

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Ron Hudoba
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dennis Milam
P.M. Prayer	David Duty
P.M. Closing Prayer	R. L. Roller
Lord's Table	* B. Braxton, M. Kerrigan K. Everett, T. Brantley
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	Eddie & Pat Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Jean Futch
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	David Dvorshock (8-19-20)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Dan Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Jim Rhodes
P.M. Prayer	David Duty
P.M. Closing Prayer	John E. Albritton
Lord's Table	* Justin Preaus, D. Dvorshock E. Albritton, S. Richardson
Song Leader	Kent Everett
Greeters	J.E. & E.J. Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Skylar Read Kaia Read
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Ben Walker (8-26-20)

The Record Speaks	
Date	Aug. 9, 2020
Bible Class	--
A.M. Worship	73
P.M. Worship	--
Contribution	--
Date	Aug. 11, 2020
Wed. Attendance	25

Schedule of Events	
<b>Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> thru Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 9:45 A.M.</b>	Bible Class
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	Worship
<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	Evening Worship
<b>Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> 12:30 P.M.</b> Men's Prayer Group	
<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	Bible Classes
<b>Benevolence:</b> Ron Hudoba – 368-4886 Tracey Brantley – 368-9106	
VBS – Third week in June every year	

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[farmervillechurchofchrist.org](http://farmervillechurchofchrist.org)

Narcotics Anonymous  
meetings here every Tuesday  
night at 6:30.

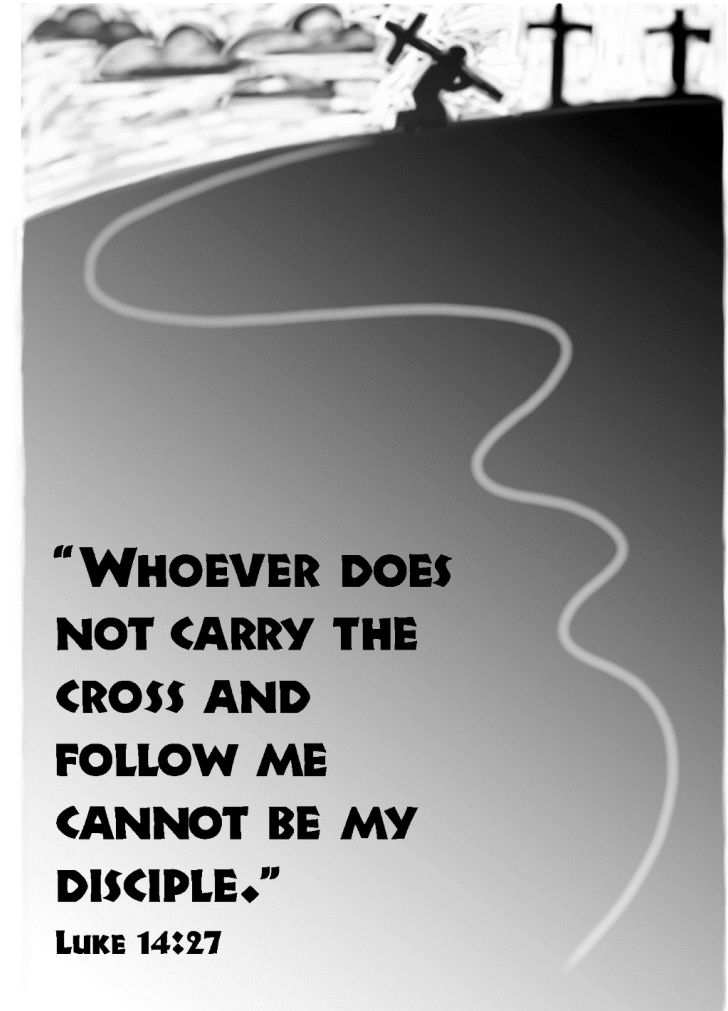
AA and Al-Anon meetings  
here every Thursday night at  
6:30.

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**“WHOEVER DOES  
NOT CARRY THE  
CROSS AND  
FOLLOW ME  
CANNOT BE MY  
DISCIPLE.”**

**LUKE 14:27**

## Self-Denial

*Matthew 10:37-38; Luke 9:23-24*

Well, here I am, Lord. You said “Take up your cross,” and I’m here to do it. It’s not easy, you know, this self-denial thing. I mean to go through with it though, yes sir! I’ll bet you wish more people were willing to be disciples like me. I’ve counted the cost and surrendered my life, and it’s not an easy road.

You mind if I look over these crosses? I’d kind of like a new one. I’m not fussy, you understand; but a disciple has to be relevant these days.

