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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 June 11, 2017

#### Welcome

Jesus is All the World to Me 590  
Awesome God 38  
To God Be the Glory 4

#### Shepherd's Prayer

One Day 353

#### Communion

#### Contribution

Lord Reign in Me  
How Sweet, How Heavenly

#### Sermon

Precious Lord Take My Hand

#### Family News

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 711

#### Closing Prayer



### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, June 11, 2017

Worship Leader: Mark Hawkins  
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson  
Scripture Reading: Josh Scott  
Sermon: Ron Newberry  
Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross  
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry  
Children's Church: Nancy Spain  
Attended Nursery: Dawn Guy  
Nursery Next Week: Paula McCage  
Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus  
(back): Virgil & Lori Griffin

### PRAYER LIST

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

**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

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Mark Reed, Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord

#### MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

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

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FAMILY  NEWS

June 11, 2017



Steve Belynskyj, a pastor with a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame, asked his Bible class of young kids to guess the number of beans in a jar. After a few minutes of thinking and calculating, he wrote down their guesses on a big pad of paper. Then, next to those estimates, he made another list of their favorite songs. When the lists were complete, he revealed the actual number of beans in the jar. The whole class looked over their guesses to see which estimate was closest to being right.

Belynskyj then turned to the list of favorite songs and asked, "And which one of these is closest to being right?" The kids all protested that there is no "right answer"; a person's favorite song is purely a matter of taste.

He then asked, "When you decide what to believe in terms of your faith, is that more like guessing the number of beans, or more like choosing your favorite song?" Always, Belynskyj says, from older kids as well as the younger ones, he gets the same answer: Choosing one's faith is more like choosing a favorite song.

Think about what that means. Think of the implications of that mindset. That means that there is no objective standard. You can count beans and the number is what it is. But when it comes to faith, they believe that there is no measurable standard, there is no objective truth to which we must adhere. Everything is relative, up to one's own "taste".

The disconcerting observation I would make is their parents typically are on the same page with that kind of thinking. You do what you want to do and I'll do what I want to do and we're both okay because there is no objective standard by which to measure religion. It's just a matter of taste. And then we hear the mantra: "Don't judge me!"

I must protest against such an opinion. If there is no objective standard, why did God give the Ten Commandments and hold Israel accountable for keeping them? If there is no objective standard, how could there be any violations of the law? If everything regarding religion is a matter of opinion and taste, why did Jesus say that not everyone who calls him Lord would enter the kingdom of God but only those who do the will of the Father? (Matt. 7:21) Doesn't that imply that the Father has a standard—his will—to which we must adhere? If everything is a matter of taste, then why did Jesus say, "I am the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through me?" (John 14:6) If everything pertaining to faith is a matter of opinion, a matter of taste, then I would be free to choose another avenue to God and the kingdom would I not?

Granted, there are numerous aspects of living out our relationship with God that are open for "taste" (for example, style of music, translation choices, times for corporate worship, etc.). However, at the core of our relationship are standards such as faith in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, etc. Those are non-negotiable. They are not up for a vote nor can they be altered because we have diverse tastes or differing opinions. There are some things that are "black and white" with no gray. The only objective standard we have to rely on is Scripture.

- Ron

**THOSE TO SERVE June 18, 2017**

Worship Leader: Paul Hill  
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Chris Gooch, Jim Robertson, Frank Robertson, Jeff Nicks, Royce Akers, Tony Dobson  
 Scripture Reading: Wyatt Henson  
 Closing Prayer: Keith Connor  
 Power Point: Phil Green  
 Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks  
 (back): Curtis & Carla Aaron

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

June 11	Ezekiel 39-41
June 12	Ezekeil 42-43
June 13	Ezekiel 44-45
June 14	Ezekiel 46-48
June 15	Hosea 1-7
June 16	Hosea 8-14
June 17	Joel



◆ **JOY in SIMPLICITY**

Today is the 8th annual Drawn by Love women's worship at Paragould. We will leave the parking lot at **2:20 pm!**



◆ **← New Pathways SUMMER PICNIC**

New Pathways for Children is having a Campus Picnic on July 29, 2017 from 4-7 pm. The event will feature open house, food, games, inflatables, and a petting zoo. This is a great time to go see the campus and interact with the children in care and show appreciation to the staff at New Pathways.



> **PRAYER ON THE SQUARE**

The **OUTsideIN** workshop invites everybody 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!



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

Greetings!

West Tennessee Work Camp was a great success!

We painted 13 homes in four days and we had a blast doing it!

We also explored the idea of "why?"

Why do we love? Why do we worship?

Why do we fellowship?

We should be very proud of our TCoC teens, who were all complimented on their hard work and respect.

Thank you all so much for all your support, the scholarships, the ladders and water, and every prayer raised on our behalf.

It truly was a great week!

Hope yours is too! -Evan



