



# Forest Home Church

Forest Home Church  
1751 Old Natchez Trace  
Franklin, TN 37069

[www.ForestHomeChurch.org](http://www.ForestHomeChurch.org)

## July 31st, 2011

"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

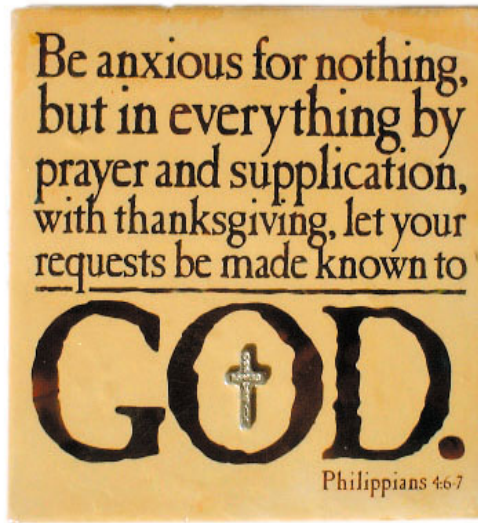
Send announcements, praises, and prayer requests to: [newsletter@foresthomchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@foresthomchurch.org)

### 20/20 Vision Encouragement by Seeing the Full Picture

Please find encouragement from pondering on the following twenty Scripture truths about our life in the Lord. These are to be read starting with saying, "I am ..." LH

Hence: **I am . . .**

1. A Child of God (Romans 8:16)
2. Forgiven (Colossians 1:13-14)
3. A New Creature (2 Corinthians 5:17)
4. Partaker of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4)
5. Redeemed from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13)
6. Delivered from the powers of Darkness (Colossians 1:13)
7. Led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)
8. Casting all my cares on Jesus (1 Peter 5:7)
9. Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10)
10. Doing all things through Christ Who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)
11. An heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus (Romans 8:17)
12. Blessed with all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3)
13. More than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)
14. Overcoming by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony (Rev 12:11)
15. Not moved by mere appearances (2 Corinthians 4:18)
16. Being transformed by renewing my mind (Romans 12:1-2)
17. Casting down vain imaginations & taking every thought captive (2 Cor 10:4-5)
18. A laborer together with God (1 Corinthians 3:9)
19. learning--greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world (1 Jn 4:4)
20. in the thoughts and prayers of Jesus (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)



### PRAYER & PRAISE

Lord,

Thank You Lord for hearing our prayers for those of us who are sick, for our loved ones hurting, experiencing loss and in need...we continue to request your care We ask your wisdom & guidance for our country Bless our young ones to know your delights Bless our older ones to find rest in You

Thank you for providing several new work May we be salt and light, servants set apart Let our singing be sweeter than the birds of the field Bless our loved ones in Kenya—in their coming in and their going out You are the Potter, We are the clay, Have your way this Day O' Lord.

### 2011 Calendar

- **THIS WED NIGHT - BRANDED for the youth 6pm-7:30pm @ the church**
- **August 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> - YOUTH LOCK-IN @ THE CHURCH**
- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church Intercessory prayer for anyone
- EACH WED - 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
- Each Last Wed night of the month "Branded" for the youth 6-7:30pm @ church

### YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL LOCK-IN @ THE CHURCH

### THIS WEEKEND!!!

**FRIDAY 6pm  
TO SATURDAY 10am**

**AT THE CHURCH BUILDING**

**BRING \$30, A BIBLE, & GAMES**

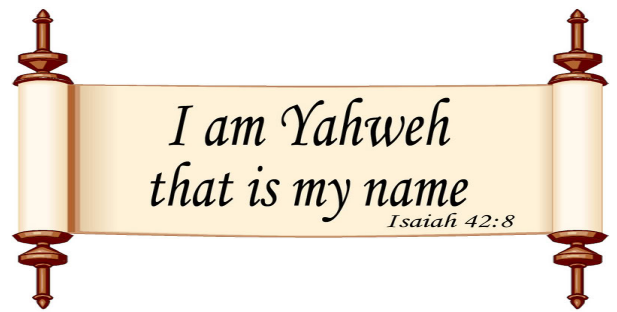


## Why Do We Call FH a Church of Christ?

A common question I get from visitors to FH is, "Why are you called a Church of Christ?" We could certainly point to tradition and how this has been the name of the group meeting here since the building was a schoolhouse. But why continue to be identified as "a church of Christ?" I believe there are some very good reasons. Do you find these reasons compelling? Are there any reasons you would add for why we call FH a church of Christ? (LH)

