

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, May 5, 2021

Announcements Eddie Carter
 Lead Singing BT Hobbs
 First Prayer Sam Ford
 Read Scripture..... Teddy Bodiford
 Dismissal Prayer..... Bud Stewart

Sunday Morning, May 2, 2021

Announcements Ronny Clift
 Lead Singing Jim Maxwell
 First Prayer..... Rickey Tigner
 Read Scripture Gary Byers
 Preside at Table..... Craig Harris
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Ken Shepherd
 Greeters.....
 Greeters.....
 Nursery Attendant.....

Sunday Morning, May 9, 2021

Announcements Eddie Carter
 Lead Singing Jim Maxwell
 First Prayer..... Teddy Bodiford
 Read Scripture Eddie Carter
 Preside at Table..... Sam Ford
 Dismissal Prayer..... Phil Webster

“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

*We will be having a Couple’s Shower for **Trae Hobbs and Emilee Murr.** Drop in the annex between 2-4pm on Sunday, May 16 to celebrate with them. The Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship has been rescheduled for May 23-27. The theme this year is: **Magnify His Name.** The flyer on the board has more information concerning times and speakers.*

Family Matters

Stephen Thompson is back at Vanderbilt Hospital still dealing with several health issues. Keep him in your prayers. **George Doss** is recovering after his surgery, continue to keep him and Jo in your prayers.

Community Matters

Please keep Tommy Billions, Roger Smith, Savannah Hubbard, Charlotte Lamberth, Carmen Stringfellow, Ken Shepherd, Denise McClure, Pauline Stewart, Gina Lamberth and Bill Bradford in your prayers.

Prayer List

Foy Norwood, Royce Jones, LaDonna Luker, Gerald Mills, Chuck Risener, Annie Ruth Riggs, Bill Craft, Andy Vaughn, Benny Thornton and Lillian Eason.

*Remember our service men & women in your prayers.
 Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, May 2.....Exo. 5-8
 Monday, May 3.....Joshua 11-13
 Tuesday, May 4.....2 Sam. 19-20
 Wednesday, May 5.....Psalms 75-80
 Thursday, May 6.....Lamentations 3-5
 Friday, May 7.....Mark 5-6
 Saturday, May 8.....Romans 14-16

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

The Sunday morning **annex class** will be meeting again at 9 am each week! We will be studying The Seed Principle by Aubrey Johnson and hope to see all of you there.

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

Message From The Elders

Starting 5/2/21 we will meet for Sunday school at 9 am and worship services at 10 am each week. No Sunday night services at this time. Staring 5/5/21 we will meet for Wednesday night services at 7 pm each week. Until a time to be determined we will have NO fellowship meals or other activities at this time. VBS is being determined and we will let you know more at a later date.

It Will Die!

Take a leaf from a branch, lay it carefully aside and watch! Slowly the color fades, the leaf goes limp, curls up and dies!

Take a fish out of water, lay it carefully on the ground and watch! Frantically it twists, struggles, gradually weakens, quivers and dies!

Take a Christian away from the fellowship and worship of the church, let him remain at home on the Lord’s day, and watch! Gradually he stops praying, misses the Lord’s Supper, frets about activities of others, points an accusing finger at “hypocrites” in the church , and finally he opposes Christianity, and dies!

True Worship

Worship is the occupation of the soul with God. By a deliberate act of will we focus our thoughts and feelings on God. We look with AWE at His Majesty. We are filled with WONDER as we view His Omnipotence. We stand AMAZED as we consider His Perfect Holiness. With REVERENCE we think about His Love. With GRATITUDE we remember His wonderful Mercy.

This is what Worship is:
**AWE, WONDER, AMAZEMENT,
 REVERENCE, REFLECTION AND
 GRATITUDE!**

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Today, many people, even those who say that they are members of the church, do not realize the distinctiveness of the church.

It is not uncommon to hear a 'Christian' speak of the 'other denominations' although the Lord's church is not a denomination.

Since **the church is the bride of Christ** (Eph. 5:22-32), consider these statements about the distinctiveness (or lack thereof) of the church in the minds of many individuals, when applied to husbands and wives:

* Would a husband want his wife to take another man's name? (See Rom. 16:16).

* 'You know, one wife is as good as another.' (See Eph. 4:4).

* 'My wife is too old and out of touch, I think I need a new one.' (See Matt. 16:18).

These obviously do not sound correct. **Why then do we try to do the same thing with the church, the bride of Christ?**

-Bradley Smith

Sticks And Stones

Whoever said, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me" must have been deaf. Most of us know the lasting pain that comes from a cutting criticism or a personal attack. James 3:5 compares the hurt of the tongue to a fire that can destroy a forest. Certainly not all verbal hurt is intentional. Recently someone pointed out how I had hurt them with a comment I made. Honestly, I did not remember the conversation and certainly had no intention of causing them pain. Yet, the fact was that I had hurt them. Criticism often comes from a person in deep personal pain themselves. Whatever our intentions, we all need to do a better job of guarding our speech and stopping the hurt. There is no place for gossip in the body of Christ. Paul wrote these challenging words, "**Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.**" We seek to find ways to build up rather than tear down. Even the truth must be spoken in love.

My favorite song as a child had these words, "**Oh be careful little mouth what you say. There's a Father up above looking down in tender love. Oh be careful little mouth what you say.**" Let's be more cautious with our words every day, and if we need to apologize, then let's apologize. -
Don Loftis