I was wondering—are there any that are vinyl padded? I’m thinking of attracting others, see? And if I could show them a comfortable cross, I’m sure I could win a lot more. Got to keep up with the population explosion and all.

And I need something durable so I can treasure it always. Oh, is there one that’s sort of flat so it would fit under my coat? One shouldn’t be too obvious.

Funny, there doesn’t seem to be much choice here. Just that course, rough wood. I mean, that would hurt. Don’t you have something more distinctive, Lord? I can tell you right now, none of my friends are going to be impressed by this shoddy workmanship. They’ll think I’m a nut or something. And my family will be just mortified.

What’s that? It’s either one of these or forget the whole thing? But Lord, I want to be your disciple, I mean, just being with you; that’s all that counts; but life has to have a balance, too. But you don’t understand—nobody lives that way today! Who is going to be attracted by this self-denial bit? I mean, I want to; but let’s not overdo it. Start getting radical like this, and they’ll have me off to the funny farm. Know what I mean?

I mean, being a disciple is challenging and exciting and I want to do it; but I do have some rights, you know. Now let’s see—no blood—OK? I just can’t stand the thought of that, Lord...Lord? Jesus?

Now where do you suppose He went?

*--Copied*

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After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, “Who was THAT?”

*--Copied*

## You Need to Know

*Birthdays this week:*

**Friday, August 21 – Alan Futch & Doyline Bird**

*Anniversaries this week:*

**Tuesday, August 18 – Brian & Cindy Braxton**

**Thursday, August 20 – Wess & Whitney Chapman**

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I am so happy that we are able to meet for worship service again. It will be wonderful when we are able to meet for all our services and Bible classes! I’m also glad to be doing the bulletin again! Please let me know if anyone has any announcements that need to be in it, or someone who needs to be put on or taken off the prayer list.

Thank you to Chris, Ben & others for making it possible for us to watch the Sunday morning worship service on Facebook! We have started having Wednesday night Bible class again. Everyone will be in the auditorium and there will not be any children’s classes.

Our new website is live at [fvcofc.org](http://fvcofc.org). It includes a calendar. If there is an event that you would like to have added to that calendar, please email all of the details to [fvcofc@outlook.com](mailto:fvcofc@outlook.com).

There is a Ladies Morning planned for August 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 1:00 p.m. It will be at Pavilion number 1 at D’arbonne State Park. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Bring your lawn chair and Bible! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back hallway. Please sign by next Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> if you plan to attend.

## Those in Need of Special Prayer

<b>Yyvern Taylor</b>	<b>Doris Roller</b>
<b>Lynette Hughes</b>	<b>Joe Albritton</b>
<b>“Bee” Stewart</b>	<b>“Hoss” Brantley</b>
<b>Eloyce Everett</b>	<b>Letsy Everett</b>
<b>Alan &amp; Liz Hyde</b>	<b>Steve Brantley</b>
<b>Sherry Taylor</b>	<b>Dan Albritton</b>
<b>Cooter Anderson</b>	<b>Cindy Lanham</b>
<b>Katherine Hebert</b>	<b>Bobby Fletcher</b>
<b>Elaine Brantley</b>	<b>Betty Reese</b>
<b>Tommy Lomax</b>	<b>Steve Davis</b>
<b>Betty Perot</b>	<b>Roxanna Gill</b>
<b>Elta Knight</b>	<b>Patsy Williams</b>
<b>Betty Swarers</b>	<b>Laiken Heard</b>
<b>Lorraine McDaniel</b>	<b>Bruce Rice</b>
<b>Molly Bergeron</b>	<b>Joyce Watson</b>
<b>Wanda Trichell</b>	<b>Charles Archibald</b>
<b>Krew-Ron &amp; Roseann’s great-grandson</b>	

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### **Best Effort**

Several years ago, a popular song used as its theme an incident which happened at a high school football game. A young athlete, not one of the regular starters, was suddenly given starter status. This night was his. Over and over again he executed key plays which brought victory to his team.

When the coach expressed his amazement and asked the athlete what got him going, the young man told his coach about the recent death of his blind father. Then he said, “For the first time in my life, my Dad could watch me play.”

Every father wants his children to give their best effort. And our heavenly Father also is rooting for us; He has “eyes” for His children because He loves us and is concerned about our well-being.

We parents realize that effort outweighs winning. When we do our best, we can walk away with a good feeling, win or lose. So it is with God. Whether it was a blood sacrifice under the Old Covenant or the self-sacrifice under the New Covenant, God’s sight has always been on the one making the offering.

*--Copied*