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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Mike's Minute

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

(Hebrews 12:1-3)

The distance of the Olympic marathon was standardized in 1908 when the games were held in London. The Royal Family wanted to watch the start of the race from their home. The distance from this vantage point in Windsor Castle to the finish line in the Olympic stadium was 26 miles, 385 yards. From this point on, the marathon distance was fixed.

The first winner of this newly defined marathon should have been an Italian candy maker named Dorando Pietri. He was the first to enter the stadium, but turned the wrong way. Rather than going right, he went left. When the mistake was realized, Pietri staggered and fell. Anxiety from his error triggered an onslaught of fatigue. He turned around and continued staggering toward the finish line. With just a few yards remaining, Pietri fell one final time. Sympathetic spectators and trackside officials assisted him to his feet and the tiny runner wobbled to the finish.

Meanwhile, Johnny Hayes, running for the United States, was racing down the homestretch of the stadium. After a lengthy discussion by the officials, Hayes was given the gold medal because Pietri had been unfairly aided near the finish line.

A wonderfully run race was ruined by a wrong turn at the end. Finishing well is as important as running well.

How do we win the Christian race? Prepare. Show up. Put one foot in front of another. Don't quit when it gets difficult. Don't quit when it hurts. Don't quit when others stop or turn back. Keep going to the finish line. Are you running well? Good. Finish well!

Raymond McHenry
McHenry's Stories For The Soul

In Christian Love,

Mike



The Golden Agers will be going to the Junk Yard Dog on Thursday, May 23rd with the bus leaving the church at 5:30pm. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

The homeless committee will meet on Monday at 6 pm in the basement.

The 3rd – 5th grade devo scheduled for Sunday night has been postponed till May 26th.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6a in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6p in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00a in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7p in the basement.



Mason Ward, along with his parents **Mike & Jill**, want to thank everyone who had a part in Senior night last Sunday night. It was a wonderful night of fellowship and fun.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Bracey Campbell** (former member) who passed away on Monday. He was the husband of **Jan** and the brother-in-law of **Joyce & Rick Bruno**. His funeral is/was Friday.



Members: Dollie Wheeler, Barbara (Edgar) Beard, Dot Davidson, Mike Breece, Hester Moss, Christina George, James Hassell (St. Thomas West, had surgery Wednesday), Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Janet Basford, Bobby Mack Dunn, Larry Petty (Dickson, G. Basford's friend on hospice), Greg McCord, Faye McClellan, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, Alyssa Aydelott, Linda Goad, Ronnie Pittman, Angie Davis, Adam Lawson, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Helen Shanes, Donna Popp, Dorris French, Linda Truett, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: David Talley, Donald Dorton, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neely, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, and Jim & Jean Wright.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Jo Hudgins, Bill Shanes, Sybil Jenkins, & Gladys Primm.

NHC Dickson: Percy Lancaster

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

NHC Transitions, Columbia: Willie B. Coates

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR MAY

May 18 - Hickman/East Hickman HS graduations

May 21 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 @ Field House

May 26 - 3rd-5th Grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

May 26 - Puppet Show, during evening service



We will make every attempt to have the bulletins out in the mailbox by 12:00 pm every Friday. In the event of any delays we will communicate that information in the bulletin the previous week, if we can. Emergencies do come up from time to time, so we will let everyone know in the future, if possible.



Center Fielders News

“An Awesome Privilege”

Prayer is truly a remarkable privilege, especially considering the Lord’s holiness. How can human beings who are inherently sinful, dare to approach a holy God who is perfect and even a hint of sin is incompatible with His presence? Yet that is exactly what Christians are invited to do. “To draw near to the throne of grace” so that we can receive help in the time of need. (Hebrew 4:16).

Although we often take prayer for granted, we should never forget what God did to allow us this privilege. Because He is holy, a blood sacrifice is required to cover sin before anyone can approach Him. In the Old Testament Law, a priest offered animal sacrifices for the cleansing of imperfect people. However, that was only a temporary solution because, while animal sacrifices covered the sin, they could never wipe it out.

At the cross, God’s Son offered Himself as the only sufficient, atoning sacrifice to pay the penalty for sin once for all time. His blood is adequate for the forgiveness of every past, present, and future sin of those who have by faith received His atonement. Now, baptized believers are not only forgiven but also welcomed into God’s family as a result of being born again of His Spirit, who indwells within them.

