

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, September 1, 2021

Announcements Gary Byers
 Lead Singing BT Hobbs
 First Prayer Danny Lucas
 Read Scripture..... Chuck Risener
 Dismissal Prayer..... Anthony Lucas

Sunday Morning, September 5, 2021

Announcements Gary Byers
 Lead Singing Jim Maxwell
 First Prayer..... Don McAlpin
 Read Scripture Jon Kennedy
 Preside at Table..... Teddy Bodiford
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer Phil Webster
 Greeters.....
 Greeters.....
 Nursery Attendant.....

Sunday Morning, September 12, 2021

Announcements Craig Harris
 Lead Singing Jim Maxwell
 First Prayer..... Jon Kennedy
 Read Scripture Gene Ross
 Preside at Table Gary Byers
 Dismissal Prayer Nathan Kennedy

“Key Men” for September

Sunday AM (Open) Don McAlpin
 Sunday AM (Close)..... Brad Leslie
 Sunday PM (Open)
 Sunday PM (Close).....
 Wednesday PM (Open) Don McAlpin
 Wednesday PM (Close)..... Ronny Cliff
 Prepare Lord’s Supper

Coming Events

The **Pocahontas church of Christ** will have their annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 12 with Joey Bar-kley preaching!

Family Matters

Pauline Stewart is at home and in need of our prayers.

Royce Jones is dealing with several health issues and needs our prayers.

Mac Vaughn is still in the hospital dealing with several issues as he recovers from heart problems.

Des Sigler is slowly improving after her surgery.

Ronny & Sarge Cornelius saw the doctor again recently. They both still have a ways to go but they are improving!

Tommy Billions is now at home after his foot surgery but needs prayers as he cannot put any weight on his foot for several more weeks.

Shannon Leslie, Kenley Harris and Kim Tigner are all improving from coronavirus.

Community Matters

Sue Kennemore is in Selmer Rehab Center.

Cory Hobbs is still dealing with the coronavirus and could use our prayers.

Please keep Carolyn Kirk, Stephen Thompson, Bryan Vaughn, Roger Smith, Charlotte Lamberth, Carmen Stringfellow, Mike Madden, Emma Davis in your prayers.

Prayer List

Foy Norwood, Gerald Mills, Bill Craft, Benny Thornton, April McKelvey, Jerry Trainum and Marcella McAlpin.

Remember our service men & women in your prayers.

Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Sep. 5..... Lev. 17-20
 Monday, Sep. 6 1 Chron. 13-16
 Tuesday, Sep. 7 2 Kings 9-10
 Wednesday, Sep. 8..... Eccl. 7-12
 Thursday, Sep. 9..... Daniel 10-12
 Friday, Sep. 10..... Luke 17-18
 Saturday, Sep. 11..... 2 Timothy 1-4

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

Our **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for Saturday, September 18. Be sure to invite friends, family and neighbors!

The ladies meet at 10 am on Tuesday mornings in the annex. They have a devotional and send out cards.

*Our congregation was able to send \$5,000 to the **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief fund** designated for Waverly Tn following the recent floods. They are able to provide 3-1 or \$15,000 worth of goods and food to help this area!*

*We are helping with the **Pine Vale Children’s Home Fall Pantry Drive** again. Bring toothpaste, spaghetti sauce and juice (apple, grape, cranberry, ect.). There will be a table placed in the foyer where you can put your items.*

Bring Those Babies to Church

My heart goes out to the parents of small children. I know first hand the kind of problems they face (and my wife knows even better). Training up a toddler in the way he should go is a constant job, a continuous battle, a seven-day-a-week task, not to mention an awesome responsibility. After six days of their whining chorus at home and three hours of embarrassment while shopping, the last thing some young mothers want to face is an hour of agony and humiliation at church.

Many a young mother has asked herself, “Why do I keep bringing them to church?” As she enters the auditorium she utters a silent prayer that the kids will be good and the sermon short. The service begins. While mother is picking up toys, drying eyes, wiping noses, swatting, scolding, going out, coming in, and trying to sing, listen, and pray, the toddler is pouring juice on her dress and pulling a button off the man serving communion. To the toddler, church is an exciting adventure. Song books are a challenge to take, stuffed toys make great missiles to launch over four or five rows, and the collection plate would make a great hat.

Young parents take heart! Let me assure you of six things:

1. Your children do not disturb others nearly as much as you think they do.
2. If people without children are determined to sit at the back (where most small chil-

ren sit) then they deserve distractions.

3. Most people really do understand your plight and remember back to the days when their children were infants/toddlers.
4. Through proper discipline and early training your children will soon learn how to behave properly. When they do begin to show signs of improvement, move down closer to the front where you and your children will feel a part of the worship.
5. Remember that you are both wanted and needed in the worship service.
6. Have faith that the hand which now hurls crayons will one day spread the seed of the Kingdom. *-Mike Schneider*

How Long Should A Sermon Be?

Factors other than the clock should govern the length of a sermon. A sermon should be long enough to accomplish its desired aim. Some tasks can be completed in twenty minutes; some cannot. I have promised, "I will quit when I get through." Having sat through some preachers who kept going long after they got through, that is a pretty good promise! Full disclosure: one church where I preached for several years had a clock in the back of the auditorium where the preacher could see it easily. One Sunday night, following a particularly complex and unusually lengthy lesson, two deacons said, intentionally in my hearing, "Maybe we should take down Cecil's clock and put him up a calendar!" Fuller disclosure: both deacons were good friends of mine and strong supporters of me as a preacher there. So I knew it was mostly in fun. While there are some legitimate reasons to be concerned with time, there are more important reasons to be concerned with devotion, reverence, praise to God, and learning His word. Less important is whether or not we beat the Baptists and Methodists to the restaurants! "Take time to be holy." *-Cecil Mav. Jr.*

He Who Complains Volunteers

Pity the poor souls who see it as their God-given duty to nit-pick and find fault with anything and every-thing at church! You see my personal philosophy about such behavior in this article's title. Could we improve? Most assuredly! Rolling up your sleeves will bring positive change more effectively than pointing fingers.

Isaac Watts (1674-1749) complained to his father about the dull, lifeless songs in their Sunday assembly.

His father challenged him: "Well, then, young man, why don't you give us something better to sing?" He did! For the next two years Watts wrote a new song each week for their Sunday service. We still use dozens of his songs such as "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" and "Joy To The World." In Acts 6 the Hellenists (Jews from Greek-speaking areas) in the church complained that their widows were being neglected by the Hebrew brethren in the daily distribution. Was their grievance legitimate? Evidently so, for the apostles developed a plan to remedy it. "Seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:3).

Observe the names of the chosen men in verse 5. Every one of them is a Greek name! Whether any or all of them had personally lodged the complaint we know not. But the church wisely selected them to make certain the need was met.

And it worked! Everyone was happy, a potential split was averted, and the gospel continued to spread.

Finding something to be unhappy about is easy. Voicing your frustration takes little effort. But climbing out of your chair and working to effect needed change requires shifting