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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 3, 2019

"Take My Heart"
396 "No Not One"
519 "We Trust in the Name"
791 "On Bended Knee"
Shepherd's Prayer
176 "Lamb of God"
Communion
Contribution
"We Fall Down"
47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Scripture Reading
Sermon
948 "I Am Resolved"
Family News
731 "Take Time to Be Holy" (vs. 1)



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson
Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark
Children's Church: Nita & Chris Gooch
Attended Nursery: Christy Henson
Nursery Next Week: Carla Aaron
Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
(back): Jerry & Betty Chandler



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.



February 3, 2019



The Church and Morality: Saving Ourselves (3)

One of the hallmarks of our age is the flowing current of change that permeates everything around us and thus also everything within us. That is, the cultural changes are not just external events, shifting tides of neutral choices that leave us unaffected. The changes in the modern world are affecting how we think about ourselves and the world itself. One of the most important factors effecting change is *choice*.

The very concept of *choice* is ingrained in us in our modern culture. The faster our modern world moves the more choices we have at our disposal. For example, we once had a choice between two or three car manufacturers and only a couple of models with each carmaker. Today the choice seems endless. Dozens of companies in all fields compete for the market share enticing us to choose their brand of cereal, style of burgers or their array of lipsticks. (I understand that Revlon makes almost 180 shades.)

With so many consumer choices from soup to nuts – literally – we have also decided that we can choose who we can be in our spiritual lives. The proliferation of religious groups is staggering. There's a buyer's market in religion. And as has happened in other domains, style has replaced substance. The church (I use the term loosely) that can project the most attractive style can be as successful as a major company hawking cookware, AA batteries or soda with satisfied repeat customers.

The whole environment of our modern culture has resulted in a liberated self. This self-liberation involves a major conceptual shift from character to personality as the essential category for thinking about someone. In other words, we are far more interested in personality projections and even personality makeovers than we are character. Think about the following descriptions and see if this is not the case.

Character has to do with honor, reputation, integrity, duty, and the like. Personality is described in terms such as magnetic, forceful, fascinating, dominant, etc. Which is held up as the gold standard for determining who a person is? Hollywood stars and politicians (two name only two) are rarely considered to be successful because they have integrity, are honorable, truthful, honest or reputable. Rather they are spoken of and even chosen for their charm, magnetism, forcefulness or attractiveness. In short, attention has shifted from moral virtues, which need to be cultivated, to the image, which needs to be fashioned. How many times over the past two or three presidential election cycles have we heard about *looking presidential*?

This major shift has ultimately altered the way we think about happiness, which has become the primary preoccupation of our time. What satisfies us, gives us pleasure or strikes an emotional cord is the primary pursuit of our time. Cars are pitched to consumers on the basis being "sexy" and how you would be perceived by others as you zip by them in your new car. It has also permeated the church. Those with itching ears (2 Tim. 4:3) will seek someone who can scratch them properly and they won't put up with wholesome teaching. Make people feel good and comfortable where they are and they will flock to one who reinforces that feeling – not because of substance but because some charismatic personality told them they don't need to change a thing. *Self* is the measure of all things right and good. There is no moral authority outside of *self*.

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE February 10, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Chris Gooch, Kevin Dobbins, Wade Henson, Tony Henson, James Nicks, Jim Robertson, Randy Brann
 Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
 Closing Prayer: Jamie Clark
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks
 (back): Tony & Brenda Henson

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

February 3 Exodus 13-15
 February 4 Exodus 16-18
 February 5 Exodus 19-21
 February 6 Exodus 22-24
 February 7 Exodus 25-27
 February 8 Exodus 28-29
 February 9 Exodus 30-32



INDIVIDUALITY

"Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself...' (Matthew 16:24).

Individuality is the hard outer layer surrounding the spiritual life. Individuality shoves others aside, separating and isolating people. We see it as the primary characteristic of a child, and rightly so. When we confuse individuality with the spiritual life, we remain isolated. This shell of individuality is God's created natural covering designed to protect the spiritual life. But our individuality must be yielded to God so that our spiritual life may be brought forth into fellowship with Him. Individuality counterfeits spirituality, just as lust counterfeits love. God designed human nature for Himself, but individuality corrupts that human nature for its own purposes.

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

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 jow-en@hhi.org, or go to their website, hhi.org/womenofhope.



NEEDS

There is a wide gap between what we need and what we want in our house. How about yours? When we walk through the local department store and spy something that we just need to buy, is it truly a need or just a want? For the most part, we have few needs but a lot of wants – which explains a lot of our debt load doesn't it?

What do we really *need*? Abraham Maslow's *Hierarchy of Needs* is probably the most famous list. Maslow identified five basic needs:

- Physiological** needs have to do with the maintenance of the human body.
- Safety** needs are about putting a roof over our heads and keeping us from harm.
- Belonging** needs introduce our tribal nature.
- Esteem** needs are for a higher position within a group.
- Self-actualization** needs are to 'become what we are capable of becoming'.

That list seems to hold up in our modern culture as well as they did in 1943 when they were enumerated by Maslow. However, there is another list worth considering for spiritual development. People need to:

- To believe life is meaningful and has purpose
- To have a sense of community and deeper relationships
- To be appreciated and respected
- To have practical help in developing mature faith

It might be profitable for each of us to periodically make a personal list of our needs and wants – not for the purpose of depriving ourselves of our wants necessarily, but rather it might help us keep the two well defined. Having "stuff" isn't wrong. Making "stuff" a priority is.

The six needs dealing with spiritual concerns listed above are realized in the context of the community of the church. Within the church community we have meaning and purpose, deeper relationships, appreciation and respect, and we develop spiritual maturity. Those are real needs with lasting value.

- Ron

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

