



THOSE TO SERVE June 30, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Jimmy Smith, Tyler Bolton,
 Josh Scott, Landon McCage, Keith Connor,
 James Bumpus, Greg Ferguson
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks
 Closing Prayer: Jamie Clark
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
 (back): Greg & Renee Ferguson

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

June 23 1 Kings 12-14
 June 24 2 Chronicles 10-12
 June 25 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13-16
 June 26 1 Kings 15:25-34; 1 Kings 16:1-34;
 2 Chronicles 17
 June 27 1 Kings 17-19
 June 28 1 Kings 20-21
 June 29 1 Kings 22: 2 Chronicles 18

FELLOWSHIP

Luke notes that the first Christians in Jerusalem continued in fellowship. The action known as fellowship occurs in the list of four activities engaged in by the first Christians. The other three (Acts 2:42) activities were the apostles' doctrine, breaking of bread and prayer. Here's a question for us to ponder: Why do we understand the text to imply that we too would do well to continue in the apostles' doctrine, the breaking of bread and prayer as essential to the life of the church and individual Christians but treat fellowship as incidental and non-essential?

Our next fellowship event will be on July 4. We will enjoy a time of games and a hamburger and hot dog cookout. We will stop in time for everyone who wishes to go to their favorite fireworks display. Please check the Information Station board in the hallway for a sign-up sheet indicating what you are willing to bring to supplement the burgers and hot dogs, and it will also help us know how much food to purchase.

Do you consider fellowship as important to the body life of the church as Bible study, the Lord's Supper and prayer? If not, on what basis do you draw that conclusion? If you do consider it as important, then I know you will want to be part of as many fellowship activities as possible throughout the year beginning with our 4th of July cookout.

PLEASE PRAY

Phil's sister-in-law, Brenda Green, of Brentwood has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery soon.

COMMUNICATION

Communication: the process of recreating in the mind of another what is in your mind. That's Ron's definition. Sometimes that's rather difficult to do. Even when you think you have done it perfectly someone will prove you wrong. Take for example the case of one preacher and his jars of worms.

Like most everyone who teaches – especially those who teach children – we are always looking for ways to help communicate truths. One preacher I read about tried so hard to impress upon the kids in his church the importance of staying away from certain things he saw as vices. He decided one day to use a visual demonstration to add emphasis to his lesson.

He had dug in his yard and found four large earthworms. He placed them in four separate jars and brought them to church. At the beginning of his lesson, without explanation, he filled the first jar with alcohol. He lit a cigarette and filled the second jar with cigarette smoke. He poured a high sugar, high caffeine soda in the third jar. The fourth worm's container was filled with good soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister extracted the worms and made some observations. The first worm in alcohol was dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke was dead. The third worm in the soda was dead. The fourth worm in good soil was alive and quite active.

Proud that his illustration had turned out so well, he asked the kids, "Now what does this demonstration teach us? What can we learn from this?"

One young girl, intrigued by the whole experiment, raised her hand. "Yes, Marjorie, and what did you learn?"

"I learned," Marjorie said with enthusiasm born of knowing you have the right answer to such a deep question, "that as long as you drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and drink Mountain Dew you won't have worms!"

Needless to say that wasn't the lesson the preacher was trying to convey. However, that little anecdote might be instructive. It might help to remind us adults that God is not the only one watching us. Kids are always watching what we do and they may get the wrong impression from what they see even if we intended that they learn an entirely different lesson. Maybe we need to create an adult version of the kids song, "Be careful little eyes what you see" with words like, "Be careful what our kids see you do."





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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 June 23, 2019

Welcome

"You are Holy (Prince of Peace)"
s8 "Great Are You Lord"
100, 101 "Holy Ground"

Shepherd's Prayer

578 "We Will Glorify"
287 "There Is a Redeemer"

Communion

Contribution

108 "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"
224 "On Zion's Glorious Summit"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

"Take My Heart"

Family News

731 "Take Time to Be Holy" (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Paul Hill
Scripture Reading: Josh Scott
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Wade Henson
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
Children's Church: Annette & Kevin Dobbins
Attended Nursery:
Nursery Next Week:
Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins
(back): Jerry & Tammy Ross



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Anita Nicks, 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

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, Brenda Green

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.

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FAMILY NEWS



June 23, 2019



The Church and Morality: Courage (19)

For several weeks we have been exploring the main thoughts presented by David Wells in his book, "Losing Our Virtue". In this final installment, we come to the crux of the matter.

Part of the ineffectiveness of Christianity as a whole is due to a wrong-headed decision to try to reform culture instead of transforming it by the renewing of the minds in the culture. There is so much moral and spiritual confusion in our culture that it is going to take enormous courage for the church to reclaim its voice and have an impact.

Much of the spiritual confusion – I dare say even in the church – is rooted in a misunderstanding of the cross. Faith cannot be truly understood and shared unless and until the cross is properly understood. Whether we realize it or not here is where we need courage.

Why does it take courage to stand beneath the cross and proclaim its truth? It is because it is at the cross where God's character burns the brightest. It is at the cross where idolatry – especially of self – is exposed. It is there that we are called to repent of our self-righteousness. It is there that a choice has to be made between God and the world.

Christianity in our day has slowly evolved (or perhaps devolved is a better term) to a point where it believes it doesn't have to make a choice. The church (in the broadest sense of that term) believes it can be friendly with both God and the world in spite of Scripture declaring otherwise. Much of that is due to the desire to appeal to the "consumers" in the pew who had rather be amused than challenged.

Scripture has made it clear that the old self that's quite comfortable in the world must die so that a new self can emerge in Christ. The reality of the faith we profess demands a transition in loyalty. James certainly understood this provision of faith when he wrote that to be friends with the world is to be an enemy of God (Jam. 4:4).

The world of Christendom has preached friendship with God while tolerating (if not fostering) friendship with the world. This attitude is seen vividly in the implication of the way modern Christianity presents the gospel. Church after church indicates that it simply does not believe that, without tinkering with the genuine gospel, it will appeal to modern people. Too many churches have become like franchises of a fast food chain offering better hamburgers.

Here's the bottom line. The thrust of "Losing Our Virtue" and the reason I have taken this much space over these many weeks to share its contents is grounded in one desire: Christianity needs to regain its moral courage, recover its moral seriousness so that it can reclaim its vision of the holiness of God and the greatness of his power.

We do not need to tweak the gospel. We do not need to reform Christianity. We do not need to commercialize the church to make it palatable to the consumers. What we need is a restoration of the faith of Abraham. What we need is the resurgence of faith that moves mountains. What we need is a clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in a bold and unequivocal way that presents the uncompromising demands of God to be holy as he is holy. How can we expect the world to turn to a holy God if his people are not promoting and living holy lives?