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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 30, 2017

Welcome

611 Heavenly Sunlight
615 He Keeps Me Singing
683 I Am Mine No More
797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Shepherd's Prayer

354 I Gave My Life for Thee

Communion

Contribution

991 This Is My Father's World

Dismiss Children

916 What A Day That Will BE

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Family News

704 Bind Us Together

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, April 30, 2017

Worship Leader: Jim Robertson
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks
Scripture Reading: Eb McCage
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Paul Hill
Elder Available After Worship: Chris Gooch
Children's Church: Paula McCage
Attended Nursery: Nancy Spain
Nursery Next Week: Christy Henson
Greeters (side): Barry & Teresa Bumpus
(back): Curtis & Carla Aaron

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Christine Fussell, Mary & Leaton Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle

OUR COMMUNITY: Tom Hopkin, Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Heple, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss)

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Leroy Albritton, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley (expectant parents), Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Glen Rippee (Evan's grandfather), Velynda Cameron (Evan's aunt), Wilma Smith; Lohnya Rippee, Ruby Rogers, Frances Green (Phil's mother); Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez

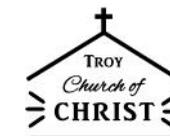
THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Mark Reed, Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

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



TROY Church of CHRIST
FAMILY NEWS



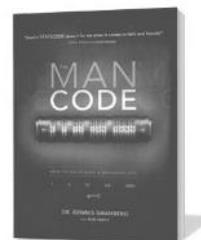
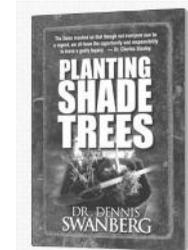
April 30, 2017

Dr. Dennis Swanberg - "The Swan" - is considered by many as "America's Minister of Encouragement." He is widely known across America as a Christian comedian who makes serious points with humor and wit. He has appeared in many different venues, including "Focus on the Family" and his own television show called "Swan's Place". He uses laughter as a tool to break down people's barriers about themselves and he promotes faith and family values in a lighthearted and humorous way. He has the reputation for revealing and instilling hope and motivating people from all walks of life.

He's written a number of books and devotional books. There are two books that I believe would be worth the time to read from cover to cover. One is titled, *Planting Shade Trees*.

In *Planting Shade Trees*, Swanberg makes the point that though not everyone can be a legend, we all have the opportunity and, yes, the responsibility to leave a godly legacy.

He writes, "The best shade trees you'll ever plant...are the ones you'll never sit under!" His point is simple: none of us are self-made. We're all sitting under "shade trees" that our forefathers, families, and friends planted long ago. We're reaping the benefits of someone else's legacy. Now, it's our turn to leave a meaningful legacy by planting our own shade trees for others to sit under.



A second book by Swanberg is titled, *Man Code*. It's pretty obvious (at least to most women) that we men are rather predictable. So it is predictable that we have a way of avoiding even the remotest possibility of deep authentic relationships. Most of us are quick to form a complex web of surface-level friendships, an ever-expanding collection of "buddies." Yet we never manage to develop even one really close friendship.

On May 19, Dennis Swanberg will be the speaker at the annual "Reaching Your Dreams" scholarship fundraiser at Crowley's Ridge College. I hope a number of you will plan to attend. You will be rewarded with a great dinner and an evening of laughter. You'll get to see firsthand CRC's campus and hear about some of the work that's being advanced in this Christian college.

As if that isn't enough, if you are quick to respond to Jimmy Smith, you can have all this without cost to you. Jimmy has purchased a number of tickets and all he wants in return is to have you commit to going with us. If we get enough to make it feasible, we will take the bus. That means you won't even have to drive! (But we will draw the line at cutting up your meat and feeding you at the dinner.) How much better can an offer be—free food, free transportation, free fellowship, free entertainment.

Let Jimmy know if you wish to go and how many tickets you need. Don't miss a great evening of associating with those interested in quality Christian education.

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE May 7, 2017

Worship Leader:
 Lord's Supper:
 Scripture Reading:
 Closing Prayer:
 Power Point: Phil Green
 Greeters (side): Don & Linda Allen
 (back): Jerry & Betty Chandler

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

April 30 Isaiah 5-8
 May 1 Isaiah 9-12
 May 2 Isaiah 13-17
 May 3 Isaiah 18-22
 May 4 Isaiah 23-27
 May 5 Isaiah 28-30
 May 6 Isaiah 31-35



We seek to serve and lift up our God to the best of our abilities, and to unite as one to lead others.

