

When Jesus Was Tempted (cont.)

Jesus said no, humans are more than animals and they need more than food, they need the word of God. Eve succumbed to the food temptation and the false promise of the Devil that she would be as God. We need to eat to live, but man is more than an animal, we need so much more than food to live abundantly. The second test of Jesus was to see if God would protect him, "throw yourself down" the Devil said and see if God will safeguard you. Jesus answered again, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." God has said he loves us and will keep us and we should believe his word. The third test was the most diabolical, "bow down and worship me". You cannot worship without serving. If Jesus would have worshiped Satan he would have had to serve him. The Devil was saying, Jesus I know you are going back to the throne, but I will give you a throne without you having to go to the cross if you worship and serve me. Jesus said "worship the Lord your God and serve him only". Jesus prayed not to go to the cross, but he said "not my will but yours be done". If there had been any other way God would have done it but the cross was the only way Jesus could save sinners. Jesus was saying the cross is my destiny, I have been born to die. Jesus was the only one to live a perfect life, he could have gone back to heaven, but he wouldn't have carried a single sinner with him.

We have a wonderful Savior who withstood the Devil, went through dark Gethsemane and bloody Calvary to take us to heaven. With the great love God has for us, how ought we to live? *Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Heb 4:14-15 (ESV)*

Those to keep in your Prayers:



- CARLA BLAIR RECOVERING FROM CANCER TREATMENTS CARDS APPRECIATED AT: 904 HAMBLER DR. MADISON, TN 37115 (615) 944-8291
- KATIE WILSON (Jeff Brake's Aunt & Barbara's sister-in-law) REHABILITATING FROM STROKE & FALL AT VANCO MANOR
- VINAY KUMAR & FAMILY
- JOAN JONES (Meredith Dickens' grandmother) BROKEN WRIST & RECOVERING FROM CANCER SURGERY
- TERRY HEDGE CLOTH (brother of James Arnold's friend) RECOVERING FROM A STROKE
- EDWARD BROGUN (FRIEND OF JIMMY ARNOLD)
- JEAN MCCASLAND DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA
- GERALD CLARK (Uncle of Emily Hayes) RADIATION TREATMENTS FOR CANCER
- BARBARA TAYLOR (mother of Kim Brake) MONITORING STATUS OF BRAIN ANEURYSM
- FATHER OF WANDA SEALS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY FOR HEART BLOCKAGES
- JAKE VAN DYKE (son of JJ and Alisa Van Dyke) RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA
- UNCLE OF PEYTON (Linda Allen's granddaughter) IN COMA AFTER HIT & RUN DRIVER
- RICKY GOODDALE (brother of Colette Andre' & Cheri's Flaherty's) RECOVERING AT HOME

Echo Hills Basketball Is Back!



Don't forget! Basketball games started back this month and you can find scheduled games listed on the back of the bulletin on the calendar or posted in the back foyer. We have a great team this year and we hope to see you there!

Serving on the Lord's Table this month...

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| January 1: Chris Hayes | January 15: Brandon Post |
| January 8: Chris Post | January 22: Dave Senn, Sr. |
| Announcements...Jeff Brake | January 29: Young Men |



If you are unable to serve, please contact Chris Hayes at 948-1071 or uthayes24@gmail.com

Got News?



- It's time to Bowl! Our Echo Hills bowling team has started a new season in the New Year and we would love you to come cheer on the teams! They will start bowling on Tuesday, January 10th and continue bowling every week on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm at the Holder bowling lanes in Hendersonville. Please see Jeff and/or Kim Brake if you need more information.
- Hello Ladies! Just a reminder that we are still having the bimonthly ladies bible study and are resuming this month. The group usually meets every other week at 7pm here at the Echo Hills building and ladies of all ages are invited to attend. It is always a very casual, open setting and we would love for you to join us! Please see Allison Smith or Samantha Post if you would like additional information.

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January Dates to Remember

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Years!	2	3	4	5	6	7 Echo @ Tusculum - 12pm
8	9	10 Echo Hills Bowling	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Echo @ H'ville - 12pm
22	23	24 Echo Hills Bowling	25	26	27	28 Echo @ Donelson - 1pm
29 5th Sunday!	30	31				

Bulletin Updates: mdholley@gmail.com Website Updates: choruses@bellsouth.net
 Mid-week/Urgent Updates- Judy Van Dyke: judyvd@comcast.net

Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study Classes 9 am
 Worship 10 am
 Bible Study Classes 6 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study Classes 7 pm
 REACH Ministry 7 pm



January 8, 2012

A Place of New Beginnings

When Jesus Was Tempted

All of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) record the temptation of Jesus. In Matthew 4:1 the Bible says, "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the Devil." This was immediately after his baptism done by his cousin John the Baptist. There are three times in the life of Jesus where humans were not permitted to get close: 1) the Temptation 2) the garden of Gethsemane 3) The Cross. Understand that God tests, he never tempts. The Devil tempts but God never tempts. God tested Abraham and Jesus had to be tested to prove him, to demonstrate that he was the immaculate Son of God, that he was an impeccable Savior and he was able to save to the uttermost! Jesus said he had come to "seek and to save the lost", he is able to save any that come to him.

To tempt means to seduce, to solicit to sin. There is a remarkable resemblance between the temptation of Adam, the temptation of Christ and temptations on us today. Temptations come in three ways: 1) Physically, that which comes from the body, 2) Psychologically, that which comes from the mind, 3) Spiritually, that which comes from the will of man. The Devil attacked Jesus in much the same way he attacks us. We test many things to prove them reliable like new ocean going boats. They are put into water and the pressure builds on them and if there is a weak point the tremendous pressure will tear it apart because of the tons of water pressure exerted on it. The boats are proved safe by withstanding the pressure or they fail. That happens to us when we are tempted, the pressure builds and sometimes we cannot stand it, we give way and the pressure is relieved. Our Lord never gave way! You and I do not know what real temptation is and what pressure was taken on by our Savior, but Jesus resisted to the end.

Adam was tempted in the garden, a perfect environment under favorable circumstances. Our Lord was tested in the wilderness, a harsh environment under unfavorable circumstances. Satan's first test was food, "if you are the Son of God turn these stones into bread." Notice how Satan puts a question mark after the word of the God. Jesus told him clearly there is no question mark, when God says something it's always true. Satan has such a low opinion of mankind, he thinks we are all about satisfying the flesh just like an animal, nothing more.

- Andy Jones

<p>Last Week's Attendance: Sunday Afternoon.....41 Wednesday Night.....103</p>	<p>Echo Hills Ministry: This Week's Sermon: Rich Van Dyke REACH Ministry Director: David Senn, Jr.</p>	<p>Recent Contributions: Contribution 1/1.....\$2,128 Contribution 12/25.....\$510 Contribution 12/18.....\$1,831 Contribution 12/11.....\$1,662 Weekly Budget Needs.....\$1,650</p>
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