

Those to Serve

Sunday 03-14-2010

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Weldon Miller
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong
 Opening Prayer Weldon Miller
 Closing Prayer Sid Charlton

Month of March 2010

Sunday Morning Lord's Table

South Side:

Jim Duncan
 George O'Neal
 Austin Neal

North Side:

Jerry Freeman
 Doyle Riley
 Chuck Kyle

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Charles Kyle Ron Traugher

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Weldon Miller
 Song Leader..... Rance Robison
 Opening PM Prayer..... Hal Roper
 Closing PM Prayer..... Doug Abbey

Serving Wednesday Night—March 17, 2010

Announcements Weldon Miller
 Song Leader..... Weldon Miller
 First Prayer..... Rodney Cook
 Closing Prayer..... Wade Miller

*If you plan to be out of town or are not physically able to serve, please call someone to take your place ... or call the church office.

Attendance for the week of 03-07-2010

Bible Classes..... 99
 Morning Worship..... 119
 Evening Worship 94
 Tuesday Ladies Class 12
 Wednesday Night 94
 Regular Contribution \$ 4,264.76
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ 180.00

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes..... 99
 Morning Worship..... 119
 Evening Worship 94
 Tuesday Ladies Class 12
 Wednesday Night 94
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,264.76
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 80,695.88
 (Also includes transfers and interest earned)

PLEASE NOTE: This bulletin is formatted Friday morning each week. Any news items or articles you wish included must be submitted to the Editor no later than Thursday Night. You may call Rhodney Freeman at 903-572-1181 (home) or 903-572-1136 (Office)

Today's Sermons

AM: "The Shunammite's Son"
Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: "The Widow's Oil"
Kris Groda, Preaching



"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him"
 Proverbs 25:13

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Founded on the Word—Focused on the World

March 14, 2010

The 2nd Mile Lifestyle

By Kris Groda

In His sermon on the mount, Jesus said, "Ye when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist [rebel] not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee [forces you or to impress into service] to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Mt. 5:38-42).

This portion of the sermon deals with how children of the kingdom should react to injustice. God's children are not to retaliate at wrong doing. Jesus contrasts the Law of Moses (Exodus 21:23-25; Lev. 2:18-20) with a "But I say unto you". Moses intended these laws to protect persons and property by prescribing what punishment the law should inflict. The Jews perverted it to justify private retaliation.

Paul said, "Recompense to no man evil for evil" "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord". (Romans 12:17,19). The law was a very basic concept whereas the law of Christ is a broadened concept. Jesus teaches us to turn the other cheek and to do more than is demanded.

Peter taught, "Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, and if here I have earnestly striven And have tried all His will to obey, Twill enhance all the rapture of heaven When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Christians must earnestly strive to "overcome evil with good" (Rom.12:21). Turning the other cheek, giving your cloak, or going the extra mile is the charge. It has been ingrained in us to take a stand for our own justice that we don't know how to just "take it" without a fight.

Jesus expects us to learn from Him (Mt. 11:29). Truly, to go with Jesus "the last mile of the way" includes living the '2nd mile life style'.

Assembly Times

Sunday
 Bible Classes9:00AM
 Worship10:00AM
 6:00PM
Tuesday
 Ladies Bible Class ..10:00AM
 (September—May)
Wednesday
 Bible Classes7:00PM



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Priesthood of All Believers?

By Bob Prichard

While the Old Testament, particularly in Leviticus, gave elaborate ceremonies for the ordination of priests, the New Testament contains none. The reason that there is no ordination ceremony for the priesthood in the New Testament is that the New Testament teaches the priesthood of all believers.

Speaking to Christians (not clergy), Peter wrote, “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5). Peter then discussed the importance of Christ, who was rejected by the builders (religious authorities), but became the precious “chief corner stone” of the church to believers (1 Peter 2:6–8). He then added, “Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him . . .” (1 Peter 2:9).

Under the Old Covenant, the priest was to intercede between God and man, and to offer the necessary sacrifices to God. Peter said that Christians are “an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices.” Paul described the nature of the proper sacrifices Christians should offer: “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1). The reasonable service of Christians is to present their own bodies as living sacrifices to God. God condemned King Saul for taking it upon himself to offer unauthorized sacrifices (1 Samuel 13:12–13; 15:22), so the priesthood of all believers is a significant change.

The emphasis of the New Testament is that every individual member of the church is important. Paul compared the church to a human body, with Christ as its head and the body made up of all the members (Romans 12:4–5; cf. Colossians 1:18). As individual members of the body of Christ, all Christians, as a “royal priesthood,” and a “holy priesthood,” have a ministry to the world. When the church was under great persecution by the Jews, the apostles remained in Jerusalem, but the members scattered and “went every where preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). Those preaching the word were simply Christians, members of the church.

Since Christians are a royal priesthood, there is no need for an earthly priesthood to intercede for Christians with God. All Christians may approach God directly through Christ in prayer. At the same time, each member of this holy priesthood has a responsibility to minister, living a life of purity before the world.

What Is the Church Worth?

