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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
Sunday, February 10, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Chris Gooch
Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Jamie Clark
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
Children's Church: Kim & Kristin Kendall
Attended Nursery: Carla Aaron
Nursery Next Week: Lori Griffin
Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks
(back): Tony & Brenda Henson



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Anita Nicks, Betty Hill, 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.



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

February 10, 2019

Welcome

528 "I Know My Redeemer Lives"
58 "Great Are You Lord"
100, 101 "Holy Ground"

Shepherd's Prayer

315 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Communion

Contribution

275 "O Lord, You're Beautiful"
574 "Firm Foundation"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

"Take My Heart"

Family News

"Take Time to Be Holy" (vs. 3)

Closing Prayer



The Church and Morality: Saving Ourselves (4)

One of the struggles of religious teaching in our modern culture rests with on the character issue. (cf. last week's article.) In summary, character has to be trained and involves a moral lifestyle. Personality has nothing to do with the heart, its corruptness or perverted nature. One can be a practicing homosexual, admit the use of illegal drugs and has sex with minors seven days a week without suffering any revulsion by the public if he writes great music, can act extraordinarily well, excels in the sporting world or is of the right political persuasion. Personality has replaced character.

This extraordinary disconnect between personality and character is crystal clear in the way real heroes have been supplanted by celebrities and the way real villains have all but disappeared. Heroes once personified the traits the culture embraced and promoted. The living embodiment of these traits set a standard for others to emulate and grow taller in their character. Celebrities typically embody nothing of lasting or intrinsic value. They are only famous for being famous (e.g., Kim Kardashian, Paris Hilton, et al). They are hollow caricatures without character having been fabricated by the media; heroes are made by their hard work that contributes to the welfare or benefit of others. Heroes are big people; celebrities are big names. With celebrities replacing heroes, images replacing character, ultimately the commercial replaces the moral. The result is an individualism that eventually breeds lawlessness because morality and character are eventually driven from our culture replaced by self-interest.

The results of this loss of character development and the subsequent enhancement of image in our culture has not just been the diminishing of shame but true shame that is actually growing deeper daily. The problem is there is no moral compass to identify, define or even point out the cause of shame. Thus our society has developed two healers to deal with this predicament: psychotherapy and advertising.

These two saviors are purely secular efforts offering healing on totally secular grounds. They both appeal to the self as the ultimate healer. All the self-help materials inherently contain the assumption that the self carries within it the means of its own cure. All we have to do is produce the right formula, create the right sequence of stimuli, click on the right combination and the potential to heal ourselves is realized. Thus our culture has offered simply a secularized form of religion and salvation.

Coupled with this psychotherapy healer is the healer of advertising. In a nutshell, advertising offers solutions to all our problems by showing us consumer products that will meet our needs. Ah, but it will do even more than that. Begin listening for the line, "It will change your life" in the commercials you see and hear. The underlying assumption is that everyone is searching for something that will enhance his or her life, help them have more fun, be more attractive and fill the emptiness within. Advertisers have become a new priesthood of prosperity without regard for moral soundness.

We have become consumers to the extreme. We believe that if what we need cannot be created on the inside it can be purchased, rearranged, dressed up or slipped over the shame. The result is a love of self that in the end destroys the very thing we love. We have constructed a morally indifferent culture in which the perishing of virtue seems inevitable. By wanting too much we have come to accept too little.



THOSE TO SERVE February 17, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Paul Hill, Jeff Nicks, Keith Connor, Chris Gooch, Jerry Ross, Rick Yates, Virgil Griffin
 Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
 Closing Prayer: Brian Clark
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus
 (back): Royce & Brenda Aaron

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

February 10 Exodus 33-35
 February 11 Exodus 36-38
 February 12 Exodus 39-40
 February 13 Leviticus 1-4
 February 14 Leviticus 5-7
 February 15 Leviticus 8-10
 February 16 Leviticus 11-13



THE FIGHT TO BE MORAL

"To Him who overcomes..." - Revelation 2:7

...If I have enough inner strength to fight, I help to produce the balance needed for health. The same is true of the mental life. If I want to maintain a strong and active mental life, I have to fight. This struggle produces the mental balance called thought.

Morally it is the same. Anything that does not strengthen me morally is the enemy of virtue within me. Whether I overcome, thereby producing virtue, depends on the level of moral excellence in my life. But we must fight to be moral. Morality does not happen by accident; moral virtue is acquired...

From *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers © 1935 & 1992

SUPER SENIOR FELLOWSHIP OUTING

The next outing will be on Thursday, February 21. We'll leave the church building at 6:00 pm and enjoy dinner at Lupo's Italian Steakhouse in Dyersburg. There's a sign-up sheet and Lupo's menu posted at the Information Station.

WOMEN OF HOPE 2019—COURAGEOUS HOPE

The 2019 Women of Hope conference will be held March 1-2 in Lebanon, TN. The theme will be *Courageous Hope*, taken from Psalm 31:24. The speakers will be talking about their personal journeys of courageous hope and courageous hope for the future. Details are on the flyer at the Information Station. For more information, contact Jana at Healing Hands International at jowen@hhi.org, or go to their website, hhi.org/womenofhope.

FAMILY & CIVILIZATION

Consider the following observations:

- * Marriage loses its sacredness; is frequently broken by divorce.
- * Traditional meaning of the marriage ceremony is lost.
- * Feminist movements abound.
- * Increased public disrespect for parents and authority in general.
- * Acceleration of juvenile delinquency, promiscuity, and rebellion.
- * Refusal of people with traditional marriages to accept family responsibilities.
- * Growing desire for and acceptance of adultery.
- * Increasing interest in and spread of sexual perversions and sex related crimes.

Sociologist and historian Carle Zimmerman recorded his observations as he compared the disintegration of various cultures with the parallel decline of family life in those cultures. What he discovered was when the family degrades and disintegrates so does the culture of any civilization.

The above eight specific patterns of domestic behavior typified the downward spiral of each culture Zimmerman studied. He noted these in his book *Family and Civilization*, in...wait for it...1947. That has ominous implications doesn't it?

- Ron

NEWS FROM KUWAIT

"Hi Church family, I thank you so much for the wonderful cards, gift boxes, notes and letters I have gotten from you this past year. I miss you all. I am enjoying my work and life here in Kuwait. The floods have receded, the flies have gone and dust season is not here yet!!! I hope to stay here and work till I can retire—another 3-5 years at least. Time is flying. Please pray for me. I pray for you.—Theresa"

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
February 15-17, 2019		Winterfest	Gatlinburg, TN
March 1-2, 2019		Women of Hope	Lebanon, TN
April 10-15, 2019	< Revised schedule	Medical Mission Trip	Colonet, Mexico

