

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening,, 2020

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Read Scripture.....
Dismissal Prayer.....

Sunday Morning, December 20, 2020

Announcements Gilbert Shelby
Lead Singing Gary Gill
First Prayer..... Craig Harris
Read Scripture Danny Lucas
Preside at Table..... Rickey Tigner
Serve Congregation.....
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Dismissal Prayer Connor Harris
Greeters.....
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Nursery Attendant.....

Sunday Morning, December 27, 2020

Announcements Eddie Carter
Lead Singing Gary Gill
First Prayer..... Chuck Risener
Read Scripture Craig Harris
Preside at Table Sam Ford
Dismissal Prayer Danny Lucas

“Key Men” for

Sunday AM (Open)
Sunday AM (Close).....
Sunday PM (Open)
Sunday PM (Close).....
Wednesday PM (Open)
Wednesday PM (Close).....
Prepare Lord’s Supper

Coming Events

The Ladies Class is meeting on Wednesday’s at 11am. For more information see Joyce Byers or Sarge Cornelius.

Family Matters

Savannah Hubbard will have a CT scan and a full body bone scan soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
Dottie Clift is slowly improving following her surgery. Keep her and Ronny in your prayers.
Carolyn Ash is dealing with several health problems, so keep her in your prayers.
Carolyn Risener will be having additional tests soon, keep her in your prayers.
Ken Shepherd is still dealing with several health issues, please keep him and Donna in your prayers.
Please continue to keep **Cloe and Alexandria Delashmit** in your prayers during this first holiday season since losing their mother.

Community Matters

Bo Bodiford continues to improve. Pray that he may get to come home by Christmas Day!
Please keep Gerry Mills, Pauline Stewart, Dana Doyle, Bill Bradford, Carmen Stringfellow, Evelyn Avent in your prayers.

Prayer List

Foy Norwood, Benny Thornton, Royce Jones, Roy Hutton, LaDonna Luker, Bernice Isom, Gerald Mills, Bill Craft, Martha Keel, George Doss.
Remember our service men & women in your prayers.
Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 20.....Num. 31-32
Monday, Dec. 21.....2 Chron. 31-33
Tuesday, Dec. 22.....Esther 4-7
Wednesday, Dec. 23Isaiah 57-61
Thursday, Dec. 24Zech. 11-14
Friday, Dec. 25John 19
Saturday, Dec. 26.....Rev. 17-19

Shut-ins

Mary Davis, Rm. C-16, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd., Bolivar, TN. 38008.
Lillian Eason, Providence Assisted Living, 700 Moore’s Crossing, Apt. 204, Senatobia, MS. 38668.
Dessrie Sigler, 321 Main St. North, Middleton, TN 38052.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Word of God- Romans 10:17.
2. Believe the Word of God- Mark 16:16.
3. Repent of sins- Acts 17:30-31.
4. Confess Christ- Romans 10:9-10.
5. Be Baptized to wash away sins - Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Mark 16:16.
6. Be Faithful unto death- Rev. 2:10.

JEFF’S JOTTINGS

This congregation was able to help a child at **Pinevale Children's Home** again this Christmas. A special thank you Charlene Sipes for helping in this work.

Any items you would like to bring for our **pantry** would be greatly appreciated!

Bring Us Together

Oh, Lord, we go through life so lonely, needing what other people can give us, yet ashamed to show that need.

And other people go through life so lonely, hungering for what it would be such a joy for us to lovingly give.

Dear God, please bring us together, the people who need each other, who can help each other and would so enjoy each other.

-Marjorie Holmes

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Looking at the Cross

The way Christians look at the cross of Jesus is vastly different from the way the ungodly look at it. Paul sums it all up in these words, “It pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For the Jews request a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness” (1 Cor. 1:21-23). This is so far removed from the way saints see the cross.

Pagans look at the cross:

Every god of every pagan was powerful—more powerful than any man. The very concept of deity being killed by mortals was beyond comprehension. As the early church brought the message of the cross to the entire world, it was foolishness.

Jews look at the cross:

They were expecting the coming of the Messiah. Those who understood could see that God had promised to someday send a prophet, priest and king to live among them. With their view of the Messiah, the cross became a stumbling block. One does not have to submit to a king who is so helpless or listen to a mortal who claims to be a prophet. Jesus may have said, “You have heard that it was said, but I say to you...,” but who cares what Jesus said, for he is just a man claiming to be someone great. One cannot put their trust in a priest like Jesus to

great. One cannot put their trust in a priest like Jesus to save them.

What was said at the cross sums it up: "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God" (Luke 23:35).

Christians look at the cross:

Read the rest of the words of Paul to the Corinthians. "We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." It is truly amazing how differently a pagan, a Jew and a Christian would hear the same sermon. What is the right view? Look at the cross through the eyes of God.

Built within God's eternal plan is a weekly communion with Jesus at His table. As you remember Him every week, make sure you truly see who He is. Remember His body and His blood. As you remember Him every week, look at yourself—let a man examine himself. As you remember Him every week, see the future—proclaim His death until He comes.

God has no other message for mankind. The Jews asked for a sign and the only sign given was the cross. The Greeks sought wisdom, but the only wisdom God had for them was Christ crucified. We must never forget the cross and what happened there. A failure to look at the cross,

happened there. A failure to look at the cross, to remember what happened for us, will result in us being "barren and unfruitful and blind" (2 Pet. 1:8-9). See the cross like God sees it! -DJ

Pleasant Words

"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." Prov 16. This passage shows the effect that pleasant words have on a person. It is as if the words sink deeply within. They are sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Cold weather often makes our bones ache. Stress and hard work can make us "bone tired." We have learned that calcium can strengthen our bones. But in this passage, the writer is not talking about literal bones or literal healings, *but the positive effect that good words have deep within us.* There is a difference from pleasant words and flattery. Pleasant words are true, sincere and genuine. Flattery is often artificial, self seeking and doesn't do much other than swell the head. Notice today how many pleasant words you hear. *I think you'll find that a typical day is void of many pleasant words.* Look for ways to give pleasant words, especially to family and brethren! Once you have tasted of the sweetness of pleasant words you want others to enjoy it as well. The compliment, the words of gratitude and appreciation, and even words of forgiveness all fall under the category of pleasant words. Paul talked about "words fitly spoken." I think of Barnabas, who the apostles called the "son of encouragement." He must have been one of pleasant words.

- by Roger Shouse