

# Echo Hills

## Church of Christ

November 16, 2014

*A Place of New Beginnings*

### The Thrashing Time

Carolyn Arriens in her book tells the story of how she always liked missionary days at her church. People would come from foreign exotic places with special reports instead of the usual sermons. But there's one report she says she will never forget. There was this married couple that was stationed in a particularly steamy rain forest/jungle kind of place. They told how one day a snake, much larger than a man, slithered right past their front door and came into their house. Terrified, they ran to one of the members of their church hoping they would know what to do. The man calmly picked up his machete and marched back to their house. He went in and saw the huge snake and with one clean chop he decapitated the huge beast. The neighbor came back out of the house and assured the couple the reptile had been defeated. But he warned them, it would take awhile for the snake to realize he was dead. A snake's neurology and blood flow is such that it can take a considerable amount of time for him to actually die. For the next several hours the two missionary's were forced to wait outside their house while the snake thrashed about smashing furniture and flailing against walls and windows reeking havoc until it's body understood it no longer had a head. While they were waiting the husband and wife missionary team looked at one another and both had the same thought, that Satan was just like that big snake. You see, God has already defeated Satan but he just refuses to recognize it.

Brethren, rest assured that one day all of Satan's thrashing will stop. But understand that right now we are in the thrashing time and Satan's going to cause some damage and he's going cause some casualties. He is going to make some people think that he has all power and he's in charge of all of life and we should never try to fight him because we can never win. But it's just his thrashing, it's just his death throes. I want you to hear this, Satan is a defeated foe! He sails a doomed ship! At the cross Jesus defeated Satan forever. Mark this down, God doesn't destroy evil, he defeats evil. If you are on the Lord's side you are overcomers, not victims but victors. We have this victory only through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So from now on when you hear those noises, the bumping and the thrashing, those scary news reports of death and destruction, it's just Satan in denial, thrashing against the inevitable.

[God to Satan]

Genesis 3:15 NIV "And I will put enmity [hatred, warfare] between you and the woman [Israel], and between your offspring and hers; he [Jesus] will crush your head [a mortal wound], and you will strike his heel [painful wound but not deadly]."

Revelation 20:10 NIV "And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

*– Andy Jones*

<b>Last Week's Attendance:</b>	<b><u>Echo Hills Ministry:</u></b>	<b><u>Recent Contributions:</u></b>
Sunday Morning.....50	<b>This Week's Sermon: Chad Jones</b>	Contribution 11/9.....\$1,475
Sunday Night.....73		Contribution 11/2.....\$2,178
Wednesday Night.....94	<b>REACH Ministry Director: David Senn, Jr.</b>	Contribution 10/26.....\$1,127
		Weekly Budget Needs.....\$1,681



- Mark your calendars! On Sunday night, December 7th, we will be having a Baby Sprinkle for Johnnie and Betsy Anderson. More details closer to the event!
- Basketball season has begun! Our Echo Hill's basketball team started play this weekend and schedule was distributed via email. Please see Judy Van Dyke if you did not receive and please plan to come out and support our young men!
- Don't forget about our new classes! The Wednesday night adult Bible Class is beginning a new study on 1 Corinthians (taught by Tom James) and the Sunday night adult Bible class has begun a study on the book of James, (taught by Jimmy Arnold). Everyone is welcome to attend!

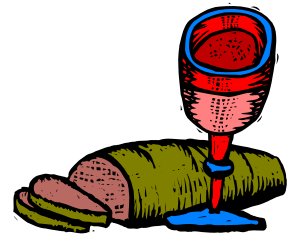
**Serving on the Lord's Table this month...**

November 9: Chris Post

November 25: Rich Van Dyke

November 16: James Bickel

November 31: Jim Van Dyke

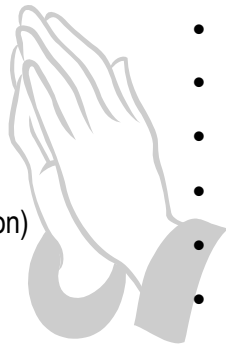


**Announcements...Jeff Brake**

\*If you are unable to serve, please contact Chris Hayes at 948-1071 or uthayes24@gmail.com\*

**Those to keep in your Prayers:**

- JEAN MCCASLAND SUFFERING WITH ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA
- LINDA ALLEN CARDS, CALLS & VISITS MUCH APPRECIATED AT:  
309 ROBERT CARTWRIGHT DR.  
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072  
(615) 851-5508
- LARRY FOSTER
- JERRIE JOHNSON (Mother of Matt Johnson)
- EMILY KUYKENDALL
- ROWEENA GOOLSBY
- VINAY & SUNEETHA KUMAR
- CAROL SOUTHALL (Mother of Blake Southall) DECLINING VISION
- ANITA SCHMITT (Friend of Ron & Jenny Lux)
- MARGARET JONES



- SANDY THOMAS (Barbara Brake's daughter)
- KENZIE LEDING (friend of Emily Kuykendall)
- EVELYN ARNOLD
- DONNA EDMONDS (mother of Jon)
- DARLENE KIMBLE & FAMILY
- KIM BRAKE BROKEN LEG
- COURTNEY SENN TORN ACL
- KRISTIN HALL'S FATHER & FAMILY
- NADINE DANIEL SURGERY
- BLANCHE VANNATTA CARDS & CALLS APPRECIATED AT:  
1236 CAMPBELL ROAD  
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072  
(615) 859-3516
- CHRIS & SAMANTHA POST

<p><b>Echo Hills church of Christ</b> 1106 Campbell Road Goodlettsville, TN 37072 Email: <a href="mailto:contact@echohillschurch.org">contact@echohillschurch.org</a></p>	<p><b>We're on the web!</b> <a href="http://www.echohillschurch.org">www.echohillschurch.org</a></p>	<p><b>Sunday Worship</b> Classes: 9:15 am &amp; Worship: 10:15 Sunday Night Classes: 6pm Wednesday Night Classes: 7pm</p>
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------