Greetings!

What a great week! We had a wonderful Sunday evening last week with Exchange Street youth. We played, ate, sang, and read God's word together and it was a great time. On top of that we were treated to a wonderful performance by the Drama group JUSTIFIED from Crowley's Ridge College on Wednesday night. We are so blessed to have so many fellow Christians to come and share in times of fellowship!

We inch closer and closer to West Tennessee Work Camp and to Reelfoot Youth Camp, so if you have a child that wishes to go on either of these trips, please contact me ASAP so we can ensure you are registered and work out payment for the trips!

Also, we only have three OnTracks left in the 2016-17 school year! So if you have not had the chance to come out and be with us for dinner or afternoon activities yet, one of these next few weeks would be the time to do it!

-- Always--

"Preach the Gospel at all times, if necessary use words."

Now, some people will say that it is impossible to preach the Gospel without words, but it is possible. Let me explain. The story of the Gospel of Jesus is most easily conveyed through spoken word from one person to another. It takes very little effort for us to repeat what we have come to know through hearing it preached or reading it for ourselves. We speak the words and people may listen, but in the world we are in now, talk is cheap, and people look for your actions to match what you say.

So if we are first speaking the gospel but not acting out the love of the Gospel to others in our lives, then our preaching is just empty words.

Let us first preach with our lives, then our words will match what we do.

Have a great week!

-Evan

PLEASE REMEMBER ...
 to fill the box of food and supplies for Reelfoot Youth Camp, as well as the box of food for the **Obion County Backpack Program**, located at the Information Station. The backpack kids need food that's healthy, easy to open and prepare, and shelf stable. Thanks to you, they won't have hungry weekends.



THANK YOU
 Dear Church family, thank you for the visits and calls and food that was sent while I was sick. In Christian Love, Wilma Ray.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL PARTY
 The reveal party will be Saturday, May 6 at 5:30 pm. Please sign the list on the information board indicating what food you will be bringing.

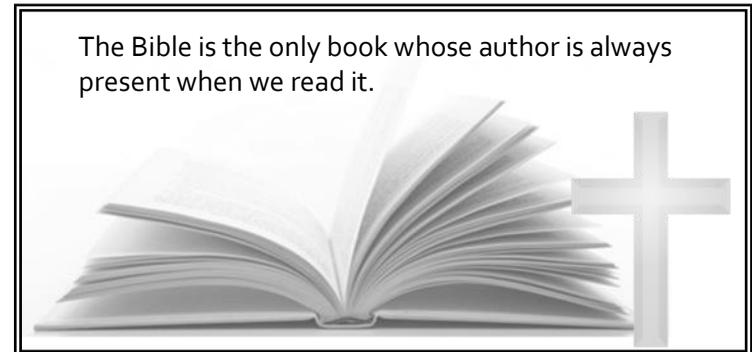
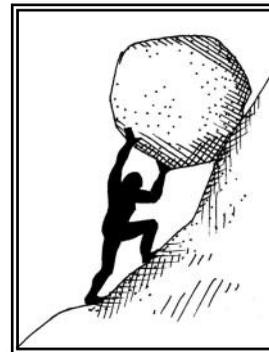


THE UPHILL CLIMB

In college I learned about the mythical Greek King Sisyphus, whose evil acts earned him a lifetime sentence of futile, hopeless labor. He was made to roll a huge boulder uphill, and every time he got close to the top, the boulder would roll back down the hill, so he would have to push that same boulder up that same hill again, and again, through eternity. King Sisyphus was merely an interesting fictional character to me in college, but as I grow old and older...and older...I've developed some sympathy for him. At times my life's journey requires such a steep, uphill climb, pushing a huge boulder, that I want to cry, "Why me, God? Why me?" The climb to Heaven is the same kind of journey, only 1000 times more important. When my boulder rolls back down the hill again, I want to ask God why He makes my climb so difficult, but I suspect that He wants me to figure it out myself. And to keep on climbing.

Looking at my long climb and the obstacles in my path has been a bit easier since I realized that when my boulder rolls downward, my body and soul get to rest for a while before taking up the burden again. That gives me some time to reflect on my journey: past, present, future. The most important thing my uphill climb requires is trust—not something I carry easily, but something that at times seems like the most important element of my relationship with God. So I pretend I can hear him saying, "Go on, Jean, I know you can do it," and those are mighty reassuring words.

- Jean McMillan



The Bible is the only book whose author is always present when we read it.

