

Those to Serve

Sunday 07-05-2009

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Wade Miller
Song Leader..... Hal Roper
Opening Prayer..... Weldon Miller
Closing Prayer..... Daniel McCary

Lord's Table—Month of July 2009

Southside:

Jerry Freeman
Jody Sparks
David Neal

Northside:

Royce Armstrong
Daniel McCary
Austin Neal

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Wade miller
Song Leader..... Hal Roper
Opening PM Prayer..... Royce Armstrong
Closing PM Prayer..... Bronson Roper

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Fred Harkrider, Jr. Grady Duncan

Serving Wednesday Night—July 08, 2009

Announcements..... Wade miller
Song Leader..... Young Men
First Prayer..... Rance Robison
Closing Prayer..... Ronnie Stewart

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

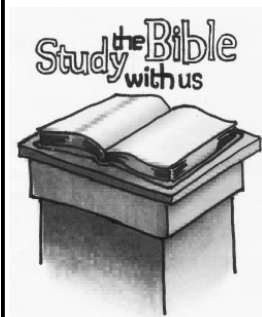
Attendance for the week of 06-28-2009

Bible Classes..... 104
Morning Worship..... 136
Evening Worship..... 99
Tuesday Ladies Class..... Meets again in September
Wednesday Night..... 90
Regular Contribution..... \$ 4,584.25
New Construction Fund Contributions..... \$ -0-

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes.....103
Morning Worship.....142
Evening Worship.....105
Tuesday Ladies Class..... 12
Wednesday Night..... 96
Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,415.15
New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 61,211.17
(Also includes transfers)

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)

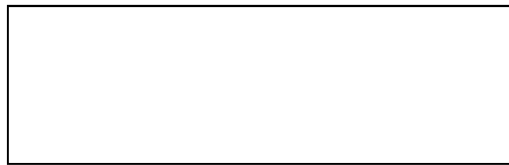
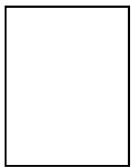


Next Sunday's Sermons

AM: Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: Kris Groda, Preaching

North Jefferson Church of Christ
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Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456



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Assembly Times

Sunday

Bible Classes.....9:00AM
Worship.....10:00AM
..... 6:00PM

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class ..10:00AM
(September—May)

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00PM

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Elders

Gene Campbell
Weldon Miller
Wayne Pickrel

Deacons

Grady Duncan
Jim Duncan
Jerry Freeman
Bob Hedges
Rance Robison
Hal Roper

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North Jefferson Messenger

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

July 05, 2009

FINAL WORDS

(Guest article from the Southwestern, Southwest church of Christ, Ada, OK) —Floyd Kaiser

The final words of a dying man will teach much about how he lived. One's loves and priorities will be revealed. In Shakespeare's Richard II, the dying Duke of Lancaster says, "O, but they say the tongues of dying men enforce attention like deep harmony: Where words are scarce they are seldom spent in vain."

Consider the words of a man who thought they were likely to be his last. While in a Roman jail and not knowing whether he was going to live or die, the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27)."

To Paul these brethren in Philippi were as dear as any natural family. In verse 8 of that same chapter he wrote to them, "For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus." Therefore, he would want his final words to be extremely beneficial. They would need to be more than, "Wash your hands before you eat." Or, "Wear a coat in cold weather." They would have to be advice that would not only affect this life but, more importantly, eternity.

His advice was simply, "Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." In this statement Paul is teaching us that conduct or behavior is important. The quality of your life will be determined by how you lived it and not how one intended to live it.

Some may say, "The condition of a man's heart is more important than how he lives." These will also be the ones who say at the funeral of a reprobate, "At least his heart was good."

Well, such statements may be reassuring in some situations, but the problem is, they are not biblical. The Bible teaches us that a man will never live contrary to what is in his heart. In Matthew 15:19, Jesus said, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders." He is telling us that the heart is where our conduct originates. This is why Paul, in what might have been his final words to the Philippian brethren encouraged them to CONDUCT themselves rightly. He did not just talk about intentions or motives, he wrote about conduct, how life is lived. He said, "Make it worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Paul knew that each man would not be judged by how he wishes he had lived, but according to his deeds. All of this points to a very important question. "If you were to die today, would your conduct be worthy of God's precious gift of the gospel of Christ?" If the answer is "no," only YOU can correct the mistakes.



