

# It's good weather for deck sitting

The beautiful weather we are having right now. I did enjoy the cooler temperatures. New Home Baptist Church had a wonderful homecoming service. There were lots of food enjoyed by everyone there.

I enjoy sitting outside on my deck each morning with my coffee, Bible, and my dog Belle. If you are quiet enough you can hear all sorts of animals. I actually heard two woodpeckers and they were on the same tree. It is just nice to have a peaceful moment before you start your day.

We need to pray for safety for the people that were in the path of Florence. I have a friend, Hillary Gould who was traveling out of harm's way with her children. I hope everything is okay with her and her family.

Lindsay, Charlee Winfree and myself attend-

ed a birthday party in honor of Thomas Park. He turned five years old. The party was held at Chuck E. Cheese. We had a blast, Charlee and all the children enjoyed the games and so did I. Yes I enjoyed playing skeet ball against my nephew, Jonathan Rowland. Of course we were just playing to get tickets for the kids. No, we both are very competitive. Anyway I'm ready to go back anytime he is. I also got to visit with family, which is always a plus.

Get well wishes and prayers for Linda Armour, Kenneth and Lucy Young, Kimberly Violet, Joe Young, Patricia McCormick, and Brenda Bates.

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*For therein the righteousness of revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.*

## Romans 1:17

# Saying goodbye to a friend

Jonell Bratcher, 71, passed away at her residence on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. I feel fortunate to have known Jonell as she was a warm and very caring person. She will be missed by many. She was a sister to Peggy (Donnie) Scott of Warren County. Please be uplifting Jonell's family in prayer at this sad time.

Pastor Chris Moore's sermon on Sunday was "Fan or Follower." It got me to thinking just how many of us are truly followers of Jesus Christ. Sure, we can speak high-

ly of Him but getting down to the brass tacks of serving Jesus is another matter. All of us have been given talents to use for His glory, if we truly want to make a commitment to Jesus. When we accepted Him as our Lord and Personal Savior everything about us changed for the better. There's

Him in whatever capacity we can everyday will make a difference for those souls that will be added to His kingdom in heaven. We can do so much for Jesus by witnessing to others of His greatness. Sitting back and doing nothing as Christians just isn't acceptable when you think about so many people who will not make it to heaven if they don't know about Him.



by CAROL GUNTER

# The greatest honor

We've all heard them at one time or another. Those three little words: 'pray for me'.

How do we respond most of the time? We'll say 'I will' and truly mean to do it. We'll say a little cursory prayer and, too often, that's it. What we don't realize is what an honor it is for someone to ask us to pray for them.

Think about it. Someone sees our faith is stronger than we even think it is. Strong enough that

they trust us to go boldly to the throne of God on their behalf. We have the ability to stand in the gap for someone in need. These requests should not be taken lightly.

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We are like the apostles waiting in the garden while Jesus prayed. "Sit here while I go and pray over there." (Matt 26:36) Perhaps Jesus meant them to pray with Him, to help Him face the horror that awaited. But Jesus found them asleep. "What! Could you not

watch with Me one hour?" He trusted His apostles to watch and wait with Him prayer. But they didn't see the trouble coming; they were asleep.

Too many times we are the sleeping apostles. We mean to pray, but we don't pray with our entire being. When we are asked to pray for someone or a situation, we should count it as an honor and responsibility to pray with our whole heart, even when we don't know the whole story.

We are the sons and daughters of the Living God. Can we not pray for those in need or will Jesus find us sleeping on the job?



by GINGER EXUM



# BORN TO TEACH

**By: Duane Sherrill**

Saying she was born to teach, Kady Moffett can be found in the special education classroom at Smithville Elementary, working to make a difference in her students' lives.

She began teaching last January in Chattanooga, instructing a second grade inclusion class there. She started teaching in Smithville this school year.

Kady started off as a nursing major at UTC and was substitute teaching on the side. "I fell in love with it immediately and changed my major," she revealed. "I knew it was what I wanted to do. It was what I was born to do."

She teaches special education at SES and says she loves her students. "All the diverse needs that are in my

class," she said of the challenge of teaching. "I just love seeing that progress and you're going to see progress in any grade you teach, in any class, but with special education, it's such a different environment."

Kady says she gets to give all of her students extra attention and that is key in helping their progress.

"You're working with them one on one and that helps you appreciate who they are," she said. "You make so much progress in so many areas. It's like, with them, you really know you're making a difference in their lives."

