

**THOSE TO SERVE April 28, 2019**

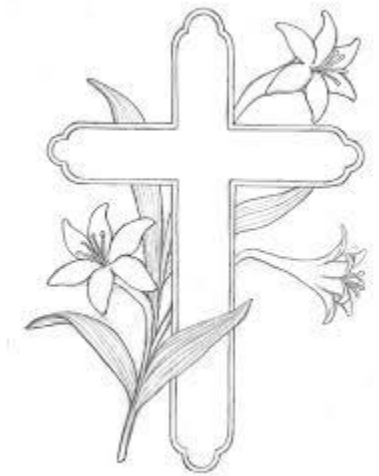
Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Gene Clark, Paul Hill, Rick Yates, Virgil Griffin, Steve Muse, Tyler Kendall, Chris Gooch  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): Virgil & Lori Griffin  
 (back): Royce & Brenda Aker

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

- April 21 Psalm 81, 88, 90-93
- April 22 Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
- April 23 1 Chronicles 1-2
- April 24 Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
- April 25 1 Chronicles 3-5
- April 26 Psalm 73, 77-78
- April 27 1 Chronicles 6



**NOTES**



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**FAMILY NEWS**

**Charlie Guy** had his shoulder surgery on April 17th and is recovering at home.



**Beth Muse's** daughter had her baby last week. There were some complications accompanying the premature birth, but their situation is improving.

**EASTER CELEBRATION**

Please remember that today's Easter service will be on a different schedule: beginning with a brunch in the Activities Building at 9:00 am, followed by a worship service at 9:45 am. We'll wrap up the day with an Easter egg hunt. There will be no Bible study or small group studies that day.

We extend our condolences to Sissy Nicks

Thanks to those who signed up to bring goodies.



**SUPER SENIORS**

Due to the visitation time for Sissy Nick's brother, we have postponed our monthly outing until Thursday, April 25th, at the Blue Bank Fish House Restaurant at Reelfoot Lake. The bus will leave at 6 pm. Please sign up on the list at the Information Station if you plan to go.

**FISH FRY & OPEN HOUSE**

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, there will be a 40th anniversary celebration of the Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center, with a fish fry from 4-8 pm. There will be no admission fee but donations are always welcome.

**ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE**

Date	Time	Event	Location
April 25, 2019	6:00 pm	Super Seniors Outing	Blue Bank Fish House Restaurant, Reelfoot Lake
April 21, 2019	9:00 am 9:45 am After worship	Easter Brunch Worship Service Easter Egg Hunt	Activities Building Auditorium Outside the Activities Building, weather permitting
May 4, 2019	4-8 pm	Fish Fry & Open House	Reelfoot Youth Camp
May 5, 2019		Graduation Sunday	Activities Building



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## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper: Jamie Clark  
Scripture Reading: Tyler Bolton  
Sermon: Ron Newberry  
Closing Prayer: Greg Ferguson  
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark  
Children's Church: none  
◆ Attended Nursery: Christy Henson  
Nursery Next Week: Jamie Cunningham  
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks  
(back): Bret Taylor & Traci Orr



### SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

### WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

### Worship Service April 21, 2019

#### Welcome

557 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

242 "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"

266 "Majesty"

#### Shepherd's Prayer

180 "Jesus Is Lord"

#### Sermon

"Is He Worthy?"-Contemplative

#### Words of Worship

#### Communion

s83 "Had It Not Been the Lord" (vs. 1)



### PRAYER LIST

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Mary Johnson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Anita Nicks, Aaron Tittle.

◆ **OUR COMMUNITY:** Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks, Jean McCullough

**OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Bob Yates, Thomas Aker

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chris Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Brady Moore, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler, Brady Moore, Chris Floyd, Eb McCage

#### MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

◆ Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

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FAMILY  NEWS

April 21, 2019



### The Church and Morality: The Other Perspective (13)

If you have followed the previous articles based on reflections upon David Wells' book *Losing Our Virtue*, then you are probably aware that we have had a rather asymmetrical analysis of the modern culture. That is, we have looked only at the rather negative, bleak perspective of the way we are in the year 2019 A.D. The bridge between law and freedom has been washed out. We are wandering aimlessly in the wilderness of amoralism. We have found a way to banish guilt from our minds by erasing sin from our vocabulary. Shame, which stood for generations along with guilt as sentries to our hearts, has been essentially eradicated like an invading pest and treated as a malfunction of the human mind. What guilt remains has been secularized to the extent that we do not look for relief in terms of atonement, but rather from techniques born of psychology or advertisement.

The above paragraph is the summary – the essence – of the previous articles on the Church and Morality dealing with the negative side of the issue. The other perspective begins with understanding the dilemma of what M. Scott Peck calls in his book *People of the Lie: The Hope for Healing Human Evil*, "deliberately sustained amnesia". Peck argues that it is not that we have lost our ability to understand that we have sinned against God and, therefore, stand guilty before him; it is that we have accepted as normative the deliberate repression of guilt.

People who refuse to tolerate the agony of restraining themselves in the pursuit of "life" have become "people of the lie." There may remain a semblance of shame, but there is an unwillingness to accept guilt. Peck observes that the essence of evil is not the absence of sin or the imperfections common to man. The essence of evil is the unwillingness to tolerate the sense of sin. Unlike the psychopath who has no sense of wrong, modern man has continually swept the evidence of guilt under the rug of his consciousness.

Could this help explain the dynamic so evident in those who will not tolerate the scrutiny of their moral lives? What is that dynamic? They spend inordinate amounts of time and energy cultivating their image. Wells argues that this supercharged effort to build up the image is a counterweight to their knowledge – even though they tenaciously try to deny it – that they are moral beings. They construct elaborate facades to project the right image. Unfortunately their decency is all on the surface.

That is why they are people of the lie. They are narcissistic moral agents who deny and subjugate that moral nature. It is precisely at this point that we encounter an enigma that lies at the heart of life. On one hand, we observe the constant and relentless erosion of life as a result of modernization. On the other hand, we experience our inner world of moral awareness. We are part of two worlds. Despite all the screaming of the modernists to the contrary, we are moral beings and that sense of morality is woven into the fabric of our lives. It permeates our DNA. There is a part of us that remains – that part created in the image of God – which battles with the sinful nature. (Read Romans 7.) We are the ones in charge of which nature wins.

- Ron