

# Religion

## Obituaries

### Richard 'Randy' Cunningham

Funeral services for Richard "Randy" Cunningham, 70, were held Saturday, Feb. 2, at Hunt Funeral Home LLC with Bro. Kenneth Epperson and Bro. Mike Melton officiating. Burial followed in Belew's Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Cunningham was born March 31, 1948, and he passed away January 30, 2019. Randy graduated from Bradford High School in 1967. He began working at ITT Mllan. He married his wife, Jane McCartney Cunningham, in January 1968. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in May 1968. After basic training, he was sent to Vietnam for a 12-month tour. While serving, he was awarded two Meritorious Medals of Valor, two Bronze Stars of Valor, two Purple Hearts, combat infantry badge and other unit citations. He rose to the rank of sergeant. After his service, he returned to ITT. In 1974, he began a career with Gibson County EMS. He retired after serving 37 years.

He is survived by his wife, Jane McCartney Cunningham of Milan; two sons, Steven (Meg) Cunningham of Milan and Scott Cunningham of Milan; his mother Annie B. Cunningham of Bradford, and two grandsons, Blake Cunningham and Blaine Cunningham.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joel Cunningham; two brothers, Jones "Mouse" Cunningham and Mack Cunningham; and two sisters-in-law, Betty Cunningham and Shirley Cunningham.

Pallbearers were Blake Cunningham, Blaine Cunningham, Alan Abbott, Brent Work, William Longmire and Don McCartney. Honorary pallbearers were Bill McCartney, Carnell McAlister, Frank Williams and Robert Earl Owen.

Randy was a member of Belews Chapel General Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1124 of Gibson County.

Hunt Funeral Home LLC is honored to serve the family of Richard "Randy" Cunningham.

### Sue Carroll Stephenson Redmond

Sue Carroll Stephenson Redmond, 79, of Lyles, formerly of Dyer, passed away in Nashville on January 23 following a brief illness.

She was preceded in death by parents, Martha Owens Carroll and Andrew Carroll; husbands, Don Stephenson and Roy Redmond; sister, Judy Carroll Maxson; and niece, Andrea Maxson Roddy. She is survived by daughter, Melissa Scobey of Dyer; sister, Elaine Carroll Embree of Maryville; special niece and caretaker, Rhonda Maxson Fields of Lyles; grandchildren, Andrew Simmons, Chesley Scobey and Kayley Hood; great-nephews Cory Embree, Devin Lyon, Kyler and Kaden Fields, Max Roddy; and great-niece, Katherine Roddy.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. No services are planned at this time.

### Christian Women's Job Corps volunteers hold monthly meeting

By Alice Ernest

Twice Blessed Thrift Store, located in the Davy Crockett Shopping Center in Trenton, is a very active part of Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC), which serves women in many ways to improve their lives spiritually and in practical ways, as well.

Volunteers of the organization met for their monthly meeting the morning of January 21 to hear CWJC Site Coordinator Christy Skelton's discussion of long-range plans for women through the organization and to receive guidelines to follow as a volunteer.

These tasks included sorting and arranging for selling the donations generously brought to the store by caring individuals from the area.

Joanne Gonzales, member of the CWJC Board of Directors, handed instructions and checklists to each volunteer. Among other things, volunteers will sign in and out so accuracy of hours can be tallied. No volunteer can

purchase a donated item until it has remained for sale for one week. Books will be color coded before they're put on the bookcases in the front of the store. Guidelines for hanging off-season clothes in a separate place will be followed so a smooth transition can be made when a season occurs.

The scheduled one-hour meeting extended as volunteers enjoyed a time of fellowship with each other. Enjoyed by everyone was the sausage and egg casserole brought by Christy, the platter of fruit and dip brought by Twice Blessed Store Manager Susan Oliver and muffins brought by volunteer Joyce Brown.

With a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for her volunteers, Christy dismissed the group until devotional time Tuesday morning.