Here are several:

- Because it is one of the Bible names for a church.
- Because the church is the Bride of Christ.
- Because Christ is the Head of the Church.
- Because Christ is the cornerstone and builder of the Church and locally this Church.
- Because all authority has been given Christ in heaven and on earth.
- Because Christ is bigger and better than the mistakes of us who have used His name
- Because the Father is summing up all things in Christ
- Because Jesus is the beginning . . . that in everything he might be preeminent
- The church has been, is, and will be conformed to the image of Christ
- We are purchased with Christ's blood and are not our own
- We are free and living by His blood
- Jesus is our Bread
- Christ is our Lord and Savior
- Jesus is the One who pours the Spirit of God on the church
- In Christ all things hold together
- Jesus cherishes the Church and will present her without blemish
- He is our greatest Good and Highest Joy
- At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow
- Worthy is the Lamb

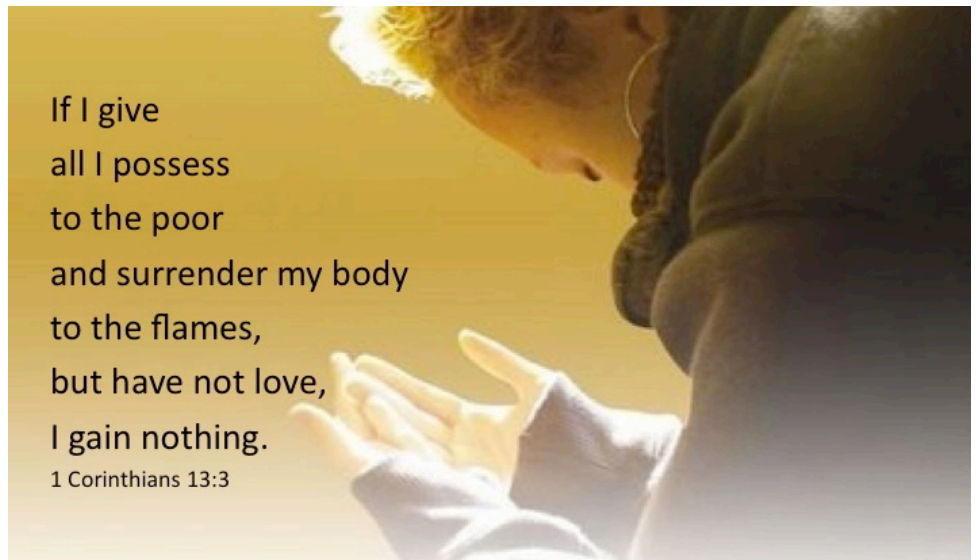


I like to remind myself of the following words from John Stott which help address the Christian's concern to hold **Truth in Love and Love in Truth** (Eph 4:15/1 John 3:18)!

"Love is the first mark of a true and living church and truth is the second, because the Scriptures hold love and truth together in balance. Some Christians are so resolved to make love paramount, that they forget the sacredness of revealed truth. "Let us drown our doctrinal differences" they urge, "in the ocean of brotherly love." Others are equally mistaken in their pursuit of truth at the expense of love. So dogged is their zeal for God's Word that they become harsh, bitter, and unloving. Love becomes sentimental if it is not strengthened by truth, and truth becomes hard if it is not softened by love. We need to preserve the balance of the Bible which tells us to hold the truth in love, to love others in the truth, and to grow not only in love but in discernment." (from John Stott, 1995)

### DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Adam and Lisa Grimenstein's email address has changed from [adamandlisag@yahoo.com](mailto:adamandlisag@yahoo.com) to [adamandlisag@gmail.com](mailto:adamandlisag@gmail.com)



DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	
July 31	Shannon Whitehead	July D. Costello	Aug 3	Sarah/Kathleen
Aug 7	Lois McAlister	Aug Garner	Aug 10	Liz/Dawn
Aug 14	Mari Ann Farmer	Sept L. McAlister	Aug 17	Linda/Lois
Aug 21	Pat Gil	Oct Austin	Aug 24	Ocie/Shannon
Aug 28	Sam Lamborn	Nov VanderLinden	Aug 31	Pat/Karen
		(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.		