

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, February 7, 2018

Announcements Jim Maxwell
 Lead Singing Chuck Risner
 First Prayer Bud Stewart
 Read Scripture..... BT Hobbs
 Dismissal Prayer Nathan Hall

Sunday Morning, February 11, 2018

Announcements Jim Maxwell
 Lead Singing Gary Byers
 First Prayer..... Ronny Cornelius
 Read Scripture Steve Allen
 Preside at Table..... Gary Gill
 Serve Congregation..... Jim Maxwell
 Serve Congregation..... Blaine Mercer
 Serve Congregation..... Gene Ross
 Serve Congregation..... Don McAlpin
 Dismissal Prayer..... Ken Shepherd
 Greeters..... Gary/Joyce Byers
 Greeters..... Randy/Sharon Bishop
 Nursery Attendant..... Patsy Bodiford

Sunday Evening, February 11, 2018

Announcements Jim Maxwell
 Lead Singing Rusty Hicks
 First Prayer..... Chuck Risner
 Read Scripture Gary Byers
 Preside at Table..... Gary Gill
 Dismissal Prayer Randy Bishop

“Key Men” for February

Sunday AM (Open) Jeff Scott
 Sunday AM (Close)..... Ronny Cornelius
 Sunday PM (Open) Tommy Billions
 Sunday PM (Close)..... Gary Gill
 Wednesday PM (Open) Don McAlpin
 Wednesday PM (Close)..... Gilbert Shelby
 Prepare Lord’s Supper..... Rickey Tigner

Coming Events

Keep **Beverly Martindale** and those travelling with her to Panama in your prayers. They will return February 10 from a medical mission trip.

Rob Salley will be with us this Sunday morning, February 11. The teen class and up will meet in the auditorium.

We will have our annual **Valentine Banquet** this Saturday, February 10 at 7 pm. Make plans now to attend!

Our **Spring Lectureship Series** will begin March 7 and will be every Wednesday night through April 4. We will have more information soon. Let’s start inviting others now!

The church has a new **Apple computer** for sale for \$1500. Please let one of the elders know if you are interested.

Family Matters

Travis Kennedy is dealing with high blood pressure among several other issues and needs our prayers.

Doris Mott is at home dealing with a broken foot but is slowly improving.

Ruble Yopp is in Methodist University again as he deals with infection and other issues. Please continue to keep him and Marge in your prayers.

Bill Craft is now in Pine Meadows, room A-14 and will be there for a couple more weeks.

Linda McAlpin is undergoing tests at this time.

April McKelvey will be seeing her doctor again soon.

Community Matters

Carmen Stringfellow, daughter of Harold & Genetia Burgess, is in Baptist East dealing with pneumonia.

Betty Walker, mother of Kevin Walker, is very ill and needs our prayers at this time.

Wanda Whaley, sister of Randy Bishop, has kidney failure and needs our prayers.

Prayer List

Ann Murray, Jane Allen, Charlotte Lamberth, Dianne Luttrell, Billy Harris, Roselyn Leslie, Susan McGee, Sandra Gordy, Mary Ann Moore, Roy Brumbelow and Samantha Baker.

Remember our service men & women in your prayers.

Remember all our missionaries in your prayer

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 11..... Gen. 24-25
 Monday, Feb. 12..... Deut. 16-18
 Tuesday, Feb. 13..... 1 Sam. 17-18

Wednesday, Feb. 14..... Job 34-38
 Thursday, Feb. 15..... Jer. 23-25
 Friday, Feb. 16..... Matt. 13
 Saturday, Feb. 17..... Acts 15-16

Shut-ins

Mary Davis, Rm. C-16, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd., Bolivar, TN. 38008.

Louise Doyle, Rm. C-24, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd. Bolivar, TN. 38008.

Mary G. Beville, McNairy County Healthcare Center, Hwy. 64 Bypass, P.O Box 0349, Selmer, TN. 38375.

Lillian Eason, Kennington Pointe, 6301 Village Grove Dr. #233, Memphis, TN 38115.

Bill Johnson, 301 Pinehaardt Dr., Selma, AL 36701.

Mr. & Mrs. Odis Bizzell, 1755 Powell Chapel Rd., Middleton, TN 38052.

Lisa Luttrell Barton, Uni Health, 505 South Live Oaks Dr, Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461.

JEFF’S JOTTINGS

Monday’s for the Master will meet on February 12 at 6:45 pm in the annex.

Be sure to put your questions in our **Q & A Box** in the foyer and we answer them the fourth Sunday night of each month.

Our **Item of the Week** is beef stew. You can bring other items at any time.

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. Live a Faithful Life-Revelation 2:10.

A Little Time

By the time you are able to read this article, we will be in the month of February 2018. By this, I am reminded of how time is seemingly fleeting. James wrote, “For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14). If we only have “a little time” on this earth, and we cannot deny the process of aging and decay (see Ecclesiastes 12:1–7), and we cannot deny our appointment with death (see Hebrews 9:27), what should we be doing with our time?

We know “time flies when you’re having fun” (and if you’re a frog, “time is fun when you’re having flies”). Some say, “Life is short; live it up.” Some exclaim, “YOLO!” (meaning, “you only live once”). And each of the latter is about fulfilling your own lusts and desires with no acknowledgement of God as the supplier of one’s life and time. The truth is, time is flying whether we’re having fun or not. The truth is, life on earth is short. The truth is, you do only live once on earth. Furthermore, the truth is, we only have this one short life to prepare for eternity hereafter.

Therefore, instead of using all of our time fulfilling our own desires, we need to be “redeeming the time, because the

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days are evil [meaning, we are decaying and dying]” (Ephesians 5:16). “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Why, James, have you written to us about the fleeting of our lives? 1. Because “ye know not what shall be on the morrow” (James 4:14). 2. Because “to him that knows to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). The latter verse is not about sin in general. It is about the sin of procrastination. It is about the sin of the unwise use of time. It is about the sin of using our time for ungodliness. We are ... blessed to have “a little time” on earth. God is the designer, provider, and sustainer of this time. Are we using it to serve Him? “Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:9–10).

–Clifton Angel

Are You Deceived?

A man is deceived if he is a hearer and not a doer of the Word (James 1:22).

A man is deceived if he says that he has no sin (1 John 1:8).

A man is deceived when he thinks himself to be wise with worldly wisdom (1 Cor. 3:18).

A man is deceived when he seems to be religious and does not bridle his tongue (James 1:26).

Good People Still Must be Saved

Acts 10:2 tells us about Cornelius, “a devout man and one who feared God with all his household and gave many alms to the people and prayed to God continually.” Later, in the chapter, he is described as “a righteous and God-fearing man, well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews” (Verse 22). That is a strong commendation indeed, considering that Cornelius was a Roman centurion! The verse also says that he had seen an angel.

Now, if you met a man with Cornelius’ character, one having had a religious experience as he had, would you say that he was saved or lost? The correct answer is lost. You see, despite his good morals and respect for God, Cornelius had never heard or obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is sometimes hard to think of kind people, upstanding moral people, as on their way to eternal punishment. That is because we tend to minimize the heinousness of sin. The Bible depictions of sin as poison, disease, stain, corruption, bondage, etc., are intended to make us see it as God does. Any sin separates us from God and His infinite holiness (James 2:10; Ephesians 2:1-3; Isaiah 59:1-2)

The angel whom Cornelius saw in a vision told him to send for Peter, who (shall speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and your household” (11:15). The words Peter spoke were the gospel of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection, including the commands to believe and be baptized (10:15-16) Have you?

–Frank Himmel