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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 25, 2018

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, March 25, 2018

Worship Leader: Greg Ferguson
Lord's Supper: Paul Hill, Gene Clark, Jamie Clark, Brian Clark, Jimmy Smith, Greg Ferguson, Clifton Garrigus
Scripture Reading: Jim Robertson
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
Children's Church: Activity Building
Attended Nursery: Annette Dobbins
Nursery Next Week: Renee Ferguson
Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks
(back): Greg & Renee Ferguson



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green, Chris Gooch

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 Weeks, Jean McCullough, Barbie Hardy, Brad Carman

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, Ruby Rogers, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom)

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea), Theresa Bumpus

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



"If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you're dead and rotten, either write things worth reading or do things worth the writing." That's the sage advice of Benjamin Franklin who did both. Franklin was a scientist, an inventor, a statesman, a printer, a philosopher, a musician, and an economist. United States historians honor Ben Franklin as one of our Founding Fathers and as one of America's greatest citizens.

Through his scientific endeavors in the 18th century, Franklin learned that plaster (calcium sulfate) sown in the fields would make things grow. He informed his farming neighbors, but they did not believe his advice to be credible. They argued with him trying to prove logically that plaster could be of no use at all for growing grass or grain.

Unable to convince them otherwise, Franklin allowed the matter to drop and said nothing more about it. He went into the field early the next spring and sowed some grain. Close by the path, where men would walk, he traced some letters with his finger and put plaster into them.

A couple of weeks passed and the seed sprang up. His neighbors who frequently passed that way were very much surprised to see some of the plants were a brighter green than all the rest of the field. Then they noticed a pattern of letters and the letters formed words. In large letters was the sentence, "This has been plastered."

Benjamin Franklin did not need to argue with his neighbors any more about the benefits of using plaster in their fields. As the season went on and the grain grew, these bright green letters rose above all the rest until they were obvious to even the casual observer – "This has been plastered."

Has it ever occurred to you that there is too much arguing and debating and wrangling over the Christian principles and doctrines? We can argue and dispute all day long and make little progress in convincing others that the Christian life is superior in every way to their lifestyles. We can argue that fidelity in marriage is superior, that high moral standards are preferable, that a lofty model of integrity is finest way to live and fail to convince our opponents regardless of our exceptional "arguing" abilities.

I like sage advice from those like Benjamin Franklin. However, I prefer advice from others in spiritual matters. Consider the following Scriptures:

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven (Matt. 5:16).

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us (1 Pet. 2:12).

Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen (2 Tim. 2:14).

Might we learn that the best way to "convince" our friends who are not spiritually minded that godliness is preferable on multiple levels is not to argue with them about the merits of Christianity but merely to show them with our lives? Sowing a little love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in our world and letting the produce of the fruit of the Spirit be seen will do more than all our arguments and debates could ever do.

- Ron



THOSE TO SERVE April 1, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper:
 Scripture Reading:
 Closing Prayer:
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
 (back): Jerry & Tammy Ross

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

March 25 Joshua 14-15; Luke 4:33-44
 March 26 Joshua 16-18; Luke 5:1-16
 March 27 Joshua 19-20; Luke 5:17-39
 March 28 Joshua 21-22; Luke 6:1-26
 March 29 Joshua 23-24; Luke 6:27-49
 March 30 Judges 1-2; Luke 7:1-30
 March 31 Judges 3-5; Luke 7:31-50

BAJA MISSIONS WORKSHOP

On April 7, 2018, Baja Missions will conduct a one-day workshop in Nashville about all the work they do with the churches they sponsor in Mexico. Some of our recent mission team members plan to attend this event. If you're interested in participating in our church's next trip or just want a better understanding of the ministry, attending this event would be a good way to get more information about it. Please let Greg Ferguson know if you would like to accompany the Troy CoC group. We'll leave the church building at 6:00 a.m. and be home before bedtime.

◆ **THANK YOU**

Vallie Burden writes, "Thank you for the beautiful roses, food, cards, calls and most of all prayers. In Christian love, Vallie Burden."



◆ **AND THANK YOU, TOO...**

For your work helping us spruce up our church building. It's looking better and better! And special thanks to Greg Ferguson for his hard work in leading the project.



◆ **HAVE YOU GIFTED OUR KITCHEN YET?**

Please remember to shower our church kitchen with the new/refreshed items it and its workers need. The wish list and a container for your gifts is located at the Information Station. Questions? Ask Jenny.



Spring is here!

I found this this week and thought it great to share with you all; it's something I needed to see and I hope you enjoy it!
 - Zach

Many years ago it was not uncommon for individuals to close letters and correspondence with "very humbly yours," or "Your humble servant," or some other such phrasing which emphasized the humility of the writer.

In today's world, however, such wording is scarcely seen. Humility has become an unpopular virtue with most individuals. We have become a society of publicity seekers and self-servers. Such attitudes were not characteristic of Christ. The Lord "made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant...He humbled Himself..." (Philippians 2:7,8). The Lord did not call attention to Himself. Isaiah said, "He shall not cry, nor lift up; neither shall any man hear his voice in the street" (Isaiah 42:2).

Christians will pattern their lives after Christ and do the best they can in any given set of circumstances; they then let their deeds and achievements speak for themselves. Though everyone appreciates the praise of others, yet, we should not go around seeking accolades from our peers. Neither do Christians become insecure and disturbed if they are overlooked when commendations are given.

It is a great matter to desire genuine virtues, but, it is just as great to desire to conceal them.

from Gospel Gems Vol. 2 by Bill Dillon

EASTER SUNDAY—April 1, 2018

We will have a devotional at 9:30 a.m., followed by a brunch and an Easter egg hunt for the children. Please sign up for what you plan to bring on the list at the Information Station, and fill the basket there with candy and empty plastic eggs.



