

NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Minister's Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.	Worship	10:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening	6:00 P.M.	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.

“Overcoming Debt (Part 2 of 2)”

David B. Smith

Let's finish our look at a few Biblical principles regarding debt, and what we can do to overcome it.

3. Learn the difference between needs and wants. This seems to be a big trap for scores of people when it comes to money. We tend

Sunday's Sermons

AM: Ruth & Relationships (Part 1)

PM: Questions & Answers

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Bob Newsom Announcements – Joel Laney
PM: Opening Prayer – Art Greer Closing Prayer – Larry Nave
Wednesday: Opening – James Groves Closing – Chris Randolph
All week: Lock Building – Willard Elsea Hall Monitor – Curt Horn
(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let John Blanks or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please email them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson	Bill Greer	Jeff McClain
Nancy Birch	Kathy Hamilton	Tony Miller
Gladys Blanks	Susie Hargis	Connie Richardson
Marjorie Cagle	Janice Johnson	Carlos Shannon
Riley Dennis	Grayson Ledbetter	Janice Smith
Gene Frazier	Judy Lusk	Diane Stacy
Sara Grasham	Tina Margroff	Mark Wheeler

- **Virginia Miller** was injured in a fall last weekend, and after a short stay in Memorial Hixson is now in Life Care of Hixson for physical therapy.
- **Jeff McCollum** is now back at home and recovering from gastric surgery on Tuesday. The intent of surgery is to allow the removal of some medications that are causing significant liver damage.
- **Susie Hargis** is awaiting test results that will determine the course of treatment for recently diagnosed malignancies in various locations. Physicians have stated that the condition is certainly treatable.
- Keep **Marilyn Everett** in your prayers as she undergoes surgery on Tuesday.

Announcements

- **Men's Breakfast:** Remember that our monthly Men's Breakfast will be next Saturday morning as it was postponed allowing attendance at Dayton's annual lectureship.
- **Tennessee Children's Home:** The truck will be here this Wednesday morning to pick up donated items as well as any money donated to help purchase perishable goods. You may still bring items to the building or give money to Rick Essex to support the home.
- **Men's Devotional:** This Wednesday evening will be our monthly Men's Devotional time. All men are encouraged to attend and participate by giving a short talk, reading a passage from the Bible, or leading a song.
- **Thank You:** Thanks to Pat Billingsley and Kaye Greer for volunteering to teach the Sunday morning class that Susie Hargis and Shirley Jackson have taught for many years. This allows Susie to concentrate on her pending treatments. Also, there are others who volunteered to teach the class, and we also thank them for their willingness to meet this need.

Upcoming Events

November 7 – Men's Devotional

November 7 – Tennessee Children's Home donation pick-up

November 10 – Monthly Men's Breakfast (rescheduled)

November 10 – East Tennessee Singing, Lenoir City

December 7 – Teen Devo at the home of Jesse & Alisha Lowman

This Week's Birthday's & Anniversaries

Birthdays

6 – Anita Cook

9 – James Groves

Kelsey Battles

10 – Terry Curvin

Tim Smith

Anniversaries

8 – Curt & Melinda Horn

10 – Doug & Vickie Rector

to get caught in a cycle of covetousness. We convince ourselves we need what others have, so we max out our credit cards and drain our savings to make ourselves equal. All the while we forget that we can never truly keep up with the world. Not to mention, many of the people we seek to emulate financially are also drowning in debt. Here is the advice Paul gave Timothy about money. First, learn to be content (1 Tim. 6:6). God has promised many times that He will provide our needs if we put Him first in all things (Matt. 6:33). And Jesus warned that life is not about the things we possess (Luke 12:15-21). Debt has the tendency to captive attention and steal precious energy that should be given to God. Contentment is the cure for that. Do we have food? Do we have clothing? Is there water to drink? If we are disciplined enough to be content, it is easier to say no to luxury items (1 Tim. 6:8). Second, Paul told Timothy that the desire to be rich is hurtful to the soul (1 Tim. 6:9). It drowns people in destruction. Third, we must avoid the love of money (1 Tim. 6:10). Money is not inherently bad, but loving it is. Finally, we must pursue godliness (1 Tim. 6:11-12). Instead of getting in debt to “keep up with the Joneses,” we should be pursuing a deeper and more meaningful life with God.

4. Consider avoiding debt in order to do more for the kingdom of God. Our first consideration with money should always be what we can give back to the one that gave it to us (1 Cor. 16:1-2). Imagine what the church could do in evangelism or benevolence if fewer members were slaves to debt. Instead of getting and buying for ourselves, we would be in a better position to give and share (1 Tim. 6:17-19). This should be a financial goal for all of us.

Especially in our culture, it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking we need everything other people have. As good stewards, we should live within our means and do our best to avoid debt. Let’s avoid the love for money and seek to be content with what God has given us. While it is often difficult to avoid all debt, it should not control us or be the definition of our life.