



Bro. Ron's Good News Tuesday!

Ps. 150:6- "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

From Bro. Ron – Sunday was a busy day for your DS! I had the joy of installing Rev. Dale Winton as pastor at our Manchester church. A huge crowd assembled for the occasion. (I have never seen the parking lot so full. As I left (a bit early) cars were literally lining the entrance all the way out to HWY 55. It was a day of celebration for this congregation!



I left there to scamper over to our Shady Grove church to lead an interview between the Church Board and a prospective candidate for pastor. The board was unanimously in favor of this young couple becoming their pastor. The pastor is praying for the Lord's leadership. Help us pray! This congregation is anxiously awaiting!

Sunday evening, I had an informational meeting with members and friends of one of our congregations. There was a good spirit of unity, and we closed with prayer around the altar for the Pastor and wife as they lead this congregation in a time of important transition!

Report on Judy- She continues to do very well in her recovery progress. She of course has her good days and not so good days but overall, we are thrilled with her progress as is her therapist. We appreciate your calls and concern.

Minister's And Mates Retreat- 1 Week Away!!!

We can't wait to be with you next weekend (March 6-8)!!!! As of today, we have 67 registered to attend the Comedy Barn on Saturday evening and a total of 105 that have indicated that they will be at the retreat. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.....if you have not let Judy know you are coming, do it today. She is preparing small gifts for the ladies and the men. She wants to have enough for everyone! Dr. Larry Leonard is such a wonderful preacher, I know that our district family of pastors and mates will leave lifted, refreshed, and excited to go back to our places of service! It's not too late to make your plans to be with us! Pray much that God will move and He alone will be glorified!

Pastoral Changes

Last week, I was happy to announce that I will be appointing Rev. Dale Turner as our new pastor at Murfreesboro First. Dale and Missy are delightful couple! They have served at the South Fulton Church on the Mid-South district for the last 7 years. Their church has grown tremendously. We are so excited to welcome them to our district family. Their ministry will begin in Murfreesboro on April 12th. Please give them a call or text to welcome them to the district! I received their picture this week so I wanted to add it to the GNT so that you will know them when you see them! *(803) 983-6807*



Special Prayer Requests

Please be praying for retired pastor Greg Keller who has undergone two surgeries within the last two weeks and could possibly face another one. He has been in the hospital for 3 weeks.

Also be praying for Bro. James Bender and his wife Sherrie. They are both in St. Thomas Mid-Town hospital. Both have serious issues and are undergoing tests.

Bro. John Hale – NDI Spotlight

Introducing etndi.org

The ET NDI council is pleased to share our new ETNDI website with our district. This will be the new location for reporting and NDI event information. Pastors, please register yourself and another person who is responsible for reporting your church's numbers. This important task needs your attention. Please be faithful to report what God is doing in His church. I also wanted to thank Rev. Jim Patten, Rev. Russ Fairbanks, and Mr. Bo Keller for their work in building this website. This tool will serve you well. Please register at your earliest convenience. You may reach me at 423-429-8420 if you have any questions. Instructions for registration are included. I have been asked, 'Why something new?' The old page was very difficult to navigate when we were looking at several hundred lines in an Excel spreadsheet, and you did not have real-time access to the information, as you do now. Please help us by reporting on this site. Mary and I will begin calling pastors to help those who have not registered. The link below is provided.

Find attached to this email an explanation of how to report!

Bro. BJ Miller -Pastor's Prayer Retreat Report

East TN District Ministers Prayer Retreat 2026 - We had an excellent prayer retreat this year with Rev. Dr. Dwight Gunter as our speaker. Dwight is such a down to earth, unassuming guy. It is easy to lose sight of just how knowledgeable and wise he is! He's been through a lot during his years in life and ministry. Those gathered at St. Mary's last week were the beneficiaries of Dwight's 45 years in ministry, more than that growing up in a ministry home! Dwight presented in a way that was approachable for everyone but consistently asked us to walk a little deeper with him over the few hours we had together at retreat. He also presented several resources he personally uses and has used to strengthen and develop his prayer life and the discipline of prayer throughout his life.