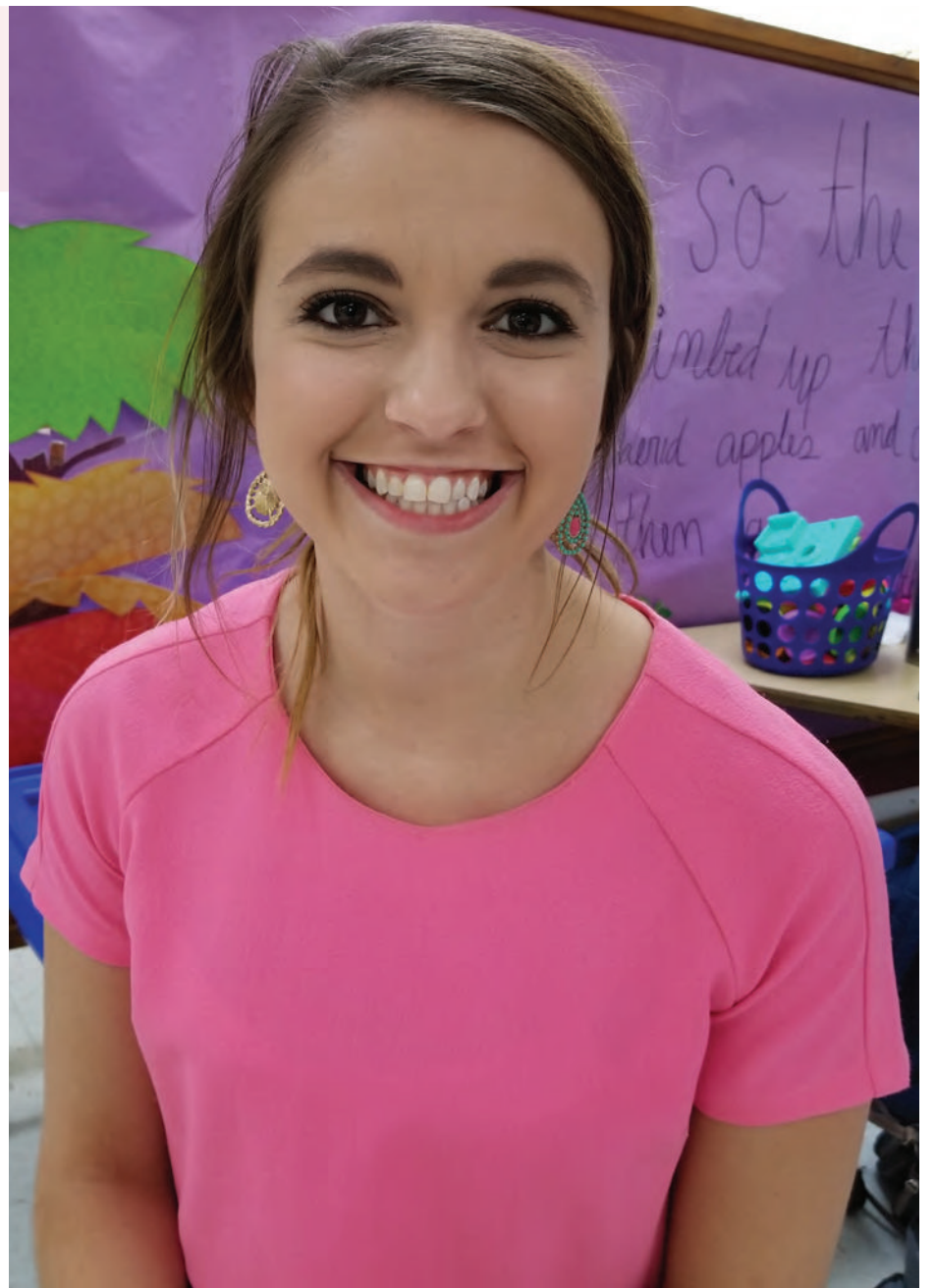
Kady has seven students in her classroom. "It's called CDC and it's one on one," she said. "The students have a lot of needs."

Kady says she goes

home every day with a smile. "Each day it makes me feel like I'm doing something positive and influencing them in their lives," she said. "I'm teaching them academics but I also know I'm teaching them so much about real-life situations and making them more equipped to go into the real world."

Kady originally hails from Dayton and was raised in a warm home environment. "A lot of love and I think that helps make me the teacher I am now," she said of her upbringing.

When she is not teaching, Kady admits she is a “big homebody” who likes staying home with her husband, whom she married earlier this year, and playing with her dog Neyland. They also like watching a lot of football. “We’re big UT fans.”



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