

The Livingston Lamplighter

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Sunday: Worship service 10:00 a.m.
Thursday: Sowing the Seed 8:15 a.m.

Church Office

Tuesday-Friday (8:00-1:00)

Works Supported

Latin American Missions
Happy Haven Children's Home
Ghana West Africa Missions
Joey Treat- South Pacific Islands
International Bible Teaching Ministries

Weekly Record:

Sunday School 79
Worship 144
PM Worship 71
Wed Bible Study 60
Contribution \$3639

Olympic Medal "Oar" Maybe Not

By: Steve Higginbotham

In every Olympic Games, there are compelling human interest stories. For those of you who are old enough to remember names like Dan Jansen and Derek Redmond bring to mind heart-tugging stories. But allow me to introduce you to one of my heroes from the 2012 London Games. His name is Hamadou Djibo Issaka.

Hamadou is from the West African country of Niger. Six months ago, he was working as a gardener. Just three months ago, he took up the sport of "sculling" (rowing). In his heat, he finished 1:39 seconds behind the winning sculler. To put that in perspective, that means he finished three and a half football fields behind the winner! As a result, he's been dubbed the "Sculling Sloth".

Obviously, he wasn't in the same class as his competitors. In fact, he told a reporter after the race that he was just glad that he didn't make his boat fall over. Although he was totally exhausted, he was determined to finish the race and he did. He said the cheers of the spectators kept him going.

Friends, doesn't that remind you of life? For some, life comes so easy and they can row with grace and speed through still waters. But for others, life seems to come hard and requires rowing against the wind through troubled waters. No matter how life comes to you, don't quit! Finish the race, and when you do, you won't be judged by your speed, but by your perseverance.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
II Timothy 4:7-8

Welcome Visitors! Please fill out a visitor's card for our record of your visit.

Family and Friends—Prayers

Vella Dickerson's son, Dale Threet, is home receiving therapy and improving.

Nursing Homes

OCNH

George Cannon—Doug Cannon's brother
Glen Webb-Susan Ashburn's father

Shut-In

Geraldine Cannon Marie Pryor
Doretha Flowers Bobbie Sells
Ina Poston Winnie Worley

Remember the spouses/caregivers of our shut-in and let them know we remember them also.

Needed-Jimmy Smith's daughter, Diana, lost everything in a house fire. There is a list of items needed posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If anyone can help with any of these items, they would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to Diana and her two sons.

Birthday Celebration-The family of Betty Reeder Bowman invite everyone to Betty's 80th birthday celebration on Sun., Jan. 26th, 1-3 p.m. in the Windham Building.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

January

19-Jimmy Smith
20- Christine Franklin
20- Lee Jackson
22-Marie Pryor
23 -Evelyn Sidwell
23 -Jeanetta Sells
30-Geraldine Gulley Wix

We Continue to Remember ...

*(Names in **Bold print** are Livingston members)*

Leon & Reba Flatt, Leigh Smith, Marlene Colbert, Earl Carr, Kay Thomas, Evelyn Brown, Trisha Wilson, Bill and Linda Mahaney, Barbara Carwile, Jewel Turner, Doug and Geraldine Cannon, Mary Helen Apple, Jim Sells, Boyd Smith, Joe Pigg, Terry Neal

Vivian and Gary Walker, Ray & Bea Taylor, Randall (Bear) Mathis, Bobby Coley, Glen Williams, Betty Southerland, Bobby Smith, Riley Boles, Mandy Lay, Rita Hargis, Joyce Ramsey, Ed Meadows, Bobby Dale, Ralph Sells, Gail Duke, Phyllis Duke, Cindy Martin, Rose Collins, Dallas Sullivan, Jonathan Fisher, Jean Keller, Scott Mullins, Shirley Key, John Smith, Jr., Chris Ashlock, Clint Cannon, Bob Roberson, Edie Williams, Rita Martin, Ben Walker, Kathy Craft, Allan Terry, Carol Baker, James Sells, Carolyn Sells, Larry Misenhimer, Rachel Ellis, Bonnie Carwile, Angela Leckington, Ronald Conner, Pat Roberts' family, Connie Norris' family, Stanley Carter, Clyde Rhule, Parker Boone, Brenda Lewis, Judy Thomas, Willie Roy Sidwell, Ben Threet, James Hummel, Brenda Warren, Glenda Copeland Misty Gentry, Jerry and Anita Howard, Cora Sizemore, Darrell Gulley, Debbie Holman, Genell Hummel, Rhonda Gereighty, John Sturgill, Glenda Copeland, Lynn Melton, Diane Stephens, Jonathan Sells, Paul Strong, Kayla Jenkins, Isaiah Hanning, Christy Phillips and family

Prayer Requests

David Dickerson is having some health issues. Good news with an MRI that was okay. He is awaiting results of other testing.