Twice Blessed Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday in each month, with each opening beginning with the reading of God's Word and a prayer.

### The Grapevine

by Sarah Skinner

What a beautiful weekend the Lord blessed us with! After having several days of cold winter weather, it felt like Spring.

We also had a wonderful spiritual service at St. Paul Sunday morning. The Heavenly Father was surely in our midst. Pastor Willie Pounds delivered the message. His topic "Eight Promises That God Has Made to You." It was found in Psalms 91:1, 14-16. The promises are: He will rescue us, protect us, acknowledge His name, answer prayers, will help in trouble, will deliver you if you believe, and will honor and give you eternal life. The mass choir provided the music. Special selections were "Gloria to His Name" and "I'm Glad to Be In Service." Communion was served, and fellowship was held afterwards.

We were so happy William Jenkins of Dyer attended the service and brought his guitar with

him and accompanied Lenny Banks and Bruce Banks with our music. He is always welcome. We were also happy to have Michael Sowell of Mt. Zion Community and Bobby White of Florida to worship with us.

Minister Esther Skinner has a knee replacement last week at Jackson Madison County Hospital. She is recuperating at home but is still in pain. Charlie R. Simpson is a patient at JMCH. Please remember them and all the sick in your prayers.

Those having birthdays this week are: Eric Brooks, Pearl Banks, Kane Taylor and Harold W. Banks.

St. Paul will be observing Black History, Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. Our guest church will be Miles Chapel of Martin and Pastor Paul Jenkins Sr. will be our guest speaker. Everyone is invited.

God Bless and have a good week.

### Lowrance Chapel

by Ken Roberts

We continue to pray for Jean Harris who remains homebound.

Happy Birthday to our sister Bobbie Betts who will celebrate on Friday.

In Ephesians chapter 5, the apostle Paul instructed the church at Ephesus about some things that they needed to do.

In verse 19, he included "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Christians are told that we should sing. Some would be surprised to know that all of the singing in worship in the New Testament was done "acappella." In fact, although the word acappella now means "without instrumental accompaniment," the original meaning was "as in the church" or "as in the chapel."

For several centuries after the church was estab-

lished, all of the worship in song was done without instrumental accompaniment. In some places, that is still the case.

Next Sunday, February 10, the Gibson County "Second Sunday Singing" will be held at the Lowrance Chapel building. Everyone is invited to attend this hour of worship in song.

The singing will begin at 2:30. Our PM worship will begin at 4.

We would love to share the good news of Jesus Christ with you at the Lowrance Chapel church of Christ. Bible classes are at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Please direct any questions or comments to LowranceChapel@gmail.com.

Look for announcements and updates on our Facebook page.

### Laneview Baptist

#### Church News

by Morgan Whitworth

Welcome to Laneview Baptist Church where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord.

Our Praise and Worship began with the choir singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." Bro. Johnny Cavender led us in singing "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and "Heavenly Sunshine." Bro. Johnny sang "The King is Coming." We are thankful for our Music Worship. The sermon was taken from John 11:1-14, 11:31-44. Revelation 6:9-17. Steven Ledbetter delivered a thought provoking and soul searching Sermon. Praise God

John 11:1-14

5- Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus

6- When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was

7- Then after that saith he to his disciples, "Let us go unto Judaea again."

8- His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

9- Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If any man should walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of the world."

10- But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him."

11- These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awaken him

out of sleep."

The King is coming. Are we having spiritual death? It is time we wake up and come to Jesus Christ. God's children are supposed to stand out in the world and tell the Good News. Christians today are failing to share God's Word or live a godly life. Many rely on man rather than giving it to God. The church is not doing what God ordained it to do. When is the last time we groaned in our spirit? We have not yet seen persecution.

Martha did not think that Jesus would raise Lazarus from the dead. We have to give everything to God without holding back. How many times do we do things that we want to do or find more important than what God laid on your heart? God wants us to come as we are, and we have to lay everything down at his feet, withholding nothing.