Bulletin Digest

To Christ, it was worth His blood. (Acts 20:28)
 To God, it was worth His Son. (John 3:16)
 To Stephen, it was worth his life. (Acts 6,7)
 To Paul, it was worth his heritage. (Philippians 3:8; 2
 Corinthian 11:22-28).
 To Matthew, it was worth his job (Luke 5:27).
 To Philip, it was worth his time (Acts 8:26-40).
 To James, it was worth his prestige (James 1:1).
 To John, it was worth his concern (2 John 4).
 To Jude, it was worth his freedom (Jude 1).

Jesus, the Academic Marvel...

- In chemistry, He turned water to wine (John 2:1–10).
- In biology, He was born without the normal conception (Matthew 1:18–25).
- In physics, He overcame the law of gravity by walking on water and ascending into heaven (Matthew 14:25; Acts 1:9–11).
- In economics, He disproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5000 with two fish and five loaves (John 6:1–11).
- In medicine, He cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs (Matthew 8:1–34; 15:30).
- In history, He is the beginning and the end Revelation 1:8).
- In government, He is King of kings (1 Timothy 6:15).
- In religion, no one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6).

Please Remember in Prayer:

Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, James & Sue Browning, Billye Campbell, Gene Campbell, Suzanne Charlton, Randy Cooper, Jim Duncan, Barbara Duncan, Irene Duncan, Patsy Duncan, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Helen Roper, and Rebecca Tippit.

Also: Ozroe Bush, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Gary Duncan, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Margaret Laurence, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Kent Stephenson, Kaitlin Taylor, and Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Pleasant Springs Assisted Living: Doris Jean Bell, Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide.

NOTICE TO EVERYONE!!

TODAY IS THE BEGINNING OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. HOPE YOU ALL REMEMBERED TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BY ONE HOUR. GUESS YOU DID OR YOU WOULD NOT BE HERE, HUH?

HEALTH UPDATES

Wade Miller had surgery on his foot last week. Keep him in your prayers as he battles his diabetes.

Helen Roper is improving from her recent fall, when she hurt her elbow and was bruised.

Gene Campbell lost his sister **Irma Powers** of Corpus Christi last week. Remember the family in your prayers.

Dorothy Trammel, mother of Christina Trammel, passed away last week. Remember this family in your prayers.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Men ... TODAY is the Men's Business Meeting after evening service in the **Multi-Purpose Room** ... and you are all encouraged to attend this important meeting. Your input is needed. Please make arrangements, now, to attend ... won't you?

The **Sweetheart Banquet** is scheduled TODAY—in the Multi-Purpose Room—after morning services and will be over by 2:00 p.m. All single and widowed women and men are invited to attend

Youth volunteers are needed for the Sweetheart Banquet.

Donations to help fund the Banquet would be appreciated. You may give your contribution to Karen Roper or Keely McCary.

And, talk about Sweethearts ... Tomorrow **Doyle and Brenda Riley** will celebrate their 31st year of being married. Congratulations!

No Bible Bowl practice this afternoon due to scheduling.

120 in attendance for the March Bible Bowl last week. Blodgett hosted.

Current Overall standing:

1st place - Pittsburg	2nd place - North Jefferson
3rd place - New Boston	4th place - Mount Vernon
5th place - Atlanta	6th place - De Kalb
6th place - Fulbright	6th place - Talco
7th place - Blodgett	

Reminder for All Ladies ... Ladies Bible Class this Tuesday at 10:00am. Studies in Hebrews. All the ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

LADIES DAY will be **April 17**. Guest Speaker will be Sandi Smith. A little info about Sandi: “Sandi received a BA degree from Lubbock Christian University in 1989. Upon graduation, she spent one and a half years working in Italy. On her return to the states she met and married her husband, Joe. They have three daughters and one son whom they school at home. She teaches elementary grade classes and ladies' classes at the Brown Trail church of Christ, and she teaches for the wives' classes in the Preacher Training School.”



Events

Wednesday Night Supper is from 5:45pm to 6:45pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. If your busy family is interested in participating, please contact Keely McCary at (903) 563-7895 by Tuesday of each week to see how you can contribute to the meal. **THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP.**

Baby Shower

TODAY in the Multi-Purpose Room from **3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** for **Mark Wesley Smith**, son of Christy Charlton Smith and Wesley Smith ... given by Michelle Pickrel and Jesse Massey. *Note: Some may not have an opportunity to get a gift but you can give money to a Money Tree if you wish.*

Preparations for the Shower will begin as soon as the Sweetheart Banquet ends.

THANK YOU

“Words cannot express how much we appreciate your cards, calls, visits and flowers at the death of Gene's sister, Irma Powers. May the Lord bless each one of you is our prayer.

—In Christian Love, Gene and Billye Campbell”

THANK YOU

“Thanks to all of you for the cards and kind words that were sent during our recent illnesses. It's never fun when one is sick, but it's even when all are. Thanks to the healing power of prayer we are all feeling much better.

In Christian love,
 The Newman Family, Marty, Rhonda, Zoë & Zac”