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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

7:00 pm — Bible Study

WORSHIP SERVICE July 23, 2017

Welcome

548 "The Lily of the Valley"
"Knowing You"

534 "Worthy Is the Lamb"

Shepherd's Prayer

557 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vs. 1, 2)

315 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

557 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vs. 3)

Communion

Contribution

5106 "And Can It Be"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

18 "Faithful Love"

Family News

778 "Be with Me Lord" (vs. 1, 3)

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, July 23, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson
Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins
Sermon: Kevin Dobbins
Closing Prayer: Brian Clark
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
Children's Church: Annette Dobbins
Attended Nursery: Nancy Spain
Nursery Next Week: Lori Griffin
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
(back): Wade & Christy Henson

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Christine Fussell, Mary & Leaton Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green

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 Weaks

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Leroy Albritton, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley (expectant parents), Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Glen Rippee (Evan's grandfather), Velynda Cameron (Evan's aunt), Lohnya Rippee, Ruby Rogers, Frances Green (Phil's mother); Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigan's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom)

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Mark Reed, Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea).

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

TROY Church of CHRIST

FAMILY  NEWS

July 23, 2017



Around the World in Eighty Days, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, A Journey to the Center of the Earth, From the Earth to the Moon are all books that intrigued me as a child. I read Jules Verne's stories over and over. They provided a stimulation that stirred my imagination. One of my favorites was Mysterious Island which I saw recently in a movie version of the book.

Written in 1874 and set in 1865 near end of the Civil War, the novel tells the story of five prisoners who escaped from a prison camp by hijacking a hot-air balloon. Thinking only of their immediate escape they didn't stop to consider how to control the balloon. Before they knew it they were being carried by the wind out over the ocean.

The horizon faded and they could only hope for a shift in the direction of the wind or their arrival at a new landmass. With the passing hours came the sinking of the balloon. There was no way to heat the air to cause the balloon to rise, so they had to lighten the load. All excess baggage had to go. Over went extra clothes, weapons and even shoes. Fortunately the balloon began to rise.

However, before long the waves were lapping at the basket of their balloon again. They threw overboard their food. They rose again only to descend one more time. Since there was nothing left to jettison, they tied the ropes together and held on as they cut the basket loose. As it fell away the balloon rose one more time. Fortunately they spotted land and managed to get to shore as the balloon lost altitude and crashed into the sea.

For most readers the story really begins there as they explore the mysterious island on which they had landed. As I read the book as a child that was where I wanted to begin the story too. However, as I've reflected on Jules Verne's fantastic tale, I wonder if he wasn't trying to tell us something else in this adventure.

Here were five men who escaped with their lives. They had with them those things we all consider important—food, clothing, protection. However, when their lives were at stake they were willing to part with their most precious possessions if it meant life—even the prospect of life. They were saved from the sea not because there were any great epic deeds of heroism performed. They are saved because they had decided they could live without the baggage and they jettisoned it rather than die with it.

We often talk about the baggage someone carries with them in life. By that we mean the past that has been stored which we drag around with us just adding dead weight to our lives. Whether it's sins or bad habits or poor attitudes or something else that is holding us back and weighing us down, it needs to be thrown overboard if we are going to survive. One of the heaviest of these bags is stuffed with the guilt that lingers even though we may have been forgiven. That too must be ejected so we can rise again.

When we recognize the sin that causes the guilt, repent of that sin and seek forgiveness, then and only then can we legitimately jettison guilt from our lives along with the sin. When we throw overboard the things of this world that weigh us down we can soar. What do you need to throw overboard?

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE July 30, 2017

Worship Leader: Paul Hill
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks, Aaron Tittle, Jim Robertson, Tony Dobson, Randy Brann, Frank Roberson, Mark Hawkins
Scripture Reading: Keith Connor
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
Power Point: Phil Green
Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
(back): Royce & Brenda Aker

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Maggie McCage and her family in the recent death of her grandmother, Faye Sadler. The funeral was Thursday in Dresden.

THANK YOU

"Thank you for the ceramic church I received during the loss of my brother. It was appreciated more than words can say."

- Anita Nicks



PRAYER ON THE SQUARE

The **OUTsideIN** workshop invites everyone to share a devotional and light lunch at noon every Friday, at the Troy Senior Citizens' Center. Please tell your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. We all need physical and spiritual nourishment. See you there!

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

July 23	Psalms 133-139
July 24	Psalms 140-145
July 25	Psalms 146-150
July 26	Proverbs 1-3
July 27	Proverbs 4-6
July 28	Proverbs 7-9
July 29	Proverbs 10-12



YOUTH CALENDAR

JULY

- 23rd-Youth & Family Devo- Reelfoot Lake
- 24th- SYS Main Street in Milan (leave @ 5:45)
- 30th-Youth Summer Trip Update/Wyatt preaches
- 30th (PM)- 5th Sunday @ Troy
- 31st- SYS Clarksburg (leave @ 5:30)

AUGUST

- 7th-LAST SYS- Huntington (leave @ 5:30)
- 9th- First OnTrack (Teens, please be there!)
- 13th- Back to School Youth & Family Devo & Swim (Paul Hill's House!)
- 14th- Dinner and Bible Study @ Rippee's
- 19th & 20th- Retreat/Float Trip (info to come!)
- 27th- Exchange Street @ Troy Youth Night!
- 30th- Family On Track Night

SEPTEMBER

- 10th- Troy @ Exchange Street Youth Night!
- 15th OR 16th - Youth Night Out (Bowling? Movie? Suggestions?)
- 18th- Dinner & Bible Study @ Rippees'
- 24th- Youth and Family Devo (location TBA)

We seek to serve and lift up our God to the best of our abilities, and to unite as one to lead others.

Greetings! It's Back to School Season, and I know you are going to be busy, but don't forget to check out our upcoming Youth Group events (see the Youth Calendar to the left, on page 2)

Time is Ticking

The clock is ticking... Do you hear it? Summer break is almost over. It will soon be back to school, back to routine, back to homework and friends, and back to the trials and temptations that come with it all!

Time is ticking; are you anxious? Did you get to do all the crazy fun stuff you wanted to? Did you rest enough? Did you make up your mind on what you are going to wear this year? What sport you will play? What clubs you will be in? Did you decide who you will be this year? Did you figure out what friends you will have?

Have you even begun thinking about it?

If not, don't worry, you still have time, but...

The clock is ticking... And the truth for all of us is this...

Regardless of what we do, what we wear, or who we hang out with, Jesus is coming.

Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but he is coming.

Have you decided how you are going to live for Him? Have you spoken with the Father today? Have you entrusted Him with your life?

Have you even started thinking about these things? You better hurry...

The clock is ticking...

-Evan