We ended up with 44 present for the retreat. Many of those took advantage of the opportunity for the second year now to come in on Sunday night rather than right at meeting time on Monday. The top of Monteagle was shrouded in the clouds Sunday night. It made for very slow driving into the retreat center, but for those who had observed Transfiguration Sunday that very day (2/15), it was a powerful reminder that God was and IS present with us! The weather was beautiful Monday and Tuesday... the best we've had in years! Everyone I spoke with had nothing but wonderful things to say about Dwight and our time on the mountain. And once again the staff at St. Mary's Retreat Center were phenomenal! If you attended and are grateful for them and their service, please consider dropping them a note of thanks and encouragement to reservations@stmaryssewanee.org.

It is never easy to find a time to gather that works for everyone. I continue to pray all our district ministers will find ways to prioritize this brief retreat. Never doubt the changes our God can make in one day! Thanks be to God!



Bro. John Hale- Newport

The Newport Church celebrated a wonderful Lord's Day. Our church just completed a remodel, adding a foyer, a bathroom, and a sound booth at the back of the sanctuary. The congregation rededicated the church building to the glory of God and for His worship. We had 9 visitors, 6 of whom were first-timers. The worship service was filled with praise, and the presence of the Lord was real, faithfully ministering to His people. After the service, we shared a meal and celebrated the work and new friendship we now have with the contractors who worked on the church.

Bro. Sam Wood- Interim Pastor at Warburg

Here is some good news from Wartburg. We received \$776.55 in our Alabaster Offering Sunday from the 26 folks who were in our worship service. That might have been the largest Alabaster offering ever for Wartburg. We had a homeless lady show up just before our service began and asked us for help because she had run out of money. She had walked about a mile in the very cold weather, and her hands were so cold. She said that the transmission had gone out on their car and that her husband had cerebral palsy and was at the motel in town where they had been staying. I invited her to come in for our worship service and she did. During the service, we gave her and her husband a spontaneous love offering of around \$300, after we had received our Alabaster offering. We had a wonderful, covered dish dinner following the service and the homeless lady stayed and ate with us. We gave her food in carry-out containers, and a couple took her back to the local motel. God gave us an immediate opportunity to practice what our Sunday school lesson was about - feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty....entertaining the stranger, etc. and in doing so for the least of these, His brothers (and sisters), we are doing it for Him! Our church family at Wartburg is a loving, caring, and giving community of Christians who put into practice what God's Word teaches us to do. Praise the Lord for what He is doing in and through our church!

Bro. Mike Campbell- Jasper

We had a great day today (2/22/26) at Jasper Church of the Nazarene. There was a great spirit in the service, several first-time guests and 97 in attendance. We had a Baptism Service after the regular service where we baptized 5 folks. We started the Lenten devotional, "A Consuming Fire" this past Wednesday as a church. We are going to do a book study of this resource on Wednesday nights. We are very excited about this! God is truly moving in His church! We are grateful!

Pastors, Please Let Your Leadership Know These Mailing Addresses:

East TN Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 2557, Shelbyville, TN 37162
District Treasurer: East TN Church of the Nazarene (For District Budget Payment)
c/o Scott Ezell, P.O. Box 342, Gordonsville, TN 38563

OUR UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

March 6-8 - Minister's and Mates Retreat in Pigeon Forge
Dr. Larry Leonard - Speaker
It's not TOO Late to make reservations!

March 16-19- Exponential Conference- Orlando FL – We have
10 of our lead Pastors attending this conference.

March 20-21- Jr. Explosion @ FCRC

April 9-11- TNT@TNU

April 17-18- Board of Ministry @ Foothills Camp

April 19-22 – Tullahoma Area Indoor Camp

Rev. Lane Loman- Speaker, Singers- The Modesitts

Sunday: Apr. 19: We meet at Shelbyville First Church 6:00 PM

Mon. - Wed. We meet at Tullahoma First Church 6:30 PM

May 29-30- MANCAMP @ FCRC

June 3-7- Family Camp- Dr. Larry Dennis- Camp Speaker

June 11-13- PALCON @ TNU

June 15-19 - Children's Camp @ FCRC

June 21-25 – Teen Camp @ FCRC

July 1-5- NYC in Salt Lake City

July 14-16- District Assembly and Conventions @ Lee University