnell Mary Alice Johnston

VISITORS TO SERVICES WITH YOU!  
**THANK YOU! BY INVITING AND BRINGING VISITORS YOU ARE MAKING THIS CHURCH GROW!**

## My Day In Court



No, I didn't do anything wrong to be in court. A few months ago, a man drove through our neighborhood and destroyed both our mailbox and the mailbox of our next-door neighbors. He had a record, so the policeman asked my neighbor and I to appear, basically as witnesses to the damage. (The picture is of a courtroom in the same building and looks just like the one I was in yesterday.)

Yesterday was my day to appear, but it's not the case I want to talk about. Rather, I want to share some things I saw that made me think about another day when I will be "on trial."

I was amazed by the mass of humanity in this one place. Of course, being a fairly large city, there were many people in the courthouse. The line in our particular courtroom stretched into the hallway with those on trial, those with them, witnesses and workers. It was a zoo! Babies were crying, people were talking about all sorts of things (I got a true education!), and others were obviously nervous.

*On the Judgment Day, that crowd will look tiny. All those who will have ever lived will be present. No matter how many people constitute the largest crowd you've ever been in, it will pale when compared to the crowd on that day.*

When the judge walked in, we were told to rise. The room fell silent and we listened to our instructions. While not everyone was perfectly still, it was amazing to watch it all come to a halt due to the one who had the power.

*On Judgment Day, we won't just fall silent. Every knee will bow! Jesus, our great Judge, will demand and get all respect and honor even His enemies can give.*

As the day wore on, some took plea deals and were given a warning of what would happen if they repeated the offense. I was amazed to hear some, as they left, basically "laughing off" their sentence and its punishment. They knew they had gotten a deal.

*On Judgment Day, no one will be able to say, "See, I have earned heaven." But many will still hear the great word: "Forgiven." We won't laugh off that gift. We will fall to our knees in appreciation for the Lamb.*

Others (including the man in whose case I was involved) didn't get off so easy. They were sentenced to jail or another punishment. As I watched, I couldn't help but notice how many basically expected it to come. They weren't surprised. Some were upset, but most seemed to know that they were getting what was due to them.

*On Judgment Day, there will be no surprises. Many will hear, "Depart," and will be sentenced to an eternity that is far worse than any jail cell. Hell will be the punishment, and the gnashing of teeth will begin.*

There was one major difference in yesterday and the Judgment. When the trial I was supposed to be involved in was over, I just walked out. I went down the elevator, down and across a street, and four levels of parking spaces below the city of Nashville to my car. I got in, started up, and drove to my office.

*On Judgment Day, we won't leave. We will either be there prepared for an eternity in heaven, or we will be sentenced to an eternity in hell. There will be no going back into our lives to try to "do better" or "live on probation." That will truly be sentencing day.*

Are you ready?