

- “Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved” (Psa. 62:1-2).
- “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (1 John 5:4).

So there is no question about God’s ability to deliver. He can.

However, it is misguided to believe that God is required to deliver us from every stressful situation in life. In fact, we set ourselves up for serious disappointment and doubt if we impose such a view on God. This is the reason many cannot cope with having to bear through life’s trials, because they’ve come to believe that God must deliver them from every bad circumstance. Then when He doesn’t, when they are required to bear up under stress, they jettison their belief in God’s compassion and ability to help. After that, it is all downhill.

The truth is that God has never, not once, promised to remove us from every bad situation. That is not a strike against His power. He remains omnipotent. It isn’t a strike against His knowledge. He remains omniscient. It isn’t a strike against His compassion. Nothing can separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:38). But God does reveal to us that we will experience storms in life. He never hides that fact from us. He doesn’t even tell us it will be easy, because it isn’t. Life is hard, especially as a Christian. We will suffer (2 Tim. 3:12). We will even experience numerous and different types of challenges (Jas. 1:2-8). Even the Son of God begged three times that an alternate course could be arranged besides the cross (Heb. 5:7-8; Matt. 26:36-39). The answer was “no.”

Let’s be sure that we aren’t adding fuel to the fire by thinking something that is untrue. Instead of thinking God’s job is to bring the storms in our life to an end, which He can do if it is His will, let us instead seek His presence. Remember that David had to walk through “the valley of the shadow of death.” He did not fear because God was with Him, leading and comforting Him (Psa. 23:4). This is the one thing we can always expect in bad circumstances. God is with us. As for the stressors in life, expect only the unexpected.

# North Hamilton Church of Christ

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## Schedule of Services:

Sunday: 9:30am (Bible Classes), 10:30am & 6pm (worship); Wednesday: 7pm (Bible classes)



February 9, 2020

### Elders:

Willard Elsea  
240-9539  
Art Greer  
902-6295  
Joel Laney  
322-7828

### Deacons:

Joe Anderson  
Rick Essex  
Keith Herron  
Brad Jones  
Tommy Qualls  
Chris Randolph  
Curt Stewart  
Toby Ward

### Preacher:

David B. Smith  
667-1987

## “When You Can’t Catch a Break (Part 2)” David B. Smith

**2. What is it we are expecting?** Sometimes our (seeming) inability to handle life’s circumstances is due to our misguided expectation of God’s role in them. Just so there is no confusion, God is a mighty deliverer. From the beginning to the end of the Bible, the inspired writers constantly remind us that God is the source of our deliverance.

- “The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer” (2 Sam. 22:2).
- “I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God” (Psa. 40:17).

**The Past Week**

Bible Class: 118                      10:30 Worship: 194  
PM Worship: 127                      Wednesday: 92  
Contribution: \$6,671

**Sunday's Sermons**

AM: Am I Really a Christian?  
PM: Let's Talk

**Men to Serve**

AM: Opening Prayer – Larry Nave                      Announcements – Joel Laney  
PM: Opening Prayer – Bob Newsom                      Closing Prayer – Keith Herron  
Wednesday: Opening – Phil Phillips                      Closing – Steve Pell, Sr  
All Week: Lock Building – Rick Essex                      Hall Monitor – Josh Elsea

*(Men, check duty roster on bulletin board and let George Farmer or Curt Stewart know if unable to serve)*

**Prayer List**

James Anderson	Danny Curvin	Judy Lusk
Patricia Anthony	Tommie Grandfield	Tony Miller
Jim Bethune	Sarah Grasham	Lexi Owens
Nancy Birch	Bill Greer	Carlos Shannon
Mike Bouldin	Fred Hafley	Janice Smith
Jennifer Bradford	Kathy Hamilton	Bessie Smithson
Marjorie Cagle	Susie Hargis	Diane Stacy
Jeff Cobb	Grayson Ledbetter	John Webster
Isaac Cooper	Loretta Leffew	

**Our Sick and Recovering**

**Jo Hargis** was discharged from Erlanger Hospital on Monday and is now in room 225 at Soddy Daisy Healthcare on Sequoyah Road for physical therapy. Glad to see that Jo is improving.

**This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Next month's calendar is on the table in the foyer. Please check that your family's March birthdays and anniversaries are correct and included.*

**Birthdays**

9 – Sue Grindstaff  
11 – Ashley Smith, Tommy Qualls  
12 – Vickie Rector  
13 – Edna Scarbrough

**Anniversaries**

None this week

**Announcements**

Many ladies of our number will be travelling for the **Ladies' Retreat** this weekend. We pray for their safe travels and that the retreat will be educational and productive for them.

Included with this week's bulletin is a **Ladies Duty Roster Questionnaire**. We would like for all the ladies of the congregation to complete the form and return it to an elder in the next two weeks.

**Upcoming Events**

**February 23** – We will host the Soddy congregation for our bi-monthly singing and finger-food fellowship. Service will be at 6 PM.

**March 21** – Ladies Day at East Ridge with Speaker Sheila Butt on the theme "This World is Not My Home". Breakfast and registration begin at 8:30 AM. Additional information on the bulletin board.

**April 18** – Ladies Day at East Main in Murfreesboro with speaker, Jania Otey. Registration and Breakfast begin at 8:15 AM. Additional information on the bulletin board.