



Taking Christ to Our Community

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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 November 4, 2018

Welcome

679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
575 "Days of Elijah"
876 "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

Shepherd's Prayer

315 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Communion

Contribution

715 "The Church's One Foundation"
574 "Firm Foundation"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

543 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Family News

516 "Ancient Words" (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, November 4, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson, Wade Henson,
Jamie Clark, Jerry Ross, Jim Robertson, Josh
Scott, Tyler Bolton
Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Elder Available After Service: Chris Gooch
Children's Church: Maggie & Landon McCage
Attended Nursery: Christy Henson
Nursery Next Week: Jamie Cunningham
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
Power Point: Tim Spain
Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks
(back): Tony & Brenda Henson

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Sue
Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Anita
Nicks, Bobby Johnson

OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Al-
bright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hep-
ler, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey,
Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks,
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), Ad-
am & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Bat-
tles, 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, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton
Fowler, Brady Moore, Chris Floyd

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



For three weeks, we looked at the major proofs that God exists. Last week we moved to consider the next major point in a biblical worldview: "Why We Can Trust the Bible". What evidence do we have that would convince one to trust the Bible to be what it claims to be, namely the word of God?

When people in general and Christians in particular are asked to give reasons that support their belief that the Bible is from God, they say that the Bible claims to be from God. That's true. The Bible contains numerous statements that claim inspiration. For example, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." But claiming the Bible is from God based on passages in the Bible isn't sufficient. I could claim that I am the fastest man in the world, but one look would reveal that I am built for comfort not for speed.

When Jesus revealed himself to the world as the Son of God, he did not expect people to believe him simply because **he said** he was the Messiah. On the contrary, Jesus said in John 10:37-38, "37 Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. 38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

If Jesus was not to be trusted based merely on **claims** to be the Messiah, neither should the Bible be believed just because it claims to be God's truth. Anyone who wants to search the entire Bible will discover that it contains more than 2,700 instances in which divine inspiration is claimed (e.g., "God said;" "the Lord said;" "by revelation He [God] made known", etc.) The prophet Jeremiah wrote in Lamentations 3:37 "Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it?" The prophet's point was clear: no one accurately foretells the future unless God informs him of it. The point is, mere **claims prove nothing**. However, if the Bible accurately predicts the future, we can know that it is from God.

So, what are those reasons to trust the Bible? Consider reason number 1 we looked at last week: **PREDICTIVE PROPHECY and the Fall of the City of Tyre.**

The Phoenician city of Tyre stood as one of the most ancient and prosperous cities in history. During a visit to the temple of Heracles (greatest of the heroes in Greek mythology) in Tyre in the fifth century B.C., the ancient Greek historian Herodotus asked about the age of the temple. The inhabitants replied that the temple was as old as "Tyre itself, and that Tyre had already stood for two thousand three hundred years". Modern historians have written that as early as 1400 B.C., Tyre was not only a great city but it was invincible due to its island location and high walls.

In the early sixth century B.C., however, the prophet Ezekiel mentioned several events that were to occur in Tyre as punishment for the city's arrogance and merciless actions (26:1-14,19-21). The prophet predicted: (1) Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, would build a siege mound against the city; (2) many nations would come against Tyre; (3) the city would be broken down, and scraped as bare as the top of a rock, and the stones, timber, and soil would be thrown in "the midst of the sea;" (4) the city would become a "place for spreading fishnets"; and (5) the city would never be rebuilt. Each and every one of those detailed prophecies came to pass.

Next up: **PREDICTIVE PROPHECY and the Fall of Babylon....**

THOSE TO SERVE November 11, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Keith Connor,
 Gene Clark, Tony Henson, James Bumpus,
 Tyler Kendal, Frank Roberson
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus
 (back): Wade & Christy Henson

FUNDRAISER BRACELETS

Maggie McCage has fundraiser bracelets for \$5 each to help Virginia Barron and her family, who are members of the Phillips Street Church of Christ in Dyersburg. Virginia has been in the Le Bonheur Hospital in Memphis for six weeks. She will have to go to rehab after her hospital stay.

SUPER SENIORS

Remember to sign the list on the Information Station board if you plan to go to the Grecian Steakhouse in Dyersburg on November 15th. The bus will leave at about 6:00 p.m.



LADIES' ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Our ornament exchange will be on Sunday, December 2, immediately following evening services. Please bring a wrapped ornament and your favorite finger food or dessert.

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

November 4 Jeremiah 40-42; Hebrews 2
 November 5 Jeremiah 43-45; Hebrews 3
 November 6 Jeremiah 46-48; Hebrews 4
 November 7 Jeremiah 49-50; Hebrews 5
 November 8 Jeremiah 51-52; Hebrews 6
 November 9 Lamentations 1-2; Hebrews 7
 November 10 Lamentations 3-5; Hebrews 8

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

The newest member of our church family is Cassandra McLaughlin. Her address is 1126 N. US Hwy. 51 S #16, Troy, TN 38260

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Brenda Aker in the loss of her brother J.B. Davis, who passed away last week.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Jerree Harris and family invite us to join them on Saturday, December 1, from 2-4 pm, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Jack & Miachella Phillips. The invitation is posted at the Information Station.

VISITOR

A recruiter from Crowley's Ridge College will visit here on Wednesday night, November 7th.

SUCCESSFUL SURGERY

Charlie Guy's shoulder surgery went well on Thursday. He's at home recuperating now.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

We are back to taking resumes for our youth ministry search. This is how we are advertising our position on all the various websites for churches of Christ looking for ministers:

We are a church of about 125 members in a small rural town in Northwest TN. We may be small in number, but we are big in heart. We are looking for a youth minister that will partner with our congregation to strengthen our youth group and help reach our community. We are seeking someone with a passion for Jesus who is led to work with ALL our children, focusing on 6-12th grade, to help build a long-term, sustainable youth ministry. The goals of this youth ministry are 1) working with volunteers to make sure every child is plugged in, 2) working and volunteering in our school system in order to get to know and love our kids & community, and 3) building a ministry that will be community focused.

This is now our process we go through from resume to interview: 1) We review the resume and take out any that we know would not be a good fit for our congregation. 2) We call and talk with those we are interested in. 3) We will set up a Facetime interview (face to face interview over the internet). 4) We call references, and 5) Set up a weekend interview at Troy. This is the one we have agreed on as we have learned from our last round.

Some have wondered why we are getting our candidates from TX and not closer. That is a good question and observation. The simple answer is because we did not get much response from those closer, and the few we did get we could tell would not be good fits for us. In our search so far, we had 1 with TN roots (Widlord is an FHU alum and they lived in Knoxville). The other two were from TX. As a team we would love to get someone who would be close to home, because that would help ensure that they would be for the long term, but we are looking nationwide, because the one for us could be from anywhere.

Of course while we are advertising, word of mouth is the best way to find potential candidates. Let other churches you have connections with know we are looking. Give the team names and contact information for people you believe would be good candidates if you know of someone. Most of all, please, please be in prayer for this process.

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location
November 2-4		Celebration 2018	
December 2	Following evening worship	Ladies' Ornament Exchange	Activities Building