Revelation 6:9-17

One day, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Do you know Him today?

43- And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."

And he did. Amen.

Join us as we seek the Lord, as we serve the Lord, and as we share the Word of God. Amen.

Sunday School 9:45

Sunday Morning Worship 11

Sunday Evening 5

Wednesday Night 6:30

### Holy New Beginning

by Diane Myles

The leaders of Holy New Beginning Ministries, which included the pastor, elders, deacons, and auxiliary leaders journeyed to Word of Faith in Dyersburg on Saturday for a leadership meeting. This was to report on standings of churches and make plans for upcoming trips and conferences. We had a wonderful time and topped it off with lunch at the Old Western Steakhouse. Food and Fellowship were great!

Sunday School and worship service were awesome Sunday. Bishop Myles delivered a dynamic message titled, "God Will Turn It Around." Job 12:7-12. The spirit was high. We had great attendance! Praise God! There will be Missionary Ministry meet-

ing Saturday at 1 p.m.. All members are expected to come. We were saddened by the loss of Elder Cecilia Bowden's son, Daryl Bowden. We will be in prayer for the family and also in prayer for Sister Kim Albea, Elder Bryan Albea's wife, who lost her mother. Sunday we will have a membership meeting immediately after church to discuss our upcoming church trip to Williamstown, Ky to see the replica of Noah's Ark. Plans are being made for Easter activities for the Dyer community. Their first meeting was a success! Everyone looked great Sunday in their football jerseys! Thought for the week: "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door!" Have a good week!



**FUN WITH BUBBLEWRAP** - Bookworm Story Time celebrated National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day on Jan. 30 at the Gibson County Memorial Library in Trenton. The storybook adventure was through "The Bubble Wrap Queen," written by Julia Cook and illustrated by Allison Valentine. Children heard of a mom who bubble wrapped everything from the house to the car to her daughter but realized bubble wrap is more fun for popping. For craft time, children made painted masterpieces with bubble wrap stamps and paint. They sang and moved along to some fun songs before heading off for the day. "Due to the sicknesses going around, several of our Bookworms were out, and we send everyone well wishes," said Children's Librarian Brittany Thompson. "Join us next Wednesday at 10 a.m. for a new storybook adventure!" Bookworms in attendance were Greyson, Garrett, Ruby, Evie, Fineligh, Alexander and Korbyn.

### Scholarship available for future teachers

In an effort to recognize and encourage potential women educators, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will award a \$500 scholarship to a female graduate of a high school in Gibson County, who has completed her sophomore year in college and is enrolled in an ac-

credited Tennessee teacher education program.

Applications may be obtained by requesting an application from Jane Pinkerton, 486 Gumwoods Rd., Trenton, TN 38382 or by emailing you request to [pinkerto@ycinet.net](mailto:pinkerto@ycinet.net).

Deadline for applying is April 1.

### Sunday School for the Shut-Ins

by Mary King

When you're ready please read Luke 1:76-77.

Who gave John the authority to baptize?

What does Jesus say?

"Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?"

But He answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me:

The baptism of John— was it from heaven or from men?"

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet."

So they answered that they did not know where it was from" Luke 20:1-7(NKJV).

Jesus had stumped them again. John had no reason to fear anyone. He could go forward. What about the prophet Jeremiah?

Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD" Jeremiah 1:4-8(KJV). Go forward.

Jeremiah prophesied during the days of 3 kings -- Jehoiakim, Zedekiah and Josiah. Amon was Josiah's dad and he was an evil king of Judah, but Josiah chose not to follow him. Instead, Josiah followed the ways of his ancestor, David, a man who sincerely wanted to do the right thing. Okay. I didn't say he was sinless. David was genuine. He fell because 1 – he is human and 2 – he is NOT Jesus Christ (2 Kings 22).

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