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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks, Landon McCage,
Jim Robertson, Frank Roberson, Tyler
Kendall, Tyler Bolton, Josh Scott
Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
Elder Available After Worship: Chris Gooch
Children's Church: Maggie & Landon McCage
Attended Nursery: Jenny Newberry
Nursery Next Week: Nancy Spain



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 January 20, 2019

575 "Days of Elijah"
429 "O to Be Like Thee"
874 "Walking Alone at Eve"
Shepherd's Prayer
288 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
365 "How Beautiful"
Communion
Contribution
705 "A Common Love"
569 "Sanctuary"
Scripture Reading
Sermon
671 "Purer in Heart O God"
Family News
420 "Cleanse Me" (vs. 1)
Closing Prayer



PRAYER LIST

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



January 20, 2019



The Church and Morality: *Good and Evil* (2)

This loss of the terms Good and Evil are evident in almost every cultural arena – including religion. Robert Schuller of Crystal Cathedral fame publicly announced that he had eliminated the word sin from his preaching altogether. Many other preachers may as well eliminate it from theirs because it has such little meaning to them. It's little wonder that our culture has dropped the reference too.

Believe it or not as far back as the late 1950's, Helen Merrell Lynd (On Shame and the Search for Identity, 1958) noted that preachers and the more sophisticated parents were no longer using terms that served as a moral framework in which legitimate guilt played a role in training children. Terms such as good and bad were no longer in vogue. They had been replaced by terms such as *mature* and *immature*, *productive* and *unproductive*, *socially adjusted* and *maladjusted*. They referred to the same actions but were morally neutral. The moral upshot of this is we no longer have failures, only underachievers. We no longer do things wrong but simply those that are inappropriate. The difficulty of making moral judgments is avoided by speaking of someone's lifestyle.

What our culture has yet to recognize much less come to grips with is that the lack of moral categories – *Good and Evil* – does not eliminate those who are evil. Failure to assign good or evil to a person as well as their actions simply blinds us the authentic nature of their behavior. The result is evil becomes routine, a part of life as natural and inevitable as night follows day. In other words, acceptable!

The church today has an open door to get our culture back on track. But the church cannot promote an uncompromising biblical mandate of morality unless it disengages from the culture. I do not mean that we remove ourselves from the culture. That is not only impractical, if not impossible, it is also unbiblical.

In 1 Corinthians 5, the only immoral, greedy, swindler, idolatrous types with which we are not to associate are those in the church who exhibit these kinds of unrepented of behaviors. Paul did not intend isolationism from the world as the formula for success. One cannot be a saving influence (to use Jesus' salt metaphor) if he or she is out of touch with the world he or she is attempting to influence for good. What I mean is if the church is to in fact engage the culture it cannot live in a kind of symbiotic relationship with the culture. Culture is always willing to accommodate benign religion. However, benign religion will not affect culture. Maybe we need to stop praying we are thankful for being able to worship unmolested in any way and start praying that God would build a fire in us so that our support of Good and our ripping of Evil would be so apparent that we would in fact be molested by a hostile world.

If we disengage from our culture in such a way as to become isolationists, we will also become irrelevant. God never intended his people to withdraw from the world, rather he intended us to challenge it. If we fail to disengage from the culture in the symbiotic fashion I alluded to above, then we become impotent to speak out against sin with either authority or credibility. If we fail to have a dialog with the world concerning Good and Evil, the standard will become one's own individual measure of Good and Evil, that is, moral relativism.

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE January 27, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Jamie Clark, Tony Henson, Wade Henson, Mike McCage, James Nicks, Paul Hill, Virgil Griffin
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins
 (back): Curtis & Carla Aaron

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

January 20 Genesis 25-26
 January 21 Genesis 27-29
 January 22 Genesis 30-31
 January 23 Genesis 32-34
 January 24 Genesis 35-37
 January 25 Genesis 38-40
 January 26 Genesis 41-42



CARTER'S CONTACT INFO

Carter writes, "Anyone wanting to be informed about youth activities or plans, Please send your e-mail to me at cmilam760@gmail.com. I will start sending out weekly updates in the next couple of weeks. Also, my phone number is 901-606-2112 if you ever need to reach me."

PRAY

Please pray for Jenny Newberry's mother, Sue Wilkerson. She has congestive heart failure and is resting at Magnolia Place in Union City.



WOMEN OF HOPE 2019—COURAGEOUS HOPE

The 2019 Women of Hope conference will be held March 1-219 in Lebanon, TN. Attendees will hear inspiring speakers, be a part of uplifting worship, and have the chance to shop some exciting vendors who carry everything from jewelry to artwork to Bible school materials! Women of Hope organization promises that you'll walk away feeling refreshed, inspired, and hopeful about what God has planned for your life.

A few years ago a New England high school teacher taught a course entitled "The Bible as Literature". Only seniors in the top 10 percent of the class could take this course. A pre-test was given to evaluate the students' biblical knowledge. Here are just a few of their unedited responses.

- "In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off."
- "Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree."
- "Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark."
- "Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night."
- "Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles."
- "Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients."
- "The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments."
- "The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery."
- "The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him."
- "Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you."
- "The epistles were the wives of the apostles."
- "One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan."

Now, while you pause for a moment to wonder which of these Bible scholars will be filling your prescriptions, piloting your next flight or writing the next law, let's also consider that some of them could have a great future in punditry. Here's a likely candidate:

"A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony."

- Ron

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
January 27, 2019		5th Sunday devo & fellowship	Exchange Street Church of Christ
February 15-17, 2019		Winterfest	Gatlinburg, TN
March 1-2, 2019		Women of Hope	Lebanon, TN
April 18-22, 2019		Medical Mission Trip	Colonet, Mexico



