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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
Sunday, February 17

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Paul Hill
Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Brian Clark
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
Children's Church: Traci Orr
Attended Nursery: Lori Griffin
Nursery Next Week: Traci Orr
Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus
(back): Royce & Brenda Aaron



PRAYER LIST

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

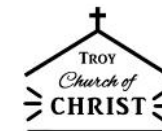
OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks, Jean McCullough, Barbie Hardy

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.



The Church and Morality: The Other Perspective (5)

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 are particularly instructive in this discussion of the innate nature of humans as moral beings. There were Gentiles who had a sense of morality even when – perhaps especially when – their culture was disintegrating around them due to the rampant immorality evident in their society. While it was not sufficient in itself to serve as a corrective, 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 of Moses. 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 also fell short of the requirements. My point is both groups had a sense of morality as humans even though one relied more on the internal sense and the other on external. 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. Romans chapter 1 and 2)

Therefore, this moral sense we have been discussing for the past few months has two coordinates. One coordinate is God's self-disclosure found in the visible 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 David 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.

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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 February 17, 2019

579 Prince of Peace (You Are Holy)
528 "Agnus Dei"
578 "We Will Glorify"
Shepherd's Prayer
902 "Nothing but the Blood"
Communion
Contribution
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"
801 "Where No One Stands Alone"
Scripture Reading
Sermon
552 "Have Thine Own Way Lord"
Family News
"Take My Heart"
Closing Prayer



THOSE TO SERVE February 24, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks, Mike McCage, Lan-
 don McCage,
 Tyler Kendall, Frank Roberson, Jimmy Smith,
 Greg Ferguson
 Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
 Closing Prayer: Brian Clark
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
 (back): Jerry & Tammy Ross

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Leviticus 14-15
 Leviticus 16-18
 Leviticus 19-21
 Leviticus 22-23
 Leviticus 24-25
 Leviticus 26-27
 Numbers 1-2



CONDOLENCES to Jenny Newberry and family on the passing of her mother, Sue Wilkerson, on February 10, 2019. The funeral was February 15, 2019.

CONDOLENCES to Bryce Moran at the death of his grandmother, Mary Hunt.



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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. However, lurking within the sinful nature, 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 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 albeit vaguely and because they would not instruct their hearts further to know God. The end result was disaster. We should pay close attention to that reality because such behavior always ends badly.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

We frequently hear the following allegation in one form or another: "The Bible is full of contradictions." There are people who believe this charge primarily because they have heard it repeated so often. Unbelievers frequently make the same accusation but when pressed most of these skeptics are unable to cite even one contradiction that the Bible is alleged to contain. Yet, they are convinced that such contradictions do exist in the Bible somewhere.

Next Sunday Ron will begin a class in Room 6 that will tackle many of the supposed contradictions in the Bible. Anyone who wishes to join the class is welcome. If you have a "contradiction" you have heard that you would like to have answered, give it to him (in writing please) or email him (n2water@hotmail.com) with the passage(s) in question.

SMALL GROUPS

Beginning next Sunday night, our small groups will be studying the book of Hebrews, specifically with a focus on faith. What is faith? Does it differ from "belief"? If so, how? How do we know if we have true faith? What will true faith cause us to do?

YOUTH NEWS

Justified, the skit group from Crowley's Ridge College, will be at On Track Wednesday,

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 a Lupo's menu posted at the Information Station.

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
February 15-17, 2019		Winterfest	Gatlinburg, TN
March 1-2, 2019		Women of Hope	Lebanon, TN
March 13, 2019		<i>Justified</i> Performance	
April 10-15, 2019	< Revised schedule	Medical Mission Trip	Colonet, Mexico

