

THOSE TO SERVE April 7, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Chris Gooch, Jimmy Smith, Jamie Clark, Wade Henson, Tony Henson, Jerry Ross, Josh Scott
 Closing Prayer: Gene Clark
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Tim & Nancy Spain
 (back): Landon & Maggie McCage

MEXICO MISSION TRIP REMINDERS

The Mexico mission trip group leaves on Wednesday, April 10.

Donations of **sunscreen** (in small, easy-to-pack containers) are requested for distribution at the clinic.



We're also collecting **reading glasses** (not prescription) of all strengths. Please put them and sunscreen in the tote bag at the front of the pulpit.

Thank you for your help.

EASTER BRUNCH

We'll have an Easter brunch this year. There's a list of needed dishes at the Information Station. Please sign up for whatever you'll be bringing.

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

March 31 Judges 3-5
 April 1 Judges 6-7
 April 2 Judges 8-9
 April 3 Judges 10-12
 April 4 Judges 13-15
 April 5 Judges 16-18
 April 6 Judges 19-20



FIFTH SUNDAY

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



SONG REQUESTS

We will have a time of singing for tonight's area-wide devo. Please be ready with any song request you may have.



EASTER EGGS

We're still collecting plastic eggs and candy to put in them in for the kids to enjoy on Easter Sunday.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

We're celebrating the graduation of five students on May 5. The graduates are Carter Milam (Freed Hardeman), Kellie Henson, Micah Smith, Mitzi Rose, and Silas Freeze (all from Obion Central High School). They'll be recognized with a slideshow following worship service. The theme will be Super Heroes and we'll have a BBQ meal in the Activities Building after the slideshow. A sign up sheet for side dishes will be posted on the Information Station board soon. You're welcome to bring cards and/or gifts, or special comments about the graduates. Come support all these special young people who are our very own Super Heroes!



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 31, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Gene Clark
Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Wade Henson
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
Children's Church: Annette & Kevin Dobbins
Attended Nursery: LeEllen Smith
Nursery Next Week: Rachel Clark
Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
(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, 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

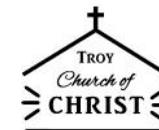
THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chris Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Brady Moore, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler, Brady Moore, Chris Floyd, Eb McCage

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

TROY Church of CHRIST

FAMILY  NEWS

March 31, 2019



The Church and Morality: The Other Perspective (10)

On March 17th I was developing the point that David Wells makes in his book, *Losing Our Virtue*, that as moral beings we struggle with the immoral world. In fact, the enigma is that the harder we try to develop the image, the personality, the persona on the outside, the more it demonstrates our awareness of the moral being within, which the modern culture is attempting to squelch. However, this sense of the moral woven into the fabric of our hearts will not go quietly.

It is unlikely that we are prone to thinking in this way. However, let me encourage you to see things from this perspective for a change. Consider, for example, the news broadcast this evening. What is usually presented? What do you remember from the previous broadcasts? You probably are thinking about all the mayhem and violence of gang shootings, mass murders in an African or South American country, starvation, riots, drive-by shootings, ethnic cleansing, clashes in the Middle East, etc. The question is, "Why is this considered news?" Could it be that in spite of their frequency and brutality there is part of us that refuses to accept these as normal? It's news because it is not the norm. At least these events cut across the grain of what we know should be.

There is an innate sense buried within the human heart that knows that something is not right when immoral atrocities are perpetrated especially upon the innocent. We possess moral intuitions that create currents that push us back toward the center of how life ought to be lived.

The battle between these two forces – the deliberate repression of guilt and the intrinsic sense of our moral nature – is evident in any number of arenas. Perhaps the most obvious is the abortion issue. In an attempt to deal with guilt (a sense of violation of a code of conduct) abortion supporters have tried to remove the laws that would be violated in an abortion. Even if the guilt could be totally assuaged, there is the matter of shame (a sense of not living up to what he or she should be).

To alleviate the sense of shame, the cloak of "pro choice" has been used to put those who denounce abortion on demand on the defensive as being anti choice. It is a clever ruse, but one that does not work either on a moral or a practical level. The flaw in the practical arena is evident in broadcast after news broadcast. When it suits their purpose, newscasters refer to the unborn as a fetus. However, when the topic is one other than abortion, the unborn is a child or a baby. Even Madonna was pregnant with a baby not a fetus. The point is, try as they might, the media are unable to filter out every reference to moral conclusions. The culture cannot eliminate the sense that we are moral beings. No matter how deeply it is buried it always claws its way to the surface.

What about all the reprobates? What about those who murder, cheat, lie and are cowards? They do not invalidate the case for our having a moral sense about us. In fact, because we see the moral unevenness in life we recognize that those who violate these norms are culpable and even wicked.

The above arguments are not meant to imply that the moral sense we possess as humans created in the image of God needs no training. To the contrary, it needs proper training. It needs nurturing, which is what we will explore next time. The point I simply want to make here is that this sense of right and wrong is actually rooted in our nature as humans. Give that some more thought.

- Ron