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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions
(none during July & August 2018)

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

Worship Service July 22, 2018

Welcome
4 "To God Be the Glory"
"Here in This Place"
"Holy Spirit, Dwell in Me"
Shepherd's Prayer
"The Mountain Song"
51 "Above All"
Communion
Contribution
155 "Highest Place"
539 "Higher Ground"
Scripture Reading
Sermon
484 "You Are My All in All"
Family News
531 "Lord Reign in Me"



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
Sunday morning, July 22, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks, Chris Gooch, James Bumpus, Bobby Johnson, Tyler Bolton, Josh Scott, Aaron Tittle
Scripture Reading: Jim Robertson
Sermon: Chris Gooch
Elder Available After Worship: Jimmy Smith
Children's Church: Renee & Greg Ferguson
Attended Nursery: Nancy Spain
Nursery Next Week: Jenny Newberry
Closing Prayer: Brian Clark
Power Point: Tim Spain
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
(back): Wade & Christy Henson

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Anita Nicks
OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hessler, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks, 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, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Bob Yates
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)



It is so easy in life – especially in religion – to get locked in on one course of action, one way of doing things, one solution to a problem, narrow minded thinking and fail to see alternatives that are just as valid. To illustrate, I offer the following illustration with a question that appeared in a physics degree exam at the University of Copenhagen.

The following problem was presented to the students: "Describe how to determine the height of a skyscraper with a barometer."

One enterprising student replied: "You tie a long piece of string to the neck of the barometer, then lower the barometer from the roof of the skyscraper to the ground. The length of the string plus the length of the barometer will equal the height of the building."

This highly creative, original, simple answer so incensed the examiner that the student was failed immediately. The student appealed on the grounds that his answer was indisputably correct. The university appointed an independent arbiter to decide the case.

The arbiter judged that the answer was indeed correct, but did not display any perceptible knowledge of physics. To resolve the problem it was decided to call the student in and allow him six minutes in which to verbally provide an answer which showed at least a minimal familiarity with the basic principles of physics.

For five minutes the student sat in silence, forehead creased in thought. The arbiter reminded him that time was running out, to which the student replied that he had several extremely relevant answers, but couldn't make up his mind which to use.

On being advised to hurry up the student replied as follows:

"One, you could take the barometer up to the roof of the skyscraper, drop it over the edge, and measure the time it takes to reach the ground. The height of the building can then be worked out from the formula $H = 3D \frac{1}{2}gt$ squared. But bad luck on the barometer.

"Two, if the sun is shining you could measure the height of the barometer, then set it on end and measure the length of its shadow. Then you measure the length of the skyscraper's shadow, and thereafter it is a simple matter of proportional arithmetic to work out the height of the skyscraper.

"Three, if you wanted to be highly scientific about it, you could tie a short piece of string to the barometer and swing it like a pendulum, first at ground level and then on the roof of the skyscraper. The height is worked out by the difference in the gravitational restoring force.

"Four, if the skyscraper has an outside emergency staircase, it would be easy to walk up it and mark off the height of the skyscraper in barometer lengths, then add them up.

"Five, if you merely wanted to be boring and orthodox about it, of course, you could use the barometer to measure air pressure on the roof of the skyscraper, compare it with standard air pressure on the ground, and convert the difference in millibars into feet to give the height of the building.

"Six, since we are constantly being exhorted to exercise independence of mind and apply scientific methods, undoubtedly the best way would be to knock on the janitor's door and say to him 'I will give you this nice new barometer, if you will tell me the height of this skyscraper.'"

The arbiter re-graded the student and awarded him an 'A.'

There are alternatives to resolving issues that might be different, but that doesn't make them wrong. "The way we've always done it" isn't a sound argument for the status quo by which we then judge others as wrong. Remember Romans 14:1-4. Look it up.

THOSE TO SERVE July 29, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Jim Robertson, Rick Yates, Virgil Griffin, Tony Dobson, Tyler Kendall, Frank Roberson
 Scripture Reading: Jamie Clark
 Closing Prayer: Brian Clark
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
 (back): Royce & Brenda Aker

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please continue to pray for Anita Nicks as she recovers from cancer surgery and begins treatment.

Please pray that Bobby Johnson's doctors are able to determine the next step in successful treatment of his heart problems.

Continue to remember in prayer our Youth Minister search team and the Youth Minister God is preparing to come to Troy.



FIFTH SUNDAY

This month has a fifth Sunday, and we're scheduled to be at Exchange Street on July 29th.

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

July 22	Psalm 38-40; Acts 23:12-35
July 23	Psalm 41-43; Acts 24
July 24	Psalm 44-46; Acts 25
July 25	Psalm 47-49; Acts 26
July 26	Psalm 50-52; Acts 27:1-25
July 27	Psalm 53-55; Acts 27-26-44
July 28	Psalm 56-58; Acts 28"1-15



NEW PATHWAYS for CHILDREN

Tonight (July 22), Ricky Burse will be here with the children in the care of New Pathways for Children. He will provide us with an update on the activities of New Pathways, the progress they have made in recent months, their financial status, and so on. A **potluck meal** will follow so that everyone can meet the children and talk with Ricky about New Pathways. Please **bring laundry detergent** for New Pathways and place it in the basket near the Information Station.

Also, on July 28 from 4-7 pm there will be a **CAMPUS PICNIC** at New Pathways for Children. There will be food, games, inflatables and a petting zoo. Everyone is invited. The address is 3311 Shaw Rd, Melber, KY (it's about one hour from Troy).

SERMON NOTES



