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### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 24

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks  
Scripture Reading: Jim Robertson  
Sermon: Ron Newberry  
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor  
Elder Available After Worship: Chris Gooch  
Children's Church: Jamie Cunningham  
Attended Nursery: Traci Orr  
Nursery Next Week: Dawn Guy  
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks  
(back): Jerry & Tammy Ross



### 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 24, 2019

#### Welcome

278 "Victory Chant"  
577 "We Bow Down"  
"Forever Reign"

#### Shepherd's Prayer

464 "Because He Lives"  
S86 "Light the Fire"  
463 "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

#### Scripture Reading

#### Sermon

"Mighty to Save"  
Family News  
464 "Because He Lives (Chorus)"

#### Closing Prayer



### PRAYER LIST

◆ **OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Mary Johnson, 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:

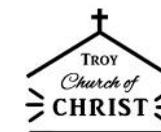
◆ Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

TROY Church of CHRIST

FAMILY NEWS



February 24, 2019



### The Church and Morality: Dominance of "Self" (6)

David Wells argues in *Losing Our Virtue* that our modern world has been both a blessing and a curse. The two-sided nature of the dilemma is most evident in modern man's becoming a consumer being who has lost the capacity to see himself as a moral being. Lost in the jungle of 'self' – that there is no reality beyond what is experienced by oneself – man has lost his bearings and no longer understands who he is.

One major consequence of the preoccupation with 'self' is the diminishing of the feelings of guilt. This implies two particular problems which we must address: there is no certain point of reference outside of ourselves; and sin is no longer a conceptual possibility. In other words, God is no longer the source of right and wrong, rather what we individually determine is right for us is right; and although sin has not disappeared, our cultural capacity to understand it has vanished. The ultimate result is the attempt to build a kingdom of God replacing his presence on the throne with the 'self'.

This steady movement toward the domination of self in the affairs of life helps explain why any keen observer of our culture has noticed a radical shift away from guilt and the emergence of shame. While our modern culture tends to use these terms synonymously, a distinction needs to be made.

Guilt is the normal emotional response to the infraction of a moral norm. A boy steals a candy bar and feels guilty because he has broken the rule not to steal. Shame is our disappointment with self that we are not something other than what we are. The child who steals a candy bar realizes that he is not what his mother taught him to be. In other words, guilt is related to what we do; shame is related to what we are. Guilt is not measuring up to the standards of God; shame is falling short of what we (or others) think we should be. A person has guilt feelings because he or she *did* something wrong. Shame is the feeling that something *is* wrong. Guilt needs forgiveness; shame is reversed by acceptance (by self or others, particularly God).

There are times when both guilt and shame are appropriate emotions. The boy who steals a candy bar ought to feel guilty for taking what does not belong to him and he ought to feel shame for not living up to a higher standard of life. However, as the difference between these two concepts comes into focus, it is evident why in our particular culture guilt has vanished with the emergence of shame. We do not (speaking of our culture) wish to be held to the moral standards of God. But the shame we feel must be cloaked with acceptance for us to feel like things are all right. So we long for others to validate our behavior and who we are. In other words, we seek those who will tell us everything is okay when inherently we know in our heart of hearts everything is not okay.

One illustration may help us understand the decrease of guilt and increase of shame. The current debate of homosexuality in our culture has moved out of the arena of a discussion of right or wrong to a discussion of terms of acceptance, tolerance, open-mindedness, etc. Those who practice a homosexual lifestyle no longer feel guilty, but they really do typically feel shame. Otherwise they wouldn't be so concerned about everyone accepting them and so angry when their behavior is not accepted. They do not wish to view their behavior in light of what God says; rather they want to discuss it in terms of being accepted for who they are. Guilt recedes, shame advances and acceptance is essential.



