

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening,, 2020

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

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
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer.....Danny Lucas
 Greeters.....
 Greeters.....
 Nursery Attendant.....

Sunday Morning, January 3, 2021

Announcements Jim Maxwell
 Lead Singing Gary Gill
 First Prayer.....Rickey Tigner
 Read Scripture Gene Ross
 Preside at Table.....Teddy Bodiford
 Dismissal Prayer.....Brandon Tigner

“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

Robert Bizzell will have knee replacement surgery on January 4. Keep him and Mary in your prayers.
Dottie Clift is still 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.
Ken Shepherd is still dealing with several health issues, please keep him and Donna in your prayers.
Bill Craft is dealing with serious kidney issues and needs our prayers.

Community Matters

Bobby Keller had a defibrillator put in last week, as well as some other procedures.
 Donnie & Teresa Howell, brother of Teresa Tigner, both have the coronavirus. Also Teresa’s nieces, Courtney and Katy Howell both have it as well.
 Bo Bodiford is finally home from the hospital!
 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, LaDonna Luker, Gerald Mills, Martha Keel, George Doss, Savannah Hubbard, Seth Kuhl, Katy Hensley, Carolyn Risener.
*Remember our service men & women in your prayers.
 Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 27..... Num. 33-36
 Monday, Dec. 28..... 2 Chron. 34-36
 Tuesday, Dec. 29..... Esther 8-10
 Wednesday, Dec. 30 Isaiah 62-66
 Thursday, Dec. 31 Malachi
 Friday, Jan. 1 John 20-21
 Saturday, Jan. 2 Rev. 20-22

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

Chasity Porterfield came forward this past Sunday asking God’s forgiveness and our prayers, especially for a greater, stronger faith. Keep her in your prayers this week!

Keep **Sam Ford and Katie Sproule** in your prayers as their wedding day draws closer! They will be married on Friday, January 8 at the Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ.

*“He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord,” **Proverbs 18:22.***

*“Who can find a virtuous wife?
 For her worth is far above rubies,” **Proverbs 31:10.***

Any items you would like to bring for our **pantry** would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have brought this year!

THE STORMS OF LIFE

For affliction does not come from the dust, neither does trouble sprout from the ground, For man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward." Job 5:6-7 (NAS)
 Man lives in a world filled with troubles, as is indicated in the above passage. Because man lives in a trouble-filled world, he will naturally encounter troubles, obstacles, etc., of various kinds from time to time. *Even Christians are not immune to such problems.*

As Christians we do have some special blessings from God. Likewise, **God cares for His own in a special way.** Unfortunately, though, we are not immune to all the problems of life. And when problems arise in our lives, we usually tend to think that our troubles are worse than anyone else's. But as Christians, we are admonished to "think so as to have sound judgment." [Rom 12:3].

Sound judgment tells us that usually there is always someone worse off that we are. I am reminded of the poem that tells of the man who complained because he had no shoes until he saw a man who had no feet. Several examples are mentioned in the poem, each concluding with, "Lord forgive me when I whine."

I read some time back of some devastating cyclones which had hit India. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ lost everything. One brother lost his wife, two children and his parents. Another lost his wife, four children, five grandchildren, his mother - a total of 31 family members [16 were members of the Lord's church]. This kind of day

children, five grandchildren, his mother - a total of 31 family members [16 were members of the Lord's church]. This kind of devastation puts us in mind of Job as described in chapter one. **But Job survived, and so can we!**

Regardless of the extremity of any problems you might be facing, rather than feeling sorry for yourself, just remember a few basic facts: [1] Others have worse problems [2] Things could be worse [3] Usually the good in our lives outweighs the bad [4] Count the blessings that you do have. *In every tragedy you can look at what you've lost and be hateful, or you can look at what you have left and be grateful.* May God help us to have a grateful, trusting disposition regardless of our station in life. *-Roy A. Cruthcher*

It's Not Easy!!!

...to apologize...to begin over...to admit error....to keep trying...to take advice...to be unselfish ...to be charitable...to face a sneer...to avoid mistakes...to endure success...to profit by mistakes...to keep out of a rut...to forgive and forget...to think and then act...to make the best of little...to subdue an unruly temper....to recognize the silver lining...to shoulder a deserved blame...

but it always pays!

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT BEING A CHRISTIAN!

First, Christians have a family. God designed the physical family in the paradise of Eden (cf. Gen. 2:7). Most of us enjoy that blessing from God. In the New Testament, God gave us a second family—relationships with other church members. If our physical family fails us, God has given us the substitute of a family in Christ (cf. Mark 10:29-30). Christians love to sing this truth:

“We’re part of a family, that’s been born again,
Part of the family whose love knows no end.
For Jesus hath saved us, and made us His own,
Now we’re part of the family that’s on its way home!”

Second, Christians have a function. Our foremost purpose in life is to bring glory to our Father (cf. Matt. 5:6; 1 Pet. 2:12).

Therefore, our aim is to do “*in word or deed*” all we do by the authority of Jesus Christ (Col. 3:17; Acts 4:7-10). Our speech (Col. 4:6), attitudes (Phil. 2:1-5), clothing (1 Tim. 2:9-10) and daily work (Col. 3:22) should reflect Jesus (1 Pet. 2:21).

Third, Christians have a future. Those in Christ have a wonderful future, no matter what their situation today. God’s book affirms the Christian’s future is bright (Luke 10:20). Truly, I know not what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds the future. A family, function and future—all free. Jesus is still taking followers. *-Rodney Nulph*