Linda Mahaney is at home and improving but very weak.

Diana Webb is home and has started therapy.

Brenda Coffee isn't improving very much.

Terry Neal continues with serious health issues and remains hospitalized.

SUNDAY:

Bible School:
Song Director: Joel Upton
First Prayer: Carl Masters

A.M. Worship:
Song Director: Joel Upton
First Prayer: Gary Worley

Scripture Reading: Will Brown

Lord's Supper: Presiding: Doug Riggins

Serve	Johnny Rose	Ray Masters
	Doug Cannon	Dale Mabry
	Bobby Byers	Henry Colbert
	Jason Brown	Clay McDonald

(Please meet in the library before service begins)

Announcements: Charles Anderson

Dismissal Prayer: Buckie Parsons

Count Contribution: Bobby Byers
 Robert England
 Gary Hogue

Communion Ware: Agnes Carr
 Barbara Carwile

Bus Driver: Dale Flatt

P.M. Worship:
Song Director: Joel Upton
First Prayer: Phil Gunter
Read Scripture: Henry Colbert
Lord's Supper: David Webb
Dismissal Prayer: Larry Worley

WEDNESDAY

Song Director: Joel Upton
First Prayer: Earl Carwile
Dismissal Prayer: Wesley Flatt

GREETERS- **TEAM – 3**
 (Please give all visitors a Visitor's Packet)

BUILDING LOCK-UP Dale Flatt
 Dale Mabry

SUNDAY SERVICES
 Bible School 9:00 am
 Worship 10:00 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm
MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY
 Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

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JANUARY CALENDAR

19 - Monthly fellowship meal
 26 - 4th Sunday singing Wirmingham 2 p.m.

Welcome Baskets-Baskets for the new comers to our area are in the foyer along with names and addresses. Please help distribute if you can.

Apologetics Seminar-At Center Grove church of Christ with Eric Lyons Jan. 30 thru Feb. 2. Topic *Is The Bible Reliable?* Fri., Jan 31. at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 1, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Digital Discipleship Summit-At Montrose church of Christ, Carthage, TN. A workshop designed to discuss the impact of technology and social media on religion in our world today. Feb. 8th and 9th. Flyer is posted.

Recent Responses-Jewel Turner and Diana Webb came forward at Wednesday night Bible study. Jewel asked for forgiveness of any wrongdoings in her life and Diana requested prayers for her upcoming surgery and recovery.

“A City that Is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid”

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus said that we are lights of the world that cannot be hid. Let us notice some observations from this text.

First, Jesus is the ultimate source of light. John would record this about Jesus in John 1:4; 3:19-21. Darkness stands for sin, ignorance and evil. On the other hand, light represents righteousness, knowledge and good. Even Jesus Himself claimed, *“I am the light of the world...”* (John 8:12; cf. 12:44-46).

Second, the Bible is our light. The psalmist stated, *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”* (Psalm 119:105; cf. 19:7-8) We come to receive our faith in God, experience the new birth, inherit **(Continued)**

Pantry-Ketchup, Jelly, Shampoo OR, give money to Brent and Sada.

Absent-A list of those absent at Sunday worship is on the table in the foyer. Remember to check on them and let them know they are missed.

Help at Home-The third Saturday of each month for any member who needs it.

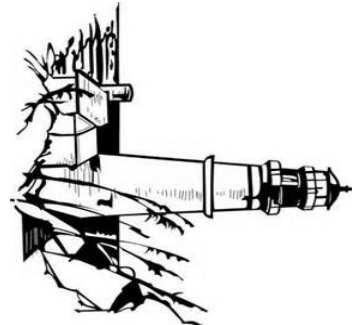
Sermons-Jon's sermons can be replayed on our website livingstonchurchofchrist.com.

spiritual immortality and enjoy light in the gospel all by the word of God, which Peter explained in I Pet. 1:22-23.

Third, a true disciple contains the light and shines it brightly in the darkness. Paul was light to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47), and the inspired wise man stated that we do the same (Proverbs 4:18-19). Just as our text affirms, we are lights of the world, walking *“as children of light...and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them”* (Ephesians 5:8-11). Just as a light that does not work is useless, a Christian whose light does not shine is useless to God.

Finally, our lights will not work if we do not remain connected to the source of power. Electricity or alternate sources of power are necessary for light to function. Is your light working? Do you have a relationship with Jesus that urges you to live for Him daily and shine your light everywhere you go (cf. Galatians 2:20)? When Saul of Tarsus saw *“the light,”* he was baptized (Acts 22:12-16). To make the world a better place, we need to be in Christ, free from sin and shining gloriously!
 —Sam Wilcutt

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