



THOSE TO SERVE May 5, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Paul Hill, Kevin Dobbins,
 Mike McCage, Landon McCage, Tony Dob-
 son, James Bumpus, Jimmy Smith
 Scripture Reading: Tyler Bolton
 Closing Prayer: Wade Henson
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins
 (back): Paula & Mike McCage

SUPER HERO SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 5, we will celebrate the graduation of four students: Carter Milam (Freed Hardeman); Kellie Henson, Mitzi Rose, and Micah Smith (Obion County Central High School).

The church will provide BBQ and buns. We need your help with side dishes (baked beans, slaw, potato salad, chips, and 2-litre drinks). Cupcakes will be provided by the youth ministry team. Please use the sign-up sheet at the Information Station to tell us what you'll be bringing.

Come honor all these special young people who are our very own Super Heroes!

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.



◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

- April 28 Psalm 81, 88, 92-93
- April 29 1 Chronicles 7-10
- April 30 Psalm 102-104
- May 1 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 1 Chronicles 13-16
- May 2 Psalm 133
- May 3 Psalm 106-107
- May 4 2 Samuel 5:11-25; 2 Samuel 6:1-23; I



◆ **FAMILY NEWS**

Charlie Guy is at home recovering well from the shoulder surgery he had on April 17th .

THANK YOU

"Thank you for the figurine that was sent. Thanks for all the prayers that was sent on behalf of my brother Bobby. Please keep my family in your prayers. - **Sissy & Jeff Nicks**"

"Thank you so much for your cards and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. My daughter and I plan to be there in mid-May for a visit. In Christian love, **Joye Burney.**"

SUMMER CLASS

We plan to have a Wednesday ladies' class this summer. Jenny has been reviewing books on dealing with emotions. If anyone would like to help teach a class or two, please let her know. We will begin the first Wednesday night in June with a presentation by David French's daughter Kerin about her work with the children in Zambia.

GRADUATION TIME

It's that time of year again. In a couple of weeks, graduations from high school and college will be in full swing. Some graduates will be off to college others off to the "real world" of earning a living. All graduates get more advice at this time of their lives than they can possibly remember. The one that has always meant a lot to me is the recommendation that I not get so busy making a living that I forget to make a life.

Making a life takes preparation – not just minimum, "enough to get by" preparation – but long-term preparation with an eye on the future and not just the now.

Leander McCormick-Goodheart was a recruiter for the Ford Motor Company in 1944. As most good recruiters of large companies did each year, he toured the best fifty universities across the United States to recruit the outstanding graduating student of each institution. At Leigh University, he met a young man named Lee. Looking over his academic credentials and analyzing his potential, McCormick-Goodheart offered Lee a position at Ford.

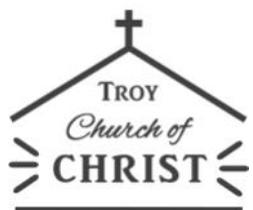
This was a dream come true for any college student. No wasted years working his way up to the top. His greatest ambition could be fulfilled at Ford immediately upon graduation. But, instead of leaping at the opportunity, Lee respectfully asked if he could delay the starting date of his employment for one year. Lee explained that he had the opportunity to earn a master's degree from Princeton University. He was certainly ambitious and talented, so his request for a delay was not due to apprehension or laziness. Lee had the opportunity to launch his auto-making career immediately upon his graduation, but he determined to be completely prepared for whatever opportunities might come his way in the distant future. Immediate gratification was sacrificed for long-range satisfaction.

We can be so caught up in the moment and the potential for immediate success that we miss future opportunities because we cease preparation. Churches as well as individuals can make this mistake. The lure of the "now" can cause us to take our eyes off of the future and what can be. The urgent overpowers the important. We can be so dazzled by making a living that we forget to make a life.

- Ron

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
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 28, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Gene Clark
Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Greg Ferguson
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
Children's Church: Nita & Chris Gooch
Attended Nursery: Jamie Cunningham
Nursery Next Week: Carla Aaron
Greeters (side): Virgil & Lori Griffin
(back): Royce & Brenda Aker



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

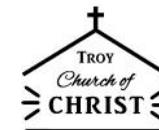
MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

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

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FAMILY  NEWS

April 28, 2019



The Church and Morality: The Future? (14)

"Today, the church finds itself in the midst of a culture whose moral fabric is rotting and whose spirit is troubled. But as evening descends upon America, the prospects for Christian faith, I believe, could be bright."

That's the perspective of the author David F. Wells in his book Losing Our Virtue which we have been using for several weeks as a basis for these articles. Most of the articles have been focused on the negative side of the issue of morality. We now turn the corner to ask, "What does the future hold for the church in the midst of the moral wasteland we see all around us?"

If the future is to be bright for the church, then the church must set the pace to restore its moral vision. There are two specific principles that must be refurbished if we are to do more than just survive the onslaught of immorality confronting us.

The first principle that we must restore is the courage to point out that much of what our culture considers normative is actually in truth sinful. That will require of us the ability to develop ways of speaking about sin to a generation for whom sin is relative for each individual. How can sin be relative? In what is known as the "postmodern world" there are no external standards of right and wrong. Without standards of what sin is (absolute standards external to the individual) there is no appreciation or even understanding of sin. The only measure of right and wrong is what someone feels about it, what they think is right for them. Therefore, no one has the right to impose their morality on anyone else.

The second principle that is going to have to be reclaimed is the church, Christianity itself, is going to have to become more authentic morally. In other words, until the world sees the gospel making a difference in the lives of self-professed Christians, why should they embrace Christianity? The greatness of the gospel has been so diluted and made so ineffectual by the very ones who profess its power that there is nothing to attract the unbeliever.

For example, when the divorce rate, out of wedlock births, fraud, infidelity, untruthfulness, etc., is as high among Christians as it is in immoral or amoral people among whom they live, how can there be any validity to the claim that the gospel has the power to change their lives? Furthermore, why is there a need to change? The old claim by non-Christians that they are just as good as all those folks who go to church every Sunday has become increasingly more potent in the argument of why should anyone want to be a Christian in the first place. The church and the world are too much alike and it's not the world that's changed.

These two principles need serious consideration if the church is to get anywhere close to fulfilling its mission. We must denounce the normative lifestyle embraced by our culture where it violates the will of God and be willing to take the heat for doing so. And we must embrace the standards which we tell the world it must conform to if we are to have any viable witness to our age.

Is the church sufficient for such a time as this? Will we be able to be faithful to our calling? Will our generation rise to the occasion? Will we be less concerned about leaving a better world for our children and be more concerned about leaving better children for our world? Those are questions that each of us needs to answer.

- Ron