

Childhelp

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* Retooling the Child Abuse Hotline that answers 80 percent of calls within 20 seconds;

* Improving employee morale.

"I am humbled and thrilled to receive this award from Childhelp," said Henry. "My entire DCS staff are doing everything they possibly can to get our Tennessee children safe, healthy and back on track. We hope to have the chance to share our best practices with other states in the U.S."

The April 22 Childhelp National Day of Hope luncheon in Washington D.C. will be co-chaired by U.S. Senator John McCain, R-Arizona, and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, D-California.

In our nation, five children die each day as a result of abuse or neglect and that is #FiveTooMany. A report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds and nearly 3.3 million reports of child abuse are made annually. Childhelp's programs work to combat these issues daily. For more information visit www.childhelp.org/end-five-many/.



The Emerald Youth choir singing at the ministry's 2014 breakfast. This year's event will be May 1 at the Knoxville Expo Center.

Emerald Youth Foundation Hosting Annual Prayer And Fundraising Breakfast

More than 1,000 guests are expected to attend the 7 a.m. event (doors open at 6:45 a.m.) that is sponsored by Home Federal Bank, Graham Corporation and Tennova Healthcare. Proceeds raised during the event support Emerald Youth Foundation, a nonprofit ministry that

serves nearly 2,000 city children, teens, and young adults through its faith, education and sports program.

Highlights will include music by the Emerald Youth choir, testimonials from Emerald Youth participants, and a video presentation courtesy of RIVR Media.

Emerald Youth president and CEO Steve Diggs will speak, and All Occasion Catering will provide the meal.

The breakfast is complimentary, and an offering will be collected. For reservations contact Kelly Winck at (865) 637-3227 ext. 115 or visit www.emeraldyouth.org

Knowing God

I am concerned, like so many others, about the state of Christianity in America. It appears that the lives of Christians are not much different from the lives of non-Christians. What is needed is a reformation so that we can really know God.

A great book to study in the Bible is Ephesians. This short letter, compared to other letters in the New Testament, is a comprehensive statement about God and His word. It also tells us about Christ and the Gospel, and about life with the



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Spirit.

Ephesians tells us that God is not some remote being. We were always meant to belong to God. This book shows us how we are united with Christ. From living in Christ, we learn to live for Christ. This book challenges the watered down gospel prevalent

in our day. This gospel requires people to act.

Ephesians talks about the former way of life contrasted with the new life found in Christ. "For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as

children of light" (Ephesians 5:8). When in Christ, you look and act different.

Many people believe in God (up to 94 percent of Americans, according to Gallup). But it is clear by how people live that nowhere near 94 percent actually know God. I mean know him at a deep level. Many people find it difficult to connect to get on a relational level. Some of us know God by what we have been told about God (at a vacation Bible school or visiting church a few times or attending a wedding or funeral). So what we know about God is secondhand. Others know God in their memories. We experienced

God's love and grace in the past but the relationship has since grown cold or stale. And some people know God intimately right now. This is what God wants and promises if we will seek Him (Deut. 4:29; Jeremiah 29:13).

There is a difference in knowing about God and really knowing God. When I first met my wife, I was attracted to her. I realized that this is someone I wanted to get to know better. I asked several of her friends what she was like. I found out about her family, where she lived and where she worshipped. I knew about her, but that was all. In order for me to really know her,

I had to invest time and effort. Due to that diligence, I have now been married to her for almost twenty-five years and I can say with confidence that I know my wife, yet I continue to grow deeper in intimacy with her.

This is the way God wants it in our relationship with Him. Ephesians is a letter that will help you get to know God and live close to Him. It tells us who we are, who God is, and what we are to do. We want to know God intimately and serve Him with everything we have.

Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church (The Church With a Heart In The Heart Of Karns) is welcoming Spring with exciting upcoming events. Rev. Darryll Rasnake welcomes you and your family to join us for the annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28. Families and children of all ages are invited to join us in the Family Life Center

at 9:00 a.m. for a Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Methodist Men's group. The Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. Don't forget your Easter Basket! For more information please call 690-1060. www.beaverridgeumc.org.

Fountain City Presbyterian Church

FountainCityPresbyterian Church, 500 Hotel Avenue, will hold its Palm Sunday service on March 29 with special Easter Music by the

Chancel Choir at both the 8:55 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

March 29. Annual Easter Egg hunt for children 5th grade and under. Children and Parents will meet in Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m.

March 30-April 2. Holy Week Services from noon until 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel

April 3. Good Friday Service at 7:30 p.m.

April 5. Easter Sunday Worship at 8:55 a.m. and

11:00 a.m.

Seymour United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 28, brings a special workday for the church's many projects needing attention. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. followed by work assignments both inside and out.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and also the 5th Sunday of a month. Assuch, it brings the opportunity for

special gifts for the Holston Home for Children - a most worthwhile charity.

Also, next Sunday, the "Soul Sisters" women's fellowship group will hold a bake sale to benefit "Imagine No Malaria."

At 4 p.m., a planning meeting is scheduled for SUMC's "Springfest" celebration, wherein we welcome in the community for various fun-filled events and activities.

April 18th has been set aside for the annual Car, Truck and Tractor Show. Contact Bobby Jennings for details and how you might help make this a success.

St. James Episcopal Church

St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 N. Broadway, announces Holy Week celebration schedule: Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, April 2, 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday Liturgy April 3, 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. (neighborhood); Easter Sunday Services with Holy Eucharist will be at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service will include incense. Easter Breakfast will begin at 9:15. The Egg Hunt will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Christ is Risen!

We invite you to join us for Easter Sunday.

Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. in the Courtyard
Breakfast will follow in
Parish Hall

Sunday Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. in the Nave
Easter music by the UT
Brasswind Quartet begins at
8:15 & 10:45 a.m.



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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Youth
7:00 p.m.
Bus Ministry -
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Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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