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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Mike's Minute

In his *Truth For Today Commentary* on 1 Timothy, David Roper tells about a friend of his who observes "Thankful Thursdays." On Thursdays, the Christian prays throughout the day, but he doesn't ask God for anything. His prayers on Thursday simply consist of thanking God for all that He has done, is doing, and will do. A great idea, isn't it?

Whit Sasser, in his excellent weekly publication called *Exhortations & Stuff*, recently listed several reasons why we should "double down" on thanking God. The following are some of the reasons he gives.

Father says so... 1 Thessalonians 5:18... *In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

It is a desired sacrifice... Hebrews 13:15... *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

Thanking relieves anxiety... Philippians 4:6-7... *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Thankful people are happier people... This reminds me of Jesus' comment in Acts 20:35... *It is more blessed to give than to receive.* Unthankfulness is coming from a dark place within you... thankfulness is turning on the lights.

Thanking God is expressing dependence on Him and my own insufficiency. Thanking is recognizing God as the ultimate source of every good and perfect gift. -James 1:17

Thanking God is a good influence on others who see it... The apostle Paul in a violent storm at sea... *And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. We were in all 276 persons in the ship.* - Acts 27:35-37

Thank you, Whit, for encouraging us all to think more about thanking more!

In Christian Love,

Mike





There will be a short meeting with all ladies involved in Secret Pals in room 104 after worship this Sunday.

Senior Day will be on July 12th, following the morning service. We will have a slide show presentation after worship. Following that we will move to the Fellowship Hall for a finger food meal. If you feel comfortable, please join us. Please make plans to come and help celebrate our great seniors from Fairfield.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here on Monday, July 13th from 12:30-5:30 pm. Signup online at redcrossblood.org or see Margaret Martin.

The Christmas in July ladies' breakfast will be held, July 18th at 9:00 am. All ladies are invited – bring an ornament to exchange and enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship.

We now have Mission burgers available for purchase of 10 patties for \$15. Please see Randal Halbrooks.

Anyone interested in helping to learn the live streaming of our services, see Jerrie Wayne or Rick.

We will have van service this Sunday for the morning worship only at 9 am & no classes. Sunday evening, at 6:00 pm but with NO van service. Live streaming the Sunday evening worship. Rodney Rochelle will continue to be streaming live on Facebook Wednesday evenings teaching a Bible class at 7:00 pm.

COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THOSE WHO WON'T BE ATTENDING ON SUNDAY MORNING.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of **Gerald Hethcoat**, nephew of **Hester Moss** and first cousin to **Deborah Peery** and to the family of **Gary Loughery**, cousin of **Kathy Rose** who passed away this week.

Also, last week **Laverne Nicholson**, **Rayford Clayton** aunt and uncle of **Kim Clayton** and **Sue Cooper**, aunt of **Deneen Clayton** and **Bobby Dunn** passed away. Our love and sympathy to all who have passed away recently.



Members: Carolyn Phillips, Terry Duncan, Kenneth Chandler (eye surgery July 7), Gerry Hinson (recovering from eye surgery), Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Raymond Stoltz, Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Norman Martin (husband of Margaret-fell off a ladder, broken bones), Randy Hall (son-in-law of Gerry Smith), Chuck Sherrell, Cornelia Chandler, Garry Greer, Rick Lee, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Alan Dickens, Trace Warren, Amanda Myles & Holly Dickens, Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Linda Jones, Nancy Coursey, Rachael Bellis, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Ron Gossett, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

NHC Dickson: Dollie Wheeler

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 28, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP	127
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3013
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167





Center Fielders News

“Changing Directions”

Life is full of laws that we cannot ignore. Two examples are the law of sowing and reaping and the law of gravity. Another is the law of physics that deals with motion. It states that an object moving in a straight line will continue moving straight unless acted upon by an outside force. This force can be friction, obstructions, or tension. The law of physics has spiritual implications also that we ought to consider seriously.

The law of motion states that an object moving in a certain direction will continue moving in a straight line and in a certain direction, unless something happens to it. This is also true for a person’s spiritual movement. A person moving away from God will continue in the same direction. And a person traveling toward God will continue in that direction as well. But there are two forces that continually act upon each person as they travel in either direction. Our spiritual direction can be altered and even reversed as we respond to either of these two forces. Those two forces are the drawing of the Holy Spirit, and the temptation of Satan.

