

THOSE TO SERVE March 31, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Gene Clark, Frank Roberson, Paul Hill, James Bumpus, James Nicks, Kevin Dobbins, Rick Yates
 Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
 (back): Jerry & Tammy Ross

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

March 24 Joshua 5-8
 March 25 Joshua 9-11
 March 26 Joshua 12-15
 March 27 Joshua 16-18
 March 28 Joshua 19-21
 March 29 Joshua 22-24
 March 30 Judges 1-2



EASTER EGGS!

Easter is just around the corner. We're collecting plastic eggs and candy to put them in. When you walk down the hall and see all those eggs you might think we don't need any more but Rachel Clark says we had over 1,000 eggs last year! So yes, we do need more eggs but most importantly, we need candy to fill all those eggs! Thanks for supporting our kids. Questions? Ask Rachel.

NOTE

There are containers at the Information Station for your donations of sunscreen and Easter eggs and candy.

FIFTH SUNDAY

The 5th Sunday devotional and fellowship with Exchange Street will be at 6:00 pm on March 31, here at Troy. A potluck meal will follow the devotional.



MEXICO MISSION TRIP REMINDER

Reminder: Donations of sunscreen (in small, easy-to-pack containers) are requested by the Medical Mission group, for distribution at the clinic. The group leaves on Wednesday, April 10. Thank you for your help.



GRADUATION SUNDAY 2019

We're celebrating the graduation of five students on May 5. Details will be announced soon.

UPDATE on BOB YATES

Bob has been released from jail and is currently living and working in Memphis. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

CARD MINISTRY

Jana Phillips asks that if anyone would like to send her sister, Joye Burney, a card the address is P.O. Box 774, Hampstead, NC 28443. Thanks again for all your prayers



THANK YOU for your expression of Sympathy

—Dear Troy Church Family - Thank you for so many expressions of kindness and your prayers for strength and comfort. The meal after the funeral was delicious and most appreciated by me and my family.—Paul Hill and family

THANK YOU for your for Your Kindness!

—Thank you so much for the wonderful food, all the kind words and many hugs during the funeral for Grandmother. While it is not easy to say good-bye, a difficult time was made easier because of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.—Love always, the Hill, Gooch and Brown families

CROWLEY'S RIDGE COLLEGE

Crowley's Ridge College is holding its annual lectureship April 7-10. The theme this year is "Romans: the Righteousness of God." Flyers with complete information concerning dates, times and speakers are at the Information Station.

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
March 31	6:00 pm	5th Sunday Devotional & Potluck Meal	Troy CoC
April 7-10		Crowley Ridge College Annual Lectureship	
April 10-15, 2019	< Revised schedule	Medical Mission Trip	Colonet, Mexico
April 21, 2019	Following worship service	Easter Egg Hunt	Outside the Activities Building, weather permitting
May 5, 2019		Graduation Sunday	Activities Building



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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Worship Leader: Greg Ferguson
 Lord's Supper: Paul Hill
 Scripture Reading: Jim Robertson
 Sermon: Tim Spain
 Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
 Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark
 Children's Church: Rachel Clark
 Attended Nursery: Renee Ferguson
 Nursery Next Week: LeEllen Smith
 Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks
 (back): Greg & Renee Ferguson



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

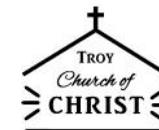
THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chris Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Brady Moore, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler, Brady Moore, Chris Floyd, Eb McCage

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

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

TROY Church of CHRIST

FAMILY  NEWS



March 24, 2019

The Church and Morality: The Other Perspective (9)

If you have followed the previous eight articles based on reflections upon David Wells' book *Losing Our Virtue*, then you are probably aware that we have had a rather asymmetrical analysis of the modern culture. That is, we have looked only at the rather negative, bleak perspective of the way we are in the year 2019 A.D. The bridge between law and freedom has been washed out. We are wandering aimlessly in the wilderness of amorality. We have come to banish guilt from our minds because we have erased sin from our vocabulary. Shame, which stood for generations along with guilt as sentries to our hearts, has been essentially eradicated like an invading pest and treated as a malfunction of the human mind. What guilt remains has been secularized to the extent that we do not look for relief in terms of atonement, but rather from techniques born of psychology, advertisement or superstition.

The above paragraph is the essence of the previous articles on the Church and Morality. The other perspective begins with understanding the dilemma of what M. Scott Peck calls in his book *People of the Lie: The Hope for Healing Human Evil*, "deliberately sustained amnesia". Peck argues that it is not that we have lost our ability to understand that we have sinned against God and, therefore, stand guilty before him; it is that we have accepted as normative the deliberate repression of guilt.

People who refuse to tolerate the agony of restraining themselves in the pursuit of "life" have become "people of the lie." There may remain a semblance of shame, but there is an unwillingness to accept guilt. Peck observes that, "*the essence of evil is to lose a taste for God and prefer anything more than God, especially when he offers to be for us the never-ending fountain of life and joy.*" Evil is the unwillingness to tolerate the sense of sin. Unlike the psychopath who has no sense of wrong, modern man has continually swept the evidence of guilt under the rug of his consciousness.

Could this help explain the dynamic so evident in those who will not tolerate the scrutiny of their moral lives? What is that dynamic? They spend inordinate amounts of time and energy cultivating their image. Wells argues that this supercharged effort to build up the image is a counterweight to their knowledge – even though they tenaciously try to deny it – that they are moral beings. They construct elaborate facades to project the right image. Unfortunately, their decency is all on the surface.

That is why they are people of the lie. They are narcissistic moral agents who deny and subordinate that moral nature. It is precisely at this point that we encounter an enigma that lies at the heart of life. On one hand, we observe the constant and relentless erosion of life as a result of modernization. On the other hand, we experience our inner world of moral awareness. We are part of two worlds. Despite all the screaming of the modernists to the contrary, we are moral beings and that sense of morality is woven into the fabric of our lives. It permeates our DNA. There is a part of us that remains – that part created in the image of God – which battles with the sinful nature.

So, to use M. Scott Peck's analysis of the essence of evil, the cure for sin is to acquire (or reacquire) a taste for God. When we prefer God more than anything else, sin cannot abide his presence and, therefore, vacates the premises of our hearts.

- Ron

Worship Service March 24, 2019

Shepherd's Prayer
 Communion
 Contribution
 Family News
 Closing Prayer

