



THOSE TO SERVE June 16, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Chris Gooch, Frank Roberson, Tyler Kendall, Rick Yates, Tony Dobson, Virgil Griffin
 Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
 Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks
 (back): Curtis & Carla Aaron

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

June 9 Proverbs 19-21
 June 10 Proverbs 22-24
 June 11 1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3
 June 12 1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4
 June 13 1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5
 June 14 2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136
 June 15 Psalm 134, 145-150



The devotional guide POWER FOR TODAY for the months of July, August and September are on the tables at each of the auditorium exit doors. Help yourself!

DRAWN BY LOVE

The 10th annual Drawn by Love in Paragould, AR is today. The theme is Blessed is She. The program includes a guest speaker, a worship leader, and a testimony story of faith at this ladies only event. The church bus will leave at 2:30 pm for the two hour trip. Following the worship event the 7th & Mueller congrega-

THANK YOU

"Thank you to everyone who showed their love for me on Senior Sunday. I really appreciated it. Thank you to everyone who showed me what a church family is supposed to be. I look forward to my walk with Christ at the Church of Christ in Troy." - Mitzi Rose

MID SOUTH YOUTH CAMP

MSYC dates are June 16-21 (week 3). The age group is 6-12, so Carter encourages anyone who can go to sign up. The church is going to pay half of the cost for anyone who

Transformational Kingdom Principles: THE BEATITUDES

Beginning June 16, our Sunday evening Small Group studies will focus on kingdom principles that have the power to transform our lives. The goal is not only more understanding and knowledge of the word of God; the ultimate goal is that our lives might be transformed and made new continually as we live out the reality of the principles of the kingdom. Over the next several weeks we will become aware that the principles as Jesus sets them forth in the Beatitudes.

Of course, a second purpose of our small groups is to provide entry points for friends and neighbors who might want to look us over and find out if we are genuine. The single best way for them to share the small group experience is for someone to invite them. Do you know someone you could invite? When will you do just that?



In his book, *In the Eye of the Storm*, Max Lucado relates a story from a by-gone era. The story involves two paddleboats.

The two paddleboats left Memphis about the same time, leisurely traveling down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. As they traveled side by side for some time, those on one boat made a few disparaging remarks about the snail's pace of the other. Words were exchanged. Taunts escalated. Tempers flared. Challenges were made. And—you guessed it—the proverbial gauntlet was thrown down and the race was on. With smoke billowing from their stacks, competition became vicious as the two boats roared through the Deep South.

Still miles from New Orleans one boat began falling behind. The problem was they did not have enough fuel. They began the trip with plenty of coal for the trip itself. But there was not enough for a race which consumed fuel at a tremendous rate. As the boat dropped back, an enterprising young sailor took some of the ship's cargo and tossed it into the furnace stoking the engines. When the sailors saw that the supplies on board burned as well as the coal, they knew they had discovered a new fuel source to operate their boat. Unfortunately they were using the material they had been assigned to transport. Sure enough, they ended up winning the race, but burned their cargo.

God has entrusted cargo to us, too: children, spouses, friends. Our job is to do our part in seeing that this cargo reaches its destination. Yet when the program takes priority over people, people often suffer. How much cargo do we sacrifice in order to achieve the number one slot? How many people never reach the destination because of the aggressiveness of competition?

Jesus dealt with that issue constantly. People's needs and hurts were set aside for the sake of keeping some arcane inane rule. They were willing to burn the cargo to win the race. The Pharisees in particular cared more for the law than the needs of people. Jesus reversed that philosophy. For example, he stressed that the Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath.

We have to keep people in focus. Let's make certain that we don't burn the cargo for the sake of some pointless achievement that has nothing to do with souls or eternity. - Ron

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| TODAY | 2:30 pm | Drawn by Love ladies' worship event | 7th & Mueller Church of Christ, Paragould, AR |
| June 16-21 | | Mid South Youth Camp | |



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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 9, 2019

Welcome

650 "Send the Light"
1014 "Jesus Loves Me"
622 "Ring out the Message"
828 "Instruments of Your Peace"

Shepherd's Prayer

18 "Faithful Love"

Communion

Contribution

660 "People Need the Lord"
290 "Shine Jesus Shine"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

"The Gospel Is for All"

Family News

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Brian Clark
Scripture Reading: Jim Robertson
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark
Children's Church: Nancy & Tim Spain
Attended Nursery: Annette Dobbins
Nursery Next Week: Renee Ferguson
Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus
(back): Virgil & Lori Griffin



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

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 9, 2019



The Church and Morality: Whatever Happened to the Church? (18)

We have been giving this space for the past several weeks to a number of significant points David Wells makes in his book, "Losing Our Virtue". We've talked about how sin has been eradicated from our vocabulary. For example, in the latest mass shooting, which news network used the term "sin" to refer to the horrible event? If you said, "None", you would be correct. A WWII vet is beaten to death by two thugs in Washington state. It's called "senseless violence", "a heinous crime", etc. But no one, not one person on any news broadcast, no politician commenting on the events, not a single newspaper article called it what it was – and act of sin.

Wells asks the question, "Whatever happened to the church?" His point in asking that pertinent question is rooted in the overwhelming evidence that psychotherapists and advertisers have permeated the religious world of Christianity today.

First, from the world of psychology, Wells uses Robert Schuller and his Crystal Cathedral in California as an example. Complete with angels descending on invisible wires, Pilate and his domesticated tiger, Roman soldiers dressed for battle, Schuller rivals Disneyland. His message has little to do with sin – in fact he has publicly denounced the use of the word. He sees the problem as one of self-esteem. Sin is really nothing more than a poor self-image. Therefore, what is salvation? To Schuller it is the reversal of a poor self-image. The height of Christian virtue is not holiness; it's enthusiasm.

Church after church in the land of Christianity has tried to mimic the Schuller model by marketing the church. This is the second issue Wells raises. The attempt to market the church is an effort to hide the identity of the church and in the process religious character is lost. Churches that tend to view people as consumers inevitably forget they are sinners. The use of the gospel as a product to be consumed tends to make us forget that the price to buy it is repentance. That mentality has led to church members becoming disgruntled because they are not served properly, their needs are not being met, their expectations of what the church should do for them are not up to par.

The marketing approach seen in so many churches today sounds cutting edge. Unfortunately that approach typically turns to pragmatism. Soundness grounded in Scripture gives way – sometimes subtly at first – to "what works". Over time that pragmatism becomes foundational to thinking that makes it appear to be part of the divine revelation. That leads inevitably to the erosion of faith and reliance on our own schemes to entice new members rather than on God's power to draw men to himself through the power of the cross.

The most pressing need in the church today is not to devise a method of making people feel better about themselves per se or to discover the next slick marketing tool. The most urgent need today is to recover the gospel as the Bible presents it to us and the world. Psychologized faith and marketing campaigns rooted in pragmatism may still use biblical terms such as sin, faith, grace, atonement, etc. However, the secularization of the church is evident when appearances and image are the most important things and the heart of biblical faith is forfeited, sin is rarely mentioned and repentance is an antiquated concept.

- Ron