The result of this new Spiritual birth is that we have the privilege of communion with the Father in prayer because the Son is our high priest. What an awesome privilege, don’t you think? Never take it for granted!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



Everyone is invited to celebrate the 50th year anniversary of Gerry & Sarah Hinson this Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. No gifts please. Your presence is all the gift we need.

Jesus Went About Doing Good



Peter made one of the simplest statements about Jesus that you’ll find in Scripture. But it is also packed with meaning and application. He said that Jesus “went about doing good” (Acts 10:38). This understated affirmation deserves our deeper exploration. What were some of these good things that our Lord went about doing?

He Pointed People to the Scriptures. People regularly approached Jesus with questions. Some were only trying to trap Him in His words, but others were genuinely seeking His help. Either way, our Lord knew that everyone, regardless of their problem or their motive, needed to encounter God as He had revealed Himself in the Scriptures. That’s why we find Jesus saying things like, “Have you not read in the Law...?” (Matt. 12:5), or “Have you not read in the book of Moses...?” (Mark 12:26), or “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” (Luke 10:26). We regularly encounter people with problems, questions, dilemmas, and issues. We would do well to follow the example of Jesus and point them to God’s will.

He Called People to Higher Ground. Jesus did not want His followers to be content with mediocrity or the status quo. He called on His people to exceed the righteousness of the recognized religious leaders of the day (Matt. 5:20). He taught people to love their enemies (5:44), put the kingdom of God first (6:33), and treat others the way we would want to be treated (7:12). There is no higher ethic than the Christian ethic, and our world would be a better place if it would heed our Lord’s call.

He Put Others Ahead of Himself. There is no better example of Jesus “doing good” than His putting others ahead of Himself. That’s what brought Him to us in the first place (Phil. 2:5-8). “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). From His perfect example we learn, “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:3-4).

As we fix our eyes on Jesus (Heb. 12:2), let us determine that we will follow His perfect example and go about “doing good” just like He did.

*Eddie Parrish
Brown Trail church of Christ
Bedford, TX*

MEN TO SERVE MAY 19**LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Jeff Rose**Left:** Rick Bruno

Bobby Orton

Justin Beard

Brett Wilson

Right: Harry Totty

Adam Jude

Jerrie W. Barber

Wyatt H. Barber

Alternates: O.D. Pratt, Chris Kimbro**Basement:** Norman George, Vance Willis**Sun. P.M.:** Dustin Bailey, Gary Bailey**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith**Scripture:** John 4:21-24**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Justin Beard**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Marvin Truett**Scripture:****P.M. Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Josh Copley**Wed. Invitation:** (May 22) Mike Kelley**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Steve Baker**Wednesday P.M.** (May 22) Rodney Rochelle**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Mike Batts**Sunday P.M.** Mike Batts**Wednesday P.M.** (May 22) Marvin Truett**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355**Sunday P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355**Wed. P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355
(May 22)**If you are unable to serve in anyway, please
call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355
or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.****FOR THE RECORD****WEEK OF May 12, 2019****A.M. WORSHIP:** 253**CONTRIBUTION:** \$3833**2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:** \$4167**Prison Ministries**

“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me’” (Matthew 25:37-40).

There are good brethren who have “prison ministries” where they go in and try to have Bible studies and actually get to preach the word. There are definitely people in there that could use it. Sometimes brethren point to a scripture like the one above and believe it to mean that we are commanded to go and visit folks at prison, randomly. If you read the verse above, the Lord was speaking of God’s people in prison. Part of chapter 25, we see the Lord had divided the world into two kinds of people, just as they will be divided on Judgment Day. We are commanded to visit our brethren while they are in prison. It is one of the charitable acts included in those mentioned above. We should always be helpful to our brethren. That doesn’t mean that we can’t help the world also, but God’s people come first. “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10).

Please don’t misunderstand what I’m saying. There is nothing wrong with taking God’s word into prisons if able and be able to preach it in its entirety. Often, some of those places won’t allow specific doctrine to be taught. The point I’m trying to get to is that we can’t bind that ministry on others because of scripture. We are to visit brethren in prison, but even then, when the bible talks of visiting folks in prison, often they didn’t get enough or any food to eat. People had to go, at times and take them food or extra clothes. Those prisons are nothing like the ones today. There are some third world countries, to this day, a person would starve to death if no one brings them food. The bible doesn’t teach that we are commanded to go and have a “visit” with random prisoners.

I commend those that do teaching in prison, at large. I’ve seen some good results. Let’s just make sure that we understand that some things are noble, but not commanded. “Let us not grow weary in doing good.”

*Chris Moore
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