“give attention to reading.....” 1 Tim. 4:13

God's Institutions

(Guest article from *The Southwesterner*—Southwest church of Christ—Ada, OK)

Here is a thought to ponder: when lines of responsibility between God-ordained institutions are blurred none of them fulfill their purpose.

Think of the three most important institutions.

There is **civil government**. In Romans 13:3-4 Paul very clearly defines the role of government as a “minister of God to you for good.” Its principle job is “the punishment of evildoers and praise those who do right” in the society it governs (1 Peter 2:13-14). By necessary inference, it protects us from outside threats, such as terrorism. It works to create the environment where its citizens can grow and reach productive lives by accomplishing through the efforts of all what cannot be done by one.

There is the **church**. God expects it to evangelize (Mark 16:15). It becomes a conscience to humanity because through it the wisdom of God comes to the world (John 16:8, Ephesians 3:10). It is a place where Christians are to be spiritually developed “to the building up of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12). It is where preachers and teachers of the Bible are to be trained (2 Timothy 2:2). It is a place where God is glorified (Ephesians 3:21), fellowship is practiced (Acts 2:46), edification is received (1 Corinthians 14:26), and organized worship conducted (Acts 2:42, 20:7). We also learn from the scriptures that the church is a place where Christians turn for support in the midst of trouble. We are commanded to “bear one another’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2).

Finally, there is the **home**. We know from 1 Corinthians 14:35 that the home is a place where women can speak in ways they are not to speak when the church is assembled. It is where material needs are supplied (1 Corinthians 11:34, 1 Timothy 5:4,8) and children are disciplined, loved and nurtured (Ephesians 6:4, Titus 2:4-5). It is the place where spiritual, emotional and social maturity are made to flourish. Love is taught and demonstrated there. It is the place where one finds rest and acceptance.

Now back to the thought: when lines of responsibility between God-ordained institutions are blurred none of them fulfill their purpose.

The government should not become the home. It cannot effectively protect its citizens if it is occupied with raising our children. Government will never be able to define morality. God has given that job to the church. The home is where entertainment and relaxation are achieved, not the church. While the church should promote and expedite fellowship, it is not a social club or an amusement center; its principle job is teaching the Bible.

We learn through experience that most everything has a purpose. A tractor is made to plow. A car is made to travel. A tractor will not endure much simple traveling before it breaks down. A car will soon breakdown if pulling a plow. The potential for a good life is maximized when we understand and abide by the purpose for which all is made.

Prayer List: Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, Suzanne Charlton, Darrell Cooper, Jim Duncan, Irene Duncan, Lena Groda, Linda Jones, Dorothy Kyle, Ben McCain, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Brenda Riley

Also: Starlyn Black, Carolyn (Katy) Campbell, Jennifer Freeman, Cece Hollingsworth, Colista Johnson, Janice Lineberger, Wayne Lineberger, Kent Stephenson, Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Home: Doris Bell, **Pleasant Springs Assisted Living:** Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Home:** Joyce Lee, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide, **OMAHA:** Alice Lovelady, **Home:** Marie Plemmons

Health Updates:

Wayne Pickrel is still re-cooperating from his recent surgery and follow-up chemo treatments for additional medical problems. Keep him in your prayers.

Suzanne Charlton continues to improve, taking one day at a time. Pray for her.

Wade Miller was scheduled for an MRI on Friday in Tyler. No update following that trip.

Jim Duncan's upcoming surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14. Please remember that date.

Ben McCain's doctors are reducing some of his medications. Perhaps this will make him feel better.

Others who need our prayers include: Mary Jo Lee, Wade miller, Patsy Duncan and the rest of those on our prayer list (above).

THANK YOU ... “Thanks to everyone for the phone calls, cards and food these past couple of weeks while we were both in the hospital at one time or the other. We love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

— Tim & Linda Jones”

SYBSNET ... meets again on Monday, July 06 at Blodgett with Vendel Dolarhide teaching. His topic will be “Conquering the Enemy of Discouragement and Frustration.

The first Sunday in July (THAT'S TODAY) will be the last collection and sorting day for clothing for the Indians in Arizona.

-Thank you, Hal and Karen Roper

Next Sunday evening (July 12) is the MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING. Men of the congregation are encouraged to attend this important function. It will be conducted in the Multi-Purpose Room.