

THOSE TO SERVE March 17, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Landon McCage, Mike McCage, Tony Dobson, Rick Yates, Virgil Griffin, Brian Clark
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks
 Closing Prayer:
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus
 (back): Mike & Paula McCage

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

If you wish to help with the upcoming Mission Trip to Mexico, they are asking for donations of sunscreen which will be distributed at the clinic. (Reminder: smaller items are easier to pack!) The group leaves on Wednesday, April 10. Thank you for your help.

SHOW TIME!

The youth group and several others from church are going to see *Shrek the Musical* at the Masquerade Theater in Union City at 2 pm today (Sunday, March 10). Shows are at 7:00 PM Mar. 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16, and at 2:00 PM on Mar. 9, 10, and 16. A Shrek insider whose voice you may recognize says that the main cast is "supertalented" and that the show is funny, irreverent, well sung music and some jokes, too Adult tickets are \$15.00 and children's (under age 18) tickets are \$10.00. Tickets are available at the door and also at <https://ticketpeak.com/ucmasqueradetheatre>.

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

- March 10 Numbers 35-35
- March 11 Deuteronomy 1-2
- March 12 Deuteronomy 3-4
- March 13 Deuteronomy 5-7
- March 14 Deuteronomy 8-10
- March 15 Deuteronomy 11-13
- March 16 Deuteronomy 14-16



CONDOLENCES

We offer condolences to the Hill family on the passing of Betty Hill on March 5, 2019. The funeral was on Saturday, March 9, 2019.



STAND FIRM

In the operating room of a large hospital, a young nurse was completing her first full day of responsibilities. She knew she would be scrutinized and graded to see if she was up to being a surgical nurse.

At the end of the final surgery of the day, with no small amount of trepidation, she said to the surgeon, "You've only removed eleven sponges, doctor. We used twelve."

"I removed them all," the doctor declared. "We'll close the incision now."

"No," the nurse objected still nervous but firm. "We used twelve sponges."

"I'll take full responsibility," the surgeon said raising his voice a bit. "Suture!"

"You can't do that!" shouted the nurse startling herself and the rest of those in the operating room. "Think of the patient!"

The surgeon looked at her for several seconds, daggers shooting from his eyes. He then smiled, lifted his foot, and showed the nurse the twelfth sponge.

"You'll do," he said.

When you know you are right stand your ground. Don't be bullied by superiors or loud voices. There are lots of issues today that need clear firm voices. Check your facts, assert yourself and take a stand. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:58a, "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you."



ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
March 10, 2019		Shrek the Musical	Masquerade Theatre
March 13, 2019		<i>Justified</i> Performance	
April 10– 15, 2019	< Revised schedule	Medical Mission Trip	Colonet, Mexico



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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 March 10, 2019

Welcome

4 "To God Be the Glory"
23 "Our God He Is Alive"
594 "Live for Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer

778 "Be with Me Lord"
361 "Nailed to the Cross"

Communion

Contribution

768 "Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You"
544 "Without Him"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

911 "Bring Christ Your Broken Life"

Family News

789 "Father"

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson
Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
Children's Church: Renee & Greg Ferguson
Attended Nursery: Maggie McCage
Nursery Next Week: Annette Dobbins
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
(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, Barbie Hardy

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:

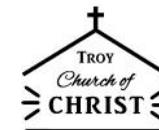
Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

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FAMILY NEWS



March 10, 2019



The Church and Morality: The Other Perspective (7)

There is ample evidence that the human heart has ingrained within it the sense of what is right and wrong. Having the potential to know precisely what is right and wrong or having a vague sense of general categories of morality and immorality is not, however, sufficient. The "moral sense" within us needs to be cultivated and instructed.

Essentially all we know from research and observation of human beings about who we are as humans is confirmed in the Bible. Paul's insights from the letter to the church in Rome are particularly instructive in this discussion of the innate nature of humans as moral beings. There were Gentiles who had a sense of morality even when – perhaps especially when – their culture was disintegrating around them due to the rampant immorality evident in their society. It was not sufficient in itself to serve as a corrective. However, they still had a sense of what was right and what was wrong.

On the other hand, there were the Jews who had the law. They had tried through sacrifices and meticulous observations of the law to remain morally upright. While they no doubt attained a higher standard of morality than those who just acted on their human instincts, they also fell short of the requirements. My point is both groups had a sense of morality as humans even though one relied more on the internal sense and the other on external laws. The external teaches us about the creator by looking at his creation. The internal instruction is hazier but nonetheless important because it brings to our consciousness the disturbing realization that we are moral beings and we are accountable. (cf. Romans 1 – 2)

Therefore, this moral sense we have been discussing for the past few weeks has two coordinates. One coordinate is God's self-disclosure found in the expression of his eternal power and deity called the creation. The revelation of God in creation is complete even though it is insufficient. So, this first coordinate bears witness to his existence. The second coordinate makes available knowledge of his moral character. It is what Wells calls in his book *Losing Our Virtue* the "fabric of moral life within". But it is not inherently adequate. We need the revelation of God in the written word to instruct our underdeveloped sense of morality.

From the created universe we humans have a sense of awe when we consider him who made it and us who observe his creation. Admittedly we strain to see through the foggy knowledge we possess. But suffice to say we nonetheless have some sense of how we ought to behave before the living God. Lurking within the sinful nature, however, is the urge to dismiss all we know and disregard his directives. This civil war is clearly a contradiction within us but the contradiction leaves us, to use Paul's words in Rom. 1:20, "without excuse."

The reality is that when people turn away from God – either denying his power revealed through nature or his moral truth revealed in his word – he turns away from them. To dismiss what is right and good is to default to what is bad. When we move away from goodness, we automatically turn to what is evil. There is no middle ground. To turn away from the worship of God is to turn to the worship of self. Paul notes twice in Rom. 1:24, 26 that God "gave them up." He gave them up because they refused to acknowledge consciously what they had instinctively sensed and because they would not seek to instruct their hearts to know God.