#### Those to Serve

# Wednesday Evening, July 21, 2021

Announcements	Eddie Carter
Lead Singing	Gary Byers
First Prayer	Dick Shelton
Read Scripture	Sam Ford
Dismissal Prayer	BT Hobbs

## Sunday Morning, July 25, 2021

AnnouncementsLead Singing	
First Prayer	
Read Scripture	Teddy Bodiford
Preside at Table	Dick Shelton
Serve Congregation	
Dismissal Prayer	
Greeters	
Greeters	
Nursery Attendant	

# Sunday Morning, August 1, 2021

Ronny Cornelius
Chuck Risener
Gary Byers
Eddie Carter
Craig Harris
Brandon Tigner

# "Key Men" for July

Sunday AM (Open)	Tommy Billions
Sunday AM (Close)	
Sunday PM (Open)	
Sunday PM (Close)	
Wednesday PM (Open)	Don McAlpin
Wednesday PM (Close)	George Doss
Prepare Lord's Supper	

## **Coming Events**

Sadly our Vacation Bible School has been cancelled due to a teacher testing positive for the coronavirus.

### **Family Matters**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kim, Eve and Justice Reeder in the death of our dear brother, **Jason Reeder.**Mac Vaughn is still in the hospital as he recovers from heart surgery following his heart attack.

**Royce Jones** is still slowly improving following his fall a couple weeks ago. Keep him and Karen in your prayers.

**Chasity Porterfield** is dealing with bronchitis but fortunately both kids are doing better.

**Carol Gill** is doing good and improving. Gary and Jack are in guarantine with her.

Sarge Cornelius is home and slowly improving; keep her and Ronny in your prayers as they continue to recover.

Tommy Billions will have another foot surgery on Tuesday, August 10.

# **Community Matters**

Margarette Brumbelow is now at home with hospice care and could use our prayers.

Please keep Stephen Thompson, Rex Carlile, Sandy Rodgers, Roger Smith, Charlotte Lamberth, Carmen Stringfellow, Emma Davis, Bill Bradford in your prayers.

## **Prayer List**

Foy Norwood, Gerald Mills, Bill Craft, Benny Thornton, April McKelvey, Jackson Jones and Marcella McAlpin.

Remember our service men & women in your prayers.

Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.

# Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, July 25	Lev. 4-6
Monday, July 26	
Tuesday, July 27	
Wednesday, July 28	Proverbs 11-14
Thursday, July 29	Ezekiel 40-42
Friday, July 30	Luke 7
Saturday, July 31	

### 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**

If you and your family are not taking advantage of our Bible classes since we resumed them our hope is you will reconsider and make **Bible Classes** a top priority. We have classes for all ages and very dedicated, faithful teachers!

Any items you would like to bring for our pantry would be appreciated. You can leave them in the old kitchen by the teen room.

"Great minds have purpose. Others have wishes. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above them." -Washington Irving

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could barely stand to have him around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in 7 years." -M. Twain

#### It's What You Do With It

Walter Hunt was great at making things. He just wasn't good at doing something with what he made.

In 1834, he inventing the first sewing machine but never led a patent on it. Someone else did and made a fortune. He didn't make that mistake again with the first fountain pen and first repeating rifle. However, he never turned them into viable products. Others did and made amazing profits. In 1849, after a few hours playing with a piece of wire be bent it into the shape that would become the safety pin. That idea would go on to be a million-dollar one. Just not for him. He sold the patent for \$100, to make some quick cash.

Such great ideas but he never capitalized on them.

James warns his readers about this kind of behavior. Those that hear the word but don't act on it. Those that have faith but don't have works. Those that have God's commands but don't do the very thing those commands say. It's not enough to just know the right thing, we have to do the right thing with it.

"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves" (James 1:22).

With the inventive brain Walter Hunt was blessed with, he should have been set for life. Instead, he had nothing. We could do the same thing if we never heed the wisdom that God has blessed us with. We know exactly what we need to be set for eternal life. Are we taking hold of it? Are we utilizing the knowledge we have been given? Are we exchanging it for something of less value?

We know what we need do but what are we doing with it?

-Barry Haynes

# When America's Foundations Are Destroyed

The life of the man after God's own heart had its great moments of triumph—he had killed Goliath, the nation heralded him as a young man who had slain ten times those slain by Saul. Yet at times, Saul and his army threatened his life, and then later king David's own son drove him from the palace.

We do not know when David wrote Psalm eleven, but it describes a time when "the foundations are destroyed." David asked what can a righteous man do when this happens (verse 3). Every American is troubled by the deadly virus, financial problems, murder, rioting and looting. David shows us what we can do when foundations crumble.

Those around David thought that his future was so bleak. Their lives only were focused on the physical foundations of what was happening. They saw the wicked with their arrows ready to destroy (v. 2). They told David to flee like a bird to the mountain (v. 1). They thought the collapse of a life of normality and the destruction of life's foundation meant it was time to just give up. David's response?

"In the Lord I put my trust, how can you say... flee as a bird?" His words are words we need to write on our hearts when foundations are crumbling. I have put my trust in God!

Are you troubled today? Read this short psalm and meditate on it. David knew the external foundation was destroyed, but nothing really had changed. His trust was never in those external foundations, for nothing had changed.

Saul or Absalom may have ruled Israel, but God still ruled the universe! Nothing had changed. "The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven" (v. 4). The Lord's eyes saw the wicked and they had failed the heavenly test. The Lord's eyes saw David dealing with the same tests and had David had passed the test (vs. 4-5). Evil men had destroyed the foundation, but the Lord still had His re and brimstone of judgment to use (v. 6). God's certain judgment lay in their future. David had no need to be concerned. Read this Psalm again. Let your heart be like David's. When the lives of many seemed hopeless, because of crumbling foundations, David knew that nothing had really changed. His future never depended on external foundations, but in the One who sat on His holy throne. When the innocent are murdered by ungodly men and lawless looters roam our streets, meditate on how David responded when the foundations of his life were destroyed

Read David's final words. "For the Lord is righteous, he loves righteousness; his countenance beholds the upright" (v. 7). He alone is our foundation and that is all that matters. He is our only foundation. Anchor your faith in Him. -Dan Jenkins