**THOSE TO SERVE March 3, 2019**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Jimmy Smith, Chris Gooch,  
 James Bumpus, Jim Robertson, Randy  
 Brann, James Nicks, Jeff Nicks  
 Scripture Reading: Jamie Clark  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side):  
 (back):

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

February 24 Numbers 3-4  
 February 25 Numbers 5-6  
 February 26 Numbers 7  
 February 27 Numbers 8-10  
 February 28 Numbers 11-13  
 March 1 Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90  
 March 2 Numbers 16-17



**THANK YOU**

"To our Troy family, we are deeply moved by your outpouring of love and support while we cared for Mom and gave her final tribute. Difficult times are made easier when shared with those you love. Mother was fortunate to have this as her church home for several years. Thank you for being there in our time of need. The metal heart will be a continual reminder of your love. Jenny & Ron"

◆ **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION**

The Spring Teaching Quarter begins next Sunday morning, March 5. A teachers list is posted on the office door. A big thank you to everyone who taught our kids last quarter! We are blessed with wonderful teachers! - Paula

**SMALL GROUPS**

Beginning tonight, 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?

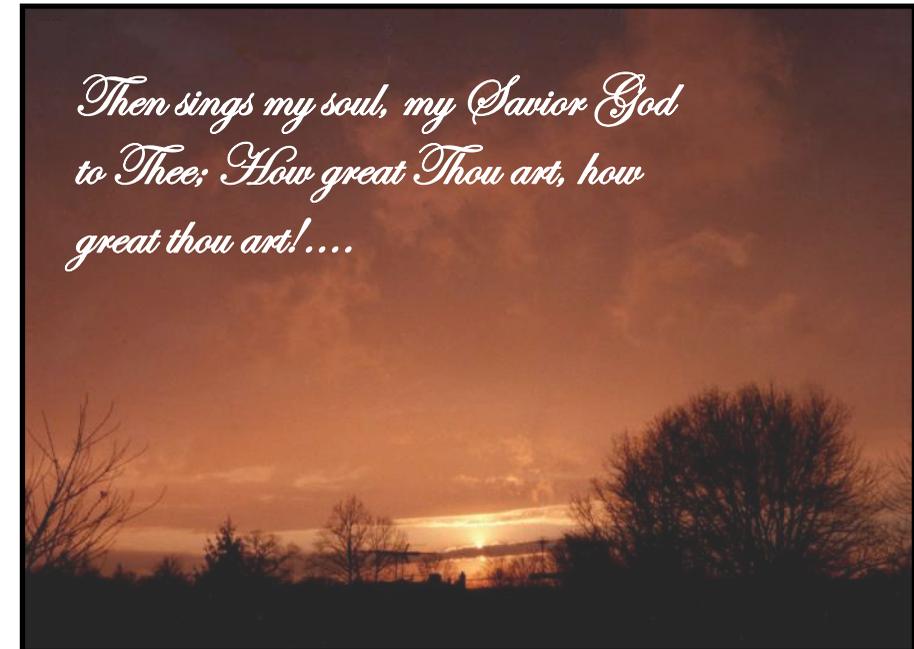
**EVERY VIRTUE WE POSSESS**

The sign that God is at work in us is that He is destroying our confidence in the natural virtues, because they are not promises of what we are going to be, but only a wasted reminder of what God created man to be. We want to cling to our natural virtues, while all the time God is trying to get us in contact with the life of Jesus Christ—a life that can never be described in terms of natural virtues. It is the saddest thing to see people who are trying to serve God depending on that which the grace of God never gave them. They are depending solely on what they have by virtue of heredity. God does not take our natural virtues and transform them, because our natural virtues could never even come close to what Jesus Christ wants. No natural love, no natural patience, no natural purity can ever come up to His demands. But as we bring every part of our natural bodily life into harmony with the new life God has placed within us, He will exhibit in us the virtues that were characteristic of the Lord Jesus.

From *My Utmost for His Highest*, Oswald Chambers © 1992

**SING HALLELUJAH**

We're invited to join in an evening of praise and worship to our awesome God at the annual Bishop Street Church of Christ singing event on Friday, March 1, 2019. There will be singing from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Refreshments from 8:30—9:00 pm, and singing from 9:00 pm to 10:30 pm. The church is located at 908 Bishop Street in Union City; the telephone number is 731-885-7822 and the e-mail address is secretary@bsoc.net. A flyer announcing the event is posted at the Information Station.



**ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE**

Date	Time	Event	Location
March 1-2, 2019		Women of Hope	Lebanon, TN
March 1, 2019	7:00 pm—10:30 pm	Sing Hallelujah Annual Singing	Bishop St. Church of Christ
March 13, 2019		Justified Performance	
April 10– 15, 2019	< Revised schedule	Medical Mission Trip	Colonet, Mexico

