



Taking Christ to Our Community

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
5:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

WORSHIP SERVICE February 18, 2018

Welcome

662 "All to Jesus I Surrender"
517 "The Heart of Worship"
948 "I Am Resolved"

Shepherd's Prayer

"From the Inside Out"
350 "When My Loves to Christ Grows Weak"

Communion

Contribution
15 "Step by Step"
695 "None of Self and All of Thee"

Scripture Reading

Sermon
552 "Have Thine Own Way"

Family News
717 "We Will Stand"

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, February 18, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Jeff Nicks, Keith Connor, Chris Gooch, Jerry Ross, Jim Robertson, Rick Yates
Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Brian Clark
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark
Children's Church: Jamie Cunningham
Attended Nursery: Carla Aaron
Nursery Next Week: Lori Griffin
Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus
(back): Royce & Brenda Aaron



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green, Chris Gooch

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 Weeks, 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, Ruby Rogers, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom)

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), Theresa Bumpus

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:
Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



You no doubt are aware of the latest trend in pets. They are called comfort animals and they are allowed to travel on planes. Pigs, ducks, peacocks — there seems to be no limit to what passengers have used as "support animals".

As is the case with all privileges, someone always tries to take advantage of the situation. You may have heard of the latest case involving a 21 year old college student, Belen Aldecosea, who said she flushed her emotional support animal down the toilet after Spirit Airlines refused to let her bring her furry dwarf hamster named Pebbles on the plane.

Back in 1999 a woman told US Airways she needed to bring her service animal on the flight with her. The airline representative asked her for more details. She said that her thirteen-pound pig was needed for "emotional support" and that she had a doctor's note saying so. Imagine the airline's surprise when the woman showed up for her flight leading her pig. Mind you it wasn't a thirteen-pound pig or even a 113-pound porker. It was a 250-pound hog! The unruly animal ran around the cabin, over people and even tried to break into the cockpit. (Gives a whole new meaning to "when pigs fly" doesn't it?)

This may be an extreme example, but it does illustrate a principle that is becoming more and more prevalent. Here was a woman who represents many citizens among us who are willing to take advantage of the rules so they can have things their way. It's all about self. Selfism has infected the culture and it's reached pandemic proportions!

Unfortunately when we "have things our way," we often do so at the expense of someone else. We see it in amusement parks when others cut in line. We see it in traffic when a driver cuts off another driver. We see it in front of the supermarket when someone who is apparently quite healthy parks in the handicapped zone and sprints into the store and inside they take a buggy with fifty-two items through the express lane designed for shoppers with ten items or less.

I don't believe that this "fast food syndrome" with its "have it your way" attitude is what Jesus had in mind for his disciples. To underscore the point, he authenticated his intentions by living his life the way he wanted us to live ours: as a servant deferring to the best interest of others; serving and not desiring to be served.

Paul writes in Philippians 2:3-5, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." He then explains that Jesus didn't consider equality with God something to be held onto at all costs; he gave up heaven to become one of us for our benefit.

How much smoother would the world run if we had the attitude of Christ? We can't expect that from the world, but we can and should expect it of Christians. Remember this "fast food syndrome" problem the next time you get ready to insist on having it your way. That may be fine for your hamburger, but being a piggy is not okay in relationships.

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE February 25, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks, Mike McCage, Landon McCage, Aaron Tittle, Jamie Clark, Brian Clark, Clifton Garrigus
 Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
 Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
 (back): Mark & Amy Hawkins

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gabriel, the young son of OUTsideIN friend Lisa Rainey, had a seizure (his first, and hopefully last) while at school last week. Please keep them in your prayers as they search for an explanation and treatment.

Please continue praying for our group at Winter Fest in Gatlinburg as they and thousands of others will be traveling to their homes today.

Also, keep in prayer our medical mission team that will be going to the Baja on the 28th.

CONDOLENCES go to Virginia Pugh in the passing of her sister-in-law, Rubye Rogers, who died Saturday, Feb. 10.

WOMEN OF HOPE CONFERENCE 2018

Titled *Hope Bridges All*, the 10th annual Women of Hope Conference will be held on March 2-3, 2018 at the Wilson County Expo Center in Lebanon, TN. More information is posted at the Information Station.

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

February 18 Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-21
 February 19 Numbers 3-4; Matthew 3:22-35
 February 20 Numbers 5-6; Mark 4:1-20
 February 21 Numbers 7; Mark 4:21-41
 February 22 Numbers 8-10; Mark 5:1-20
 February 23 Numbers 11-13; Mark 5:21-43
 February 24 Numbers 14-15; Mark 6:1-32

◆ **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

The Mexico Medical Mission team is gathering reading glasses to take to Colonet for the benefit of our brothers and sisters there. If you could make a trip to one of the local dollar stores and purchase an inexpensive pair or two to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. A collection box (in the form of a suitcase) is located on the stage to remind you.

THANK YOU

Ethan and Caroline Huffines write, "Thank you to all of the ladies that gave us the baby shower for Hogan. Also, thank you to everyone who came to the shower to celebrate. We are so thankful to have such wonderful people in our lives that care so much about us even though we do not live there anymore. We love each and every one of you and can't wait for everyone to meet Hogan. Thanks again for everything!"

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Tammy Ross is working on the bulletin board in the hallway nearest to the office door to turn it into a **NEWS BOARD** that we can use to post family and community news, photos, and just about anything else we'd like to share with our church family. Go ahead, brag on your kids, grandkids, cats and dogs! Tell us about upcoming events. Show us your favorite photos, memories, plans and dreams. Oh, and while you're at it, Have fun!

The People Business

In the 1950s, marketing expert Stanley Arnold was employed by a major marketing agency. As their topnotch marketer, he was asked to develop a marketing campaign for Remington Rand, makers of men's shavers. The company was among the most conservative in America whose chairman was retired legendary General Douglas MacArthur. Intimidated at first by a company that was such a recognized name in America, Arnold found in that phrase—in America—the inspiration for the campaign.

After thinking about it for several days, he went to a New York stock broker's office and placed the ultimate odd-lot order: "I want to purchase," he told the broker, "one share of every single stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange." After a vice president failed to talk him out of it, the order was finally placed. It came to more than \$42,000 for one share in each of the 1098 companies listed on the Big Board.

Stan now took his considerably diversified portfolio into a meeting of Remington Rand's board of directors, where he argued passionately for a sweepstakes campaign with the top prize called A Share in America. The conservative old gentlemen shifted around in their seats and discussed the idea for a while. "But Mr. Arnold," said one, "we are not in the securities business." Another board member lamented, "We are in the shaver business."

"I agree that you are not in the securities business," said Arnold, "but I think you also ought to realize that you are not in the shaver business either. You are in the people business." The company bought the idea and it was a huge success.

Sometimes in the church I get the impression that we believe that we are in the building business, or program business or land development business or staffing business. We're not; we're in the people business. Now, all these items – buildings, programs, land, staff – may contribute to our objective of impacting people for God. However, if we do all those things well, and lose sight of people, we will have missed the point being a church – HIS church.

Jesus didn't die for buildings, programs, staff positions or land. Jesus died for people. If he died for people, we ought to live to reach people with that good news.

Let's continue to push forward with adding whatever might promote the Kingdom of God in Troy. However, let's never lose sight of the fact that these are merely means or tools to reach people. Fix your eyes upon Jesus and then follow his gaze. You will find that he is looking at and searching for people.

- Ron