The good news is that we can choose which spiritual forces we will respond to as we are traveling. The more we allow sin to pollute our mind, the greater the effect it will have on the direction we are going. But the more we are directed by God’s Word, the more difficult it will be for temptation to affect our spiritual direction. So, if you are headed toward destruction on the path of sin, please allow the Holy Spirit’s gentle prompting to act upon your heart and change your direction.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE JULY 5

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Scripture Reading: Josh Copley

Scripture: Proverbs 14:34-35

Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Preside Lord’s Supper: Lafayette Spears

Alternates: Norman George, Boyce Cannon

Basement: Ken Copley, Josh Copley

Announcements: Mike Batts

Closing Prayer: Willie Powers

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts

Scripture Reading: Marvin Truett

Scripture: Matthew 12:29-30

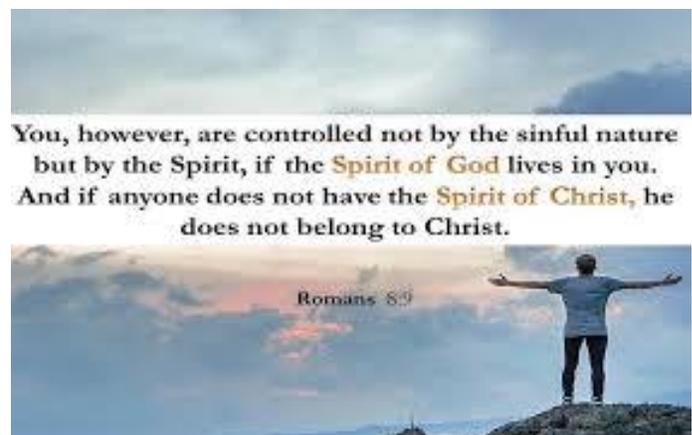
Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright, Mathew Wright

Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks

NO VAN SERVICE



Lord Of Posts

The Bible has much to say about “the Lord of hosts”. The phrase occurs 232 times in the ESV, and points to His overwhelming power and might. One sample shows us God’s exalted nature as displayed by this title: “But the Lord of hosts, Him shall you honor as holy. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread” (Isaiah 8:13).

But this other “title” – Lord of *posts* – as in “posts” we might enter in social media? The Bible doesn’t say anything about that, does it? If you’re looking for that phrase, then no, the Bible doesn’t use it. The Bible *does* say much, however, about how God expects His people to communicate, and that would make Him “Lord of posts”.

For example, do we post opinions and comments that go contrary to Scripture? The world does it all the time; hatred and judgment ooze from just about every form of social media. People may conceal themselves behind pen names, but that doesn’t stop the pain of seeing such unloving worldly attitudes put into words.

Is God our Lord when we comment on social media? How does Christ want us to respond? Here’s a positive statement: “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:6). But also hear this from Jesus in Matthew 12:36,37: “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Is Jesus the Lord of my posts? Words, whether oral or written, may condemn me on Judgment Day.

Another example of how we might use social media is in photos we might post. Are they becoming of a Christian? Examples of modesty? Is Jesus my Lord of posts?

In 1 Timothy 2:9,10 Paul taught how Christian women must dress: “Likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness – with good works.” (The concept applies to men, too.)

Douglas Moo commented on Paul’s directive: “This is not a blanket prohibition of all jewelry and fine clothing but a warning against seductive, prideful, or ostentatious self-display” (NIV Biblical Theology Study Bible). With Jesus’ warning against lust in Matthew 5:27-30, should a Christian dress in a way that knowingly arouses lust?

I know social media can be used for great good, but I also know it can become an octagon where verbal free-for-all are held. In such cases Christians must use restraint and wisdom. We serve not only the Lord of hosts, but also the Lord of posts.

*Tim Hall
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GOD BLESS AMERICA AGAIN!

“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”

“It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.”

George Washington



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“The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.”

John F. Kennedy



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“Of the many influences that have shaped the United States into a distinctive nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible.”
“Inside the Bible’s pages lie the answers to all the problems that mankind has ever known. I hope Americans will read and study the Bible.”

Ronald Reagan



GOD BLESS AMERICA AGAIN!

While our earthly citizenship is here in the USA, our eternal citizenship is in heaven.

Phil. 3:20-21: “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.”



*Dan Newsom
College church of Christ
Searcy, AR*