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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 8, 2018

Welcome

63 "I Will Call upon the Lord"
470 "Victory in Jesus"
902 "Nothing but the Blood"
597 "What the Lord Has Done in Me"

Shepherd's Prayer

349 "Ten Thousand Angels"

Communion

Contribution

474 "Thank You Lord"
"Mighty to Save"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

909 "There's a Fountain Free"

Family News

494 "O Happy Day"

Closing Prayer

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, April 8, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Jimmy Smith, Jamie Clark, Wade Henson, Tony Henson, Jerry Ross, Josh Scott

Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Gene Clark
Elder Available After Worship: Jimmy Smith

Children's Church: Kim Roberson & Kristin Kendall
Attended Nursery: Rachel Clark
Nursery Next Week: Jenny Newberry
Greeters (side): Gene & Margaret Clark
(back): Landon & Maggie McCage



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Phil Green

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

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

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea)

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

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



Several years ago a car was stolen in California. Now that wasn't a novel event. Who hasn't seen a "breaking news" story complete with live helicopter shots of the high speed chase on a California freeway? Such attempts to elude the police always end and usually end badly for the thief.

The California highway patrol and other law enforcement officials staged an intense search for the vehicle and the driver. They went so far as to place announcements on local radio stations to contact the thief. If you are thinking that that was an odd approach to catching a car thief, you don't know the real reason behind their strategy.

The owner who reported the theft informed the police that on the front seat of the stolen car was a box of crackers. So? Unbeknownst to the thief the crackers were laced with poison. The owner had intended to use the crackers as rat bait. The police and the owner of the Volkswagen bug were more interested in apprehending the thief to save his life than to recover the car.

I thought about the dilemma of the police trying to catch a thief, but it was more about saving him than punishing him. I thought about his dire situation which he didn't realize was a real threat to his life. He was eluding the authorities who were trying to save him.

It occurred to me that this is such an apt illustration of so many when it comes to God. How many people run from God trying to escape his punishment? Some finally realize that he isn't chasing them to punish them; he's chasing them to save them.

All sinners are eventually caught one way or another. Those who surrender, acknowledge their sins and pledge to live the rest of their lives devoted to God receive a pardon. Those who continue to commit crimes, attempt to elude God and never surrender—well, let's say it always ends badly.

What the "runners" don't appreciate is, like the California car thief, they are actually eluding their own rescue. They may "get away with it" for a while, but one day they will be caught and stand before the judge of the universe. If they have been apprehended by the authorities of heaven, there is no last minute pardon. Their destiny has been determined by their own choices.

Occasionally someone asks, "How could a good God send anyone to hell forever?" The simple answer is this: God doesn't send folks to hell; they go to hell of their own free will. Most people don't seem to appreciate that no decision is a decision. No decision to surrender and serve God is a decision to refuse his offer of pardon. Therefore, no one who is lost can legitimately blame God.

Yes, God has put out an APB on all of us. But contrary to the opinion of many he is not tracking us down to arrest and punish us. He is searching for us to save us from the poison of sin we've ingested. Far too many people are running from the one who wants to save them.

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE April 15, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Jamie Clark, Gene Clark, Jeff Nicks, Randy Brann, Jim Robertson, Mike McCage, Landon McCage
Scripture Reading: Eb McCage
Closing Prayer: Greg Ferguson
Power Point: Tim Spain
Greeters (side): Aaron Tittle & Shelia Morris
(back): Jamie & Rachel Clark

BRIDAL SHOWER

We will host a bridal shower for Nikki Eason and Nick Gilliam on Sunday, April 15th in the activities building, with a potluck meal after worship service. The couple is registered at Walmart and Calla Lily.



THANK YOUs

Thanks to everyone who donated equipment and supplies to our kitchen.

And thanks also to everyone who signed our birthday card for Theresa Bumpus.

GRADUATION FIESTA

This year's Graduation Sunday will be on May 6th, with a Cinco de Mayo theme. We need your help to provide Mexican food, such as crock pots of taco meat; black bean salad; nachos; salsa; tortilla chips; enchiladas; guacamole, etc. Please add your contribution of Mexican-style food to the list at the Information Station. We expect a large crowd and will need LOTS of food!

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

April 8	Samuel 1-3; Luke 12:1-34
April 9	Samuel 4-6; Luke 12:35-59
April 10	Samuel 7-9; Luke 13:1-21
April 11	Samuel 10-12; Luke 14:1-24
April 12	Samuel 13-14; Luke 14:25-35
April 13	Samuel 15-16; Luke 14:25-35
April 14	Samuel 17-18; Luke 15:1-10

FISH FRY & OPEN HOUSE April 28

The Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center will celebrate spring's arrival with its annual Fish Fry and open house on Saturday, April 28, from 5:00-7:00 pm (rain or shine). The address is 4304 Kendall Road, Hornbeak, TN and the telephone number is 731-538-2118. No tickets will be sold, but donations will be gladly accepted.

PRAYER LIST CHANGES

Recently, several people have asked me (Jean) to make changes to the prayer lists on the back of the bulletin. This is very helpful and I encourage everyone to read through those lists and give me any additions or deletions. There's not a lot of space for those lists so I'd like to keep them clean and accurate as much as possible on an ongoing basis.

PRAYERS BULLETIN BOARD

And speaking of prayers, don't forget we have a prayer bulletin board in the hallway just outside the auditorium. Please post your prayers, both asked and answered, on the board.



WORMS

Kids often have some interesting and at times remarkable insights into spiritual truths that many adults would be hard pressed to articulate. Their innocent eyes see things as they are.

One Bible teacher tried so hard to impress upon the kids in his class the importance of staying away from certain things he saw as vices. He decided one day to use a visual demonstration to add emphasis to his lesson.

He had dug in his yard and found four large earthworms. He placed them in four separate jars and brought them to class. At the beginning of his lesson, without explanation, he filled the first jar with alcohol. He lit a cigarette and filled the second jar with cigarette smoke. He poured a high sugar, high caffeine soda in the third jar. The fourth container was filled with good soil.

At the conclusion of the lesson, the teacher removed the worms and made some observations. The first worm in alcohol was dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke was dead. The third worm in the soda was dead. The fourth worm in good soil was alive and quite active.

Proud that his illustration had turned out so well, he asked the kids, "Now what does this teach us? What can we learn from this?"

One young girl, intrigued by the whole experiment, raised her hand. "Yes, Marjorie, and what did you learn?"

"I learned," Marjorie said with enthusiasm born of knowing you have the right answer to such a deep question, "that as long as you drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and drink Mountain Dew you won't have worms!"

Needless to say that wasn't the lesson the teacher was trying to convey. However, that little anecdote might be instructive. It might help remind us adults that God is not the only one watching us. Kids are always watching what we do and they may get the wrong impression from what they see even if we intended that they learn an entirely different lesson. Maybe we need to create an adult version of the kids song, "Be careful little eyes what you see" with words like, "Be careful what our kids see you do."

- Ron

**WE HAVE TO PRAY WITH OUR EYES ON GOD,
NOT ON THE DIFFICULTIES.**

- Oswald Chambers



