

THOSE TO SERVE April 14, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Frank Roberson, Keith Connor, Greg Ferguson, Brian Clark, James Bumpus, James Nicks
 Closing Prayer: Jeff Nicks
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): (back): Jamie & Rachel Clark
 (side): Curtis & Carla Aaron

CONDOLENCES

Please be in prayer for Nancy Spain's family. Her aunt, Sharon Sisson, passed away on Monday. She lived in Duncan, OK.

MEXICO MISSION TEAM

The Mexico medical mission trip group leaves on Wednesday, April 10, so we have just 4 days to bring our donations of **sunscreen** (in small, easy-to-pack containers) and **reading glasses** (not prescription) for distribution at the clinic. Please put your donations in the tote bag at the front of the pulpit.

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

- April 7 Ruth 1-4
- April 8 1 Samuel 1-3
- April 9 1 Samuel 4-8
- April 10 1 Samuel 9-12
- April 11 1 Samuel 13-14
- April 12 1 Samuel 15-17
- April 13 1 Samuel 18—20; Psalm 11, 59



◆ **EASTER EGGS**

We're still collecting plastic eggs and candy to put in them in for the kids to enjoy on Easter Sunday.



EASTER BRUNCH

We'll have an Easter brunch this year. There's a list of needed dishes at the Information Station. Please sign up for whatever you'll be bringing.

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
April 7-10		Crowley Ridge College Annual Lectureship	
April 10-15, 2019	< Revised schedule	Medical Mission Trip	Colonet, Mexico
April 21, 2019	Following worship service	Easter Egg Hunt	Outside the Activities Building, weather permitting
May 5, 2019		Graduation Sunday	Activities Building

DO SOMETHING

Matthew West wrote a song titled "Do Something". The first few lines are as follows:

I woke up this morning
 Saw a world full of trouble now
 Thought, how'd we ever get so far down
 How's it ever gonna turn around
 So I turned my eyes to Heaven
 I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
 Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of
 People living in poverty
 Children sold into slavery
 The thought disgusted me
 So, I shook my fist at Heaven
 Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
 He said, "I did, I created you"

When God tells us to do something he doesn't always tell us how. I believe that part of the reason he doesn't tell us how to do what he tells us to do is twofold: not every method would work in every culture across the centuries. So that means we can use our creativity and ingenuity to accomplish the mission without being locked into an ancient methodology that has given way to a more efficient process.

For example, when the writer James tells us in James 1:27 to look after the fatherless and the widows, he doesn't specify how we are to do that. So, in the case of the fatherless, we can be foster parents, adopt, support organizations that have the ability to care for them, etc.

When we think of the "fatherless" we naturally think of orphans. However, there are children who for all practical purposes are fatherless because they have been abandoned or their parents cannot care for them for whatever reason. A case in point is Kimberly at the City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico, who we supported for years. She had a family (and she went to live with them a couple of years ago) but her family could not afford to care for her and her younger brother at the time. We couldn't go to Mexico and adopt her (although several of us would surely like to have done that) but we could provide for her needs by supporting her through the City of Children.

Closer to home we have the New Pathways for Children in Melber, KY. The current director, as many of you know, is Ricky Burse. The primary mission of the New Pathways for Children is to rescue children in crisis. That's just another way to extend our hearts and hands to those in need. Ricky has been with us many times to share with us the latest updates on the work there.

In the context of relationships, modeling the life of Jesus, we can meet spiritual and physical needs of widows and orphans. We can equip and inspire others to be involved in the relief of suffering and free the heart to experience joy.

While we are not engaged in anything at Troy on the scale of the City of Children or New Pathways for Children, we can partner with those kind of efforts and make a difference. We have such a mission with our On Track program. We want kids who are part of our On Track program to gain a sense of "belonging" where they are valued and loved.

We can't do everything, but we can do something. And in so doing we along with those we touch in the name of Jesus can find joy for the journey.

- Ron



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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Chris Gooch
Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Gene Clark
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
Children's Church: Maggie & Landon McCage
Attended Nursery: Rachel Clark
Nursery Next Week: Nancy Spain
Greeters (side): Tim & Nancy Spain
(back): Landon & Maggie McCage



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, Barbie Hardy

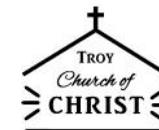
OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott; Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson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



April 7, 2019



The Church and Morality: The Biblical Perspective (11)

There is ample evidence that the human heart has ingrained within it the sense of what is right and wrong. Having the potential to know precisely what is right and wrong or having a vague sense of general categories of morality and immorality is not, however, sufficient. The "moral sense" within us needs to be cultivated and instructed.

Essentially all we know from research and observation of human beings about who we are as humans is confirmed in the Bible. Paul's insights from the letter to the church in Rome is particularly instructive in this discussion of the innate nature of us as moral beings. There were Gentiles who had a sense of morality even when – perhaps especially when – their culture was disintegrating around them because of the rampant immorality evident in their society. It was not sufficient in itself to serve as a corrective. However, they still had a sense of what was right and what was wrong.

On the other hand, there were the Jews who had the law. They had tried through sacrifices and meticulous observations of the law to remain morally upright. While they no doubt attained a higher standard of morality than those who just acted on their human instincts, they too fell short of the requirements. My point is that both groups had a sense of morality as humans even though one relied more on the internal sense and the other on external law. The external teaches us about the creator by looking at his creation. The internal instruction is more vague but nonetheless important because it brings to our consciousness the disturbing realization that we are moral beings and we are accountable. (cf. Rom. 1 – 2)

Therefore, this moral sense we have been discussing for the past few weeks has two coordinates. One coordinate is his self-disclosure found in the expression of his eternal power and deity called the creation. The revelation of God in creation is complete even though it is insufficient. So, this first coordinate bears witness to his existence. The second coordinate makes available knowledge of his moral character. It is what Wells calls in his book *Losing Our Virtue* the "fabric of moral life within". But it is not inherently adequate. We need the revelation of God in the written word to instruct our underdeveloped sense of morality.

From the created universe, we humans have a sense of awe when we consider him who made it and us who observe his creation. Admittedly we strain to see through the twilight knowledge we have. But suffice to say we nonetheless have some sense of how we ought to behave before the living God. Lurking within the sinful nature, however, is the urge to dismiss all we know and disregard his directives. This civil war is clearly a contradiction within us, but the contradiction leaves us, to use Paul's words in Romans 1:20, "without excuse."

The reality is that when people turn away from God – either his truth revealed through nature or his moral truth revealed in his word – he turns away from them. To dismiss what is right and good is to default to what is bad. When we move away from goodness, we automatically turn to what is evil. There is no middle ground. To turn away from the worship of God is to turn to the worship of self. Paul notes twice in Romans 1:24, 26 that God "gave them up." He gave them up because they refused to acknowledge consciously what they had instinctively sensed and because they would not instruct their hearts to know God.

- Ron

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 7, 2019

538 "Jesus Is a Friend"
867 "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"
555 "Wonderful Merciful Savior"
Shepherd's Prayer
350 "When My Love to Christ Grows Weak"

Communion

Contribution

590 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"
291 "The Great Physician"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

470 "Victory in Jesus"



Family News

699 "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus" (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer