

Times of Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a. m. Worship

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- 2nd Sunday 2:00 p.m. Trinity Care Home Worship Service
- 2nd Saturday 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study on Leadership –Ranch House Restaurant
- 3rd Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study on James 6:00 p.m. (TBA)
- Young Bible Scholars monthly meeting (TBA)

News and Notes

- **Home Bound Members:** Mike Butler, Eula Mae Harliss
- **Limited Health:** Joyce Manasco, Willena Woods, Wade & Doris McCrary
- **Prayer Requests:** The Jerry Green family. Mike Butler is battling lung cancer. Jimmy Logan, Elbert Logan's brother, has late stage cancer. Leo Briggs, grandson of Dan and Carol Briggs, will be facing more surgery. Spencer Briggs, also their grandson, fell and suffered a head injury and they are observing him for any complications. Jeanette Clement fell and broke her ankle on July 25th. Lynette Coburn's mother, Doris Young, fell and broke her hip and is recuperating with her daughter in Kentucky. Don Zant's mother has been hospitalized and is doing some better.
- **Others to remember:** Marion Butler, Steve Coburn, ,Marilyn Lavender, Jim Ratcliff, David Allen Williams, Eldon Barham, Elbert and Virginia Logan, Sara Williams, (Ed Williams' mother), and Vickie Stevens (wife of Tim Stevens). Michael Villamor, deployed in the Middle East.

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The Challenge of Being a Parent

Perhaps there is no greater responsibility than being a parent. It is rewarding, bewildering, challenging, frustrating, enjoyable, loving and all over the map emotionally.

Our children are free moral agents, just like their parents. God took the risk on us when He gave man the privilege to choose for himself. But, He loved us enough to create us and give us that privilege. Why do parents have children? Because of the very same reason God created man. We want them to love them and share our lives with them.

A few things I reflect on that seem essential for children to learn. One is to do right because it is right (Ephesians 6:1). No excuses, no qualifications, no exception. We must teach them to do right! Children need to learn that when we give them our word they can trust us to keep it. Then, they will learn the value of keeping their word when it is given. Of course, they will not learn that by our simply saying it. They need to see their parents doing it.

Next, we must teach them the value of honor and that honor has no price. It is not for sale. Honor looks at self-respect, an esteem that demands appropriate conduct to match that sense of self. Honor is a sense of what is decent and what is good. They need to learn to honor God because He is God. They need to learn to honor others and take the lead in giving them that honor (Romans 12:10). Of course, they will learn that by watching their parents.

Further, we need to teach them to feel. They need to learn to feel the hurt and joy of others. People with no feelings have a marked history with sad atrocities against humanity. There is little value in having skin so thick we cannot feel. If we don't listen when our children cry we shouldn't expect them to listen when we cry. To risk feeling is to expose our humanity. It reveals who we really are, our true self. They need to feel what it means to be grieved by injustice and a wrong. Of course, they will learn that by watching their parents.

The task is formidable. The lessons endless. Parenting never ends. There is no single thing in life more rewarding than being a parent. Correspondingly, there is no single heartache more piercing than parenting when a child walks away from the Lord.

God took the risk on man. We take the risk with our children.

Rickie Jenkins Via The Old Hickory Bulletin (Jackson, TN), 7-8-18

"They Kept Right On"

For the second time the apostles had been imprisoned and given strict orders not to do further teaching in the name of Jesus (Acts 5:28). Now, after their third arrest and facing almost sure prospects of death, the highly regarded Gamaliel intervenes in their behalf, resulting in their release with a beating and a warning to speak no more in the name of Jesus. The remarkable response of these dedicated men is seen in the last two verses of Acts 5. Not only did they rejoice in being considered worthy to suffer for His name, but "every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (NASV).

That they kept right on speaks volumes in regard to the faith and character of these godly men — and it shows us why Jerusalem (verse 28) and the whole Roman empire (Colossians 1:23) had come to be filled with the gospel message in a relatively short time. And neither was such dedication limited to just these apostles. In Acts 2 we read of how other saints also kept right on in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers (verse 42). Later, when scattered abroad because of the great persecution against the church, they still kept right on preaching the word (Acts 8:4). In persecution, in poverty; in prison, in palaces; in public, in private; in season and out, let it ever be said to their credit, they kept right on

teaching the gospel. Without benefit of newspaper, radio or television; without auto or airplane; even without comfortable meeting places in good locations, they kept right on! For a time many of the young churches were without elders and full-time preachers, but you know what? They just kept right on! Sure, they had their church problems. They had squabbles, false teachers, divisions, weak and sinful brethren to be reckoned with. So they reckoned; no doubt some quit. But the faithful just kept right on anyway.

The pressing need of our day is for saints like that — men and women of such faith and character as to keep right on serving God without having to be begged and pampered; men and women concerned enough about lost souls to keep right on trying to help save them. Our need is for the abiding sense of urgency that motivated our first century brethren — the kind that made Paul say, I press on. Without it, we're not likely to fill even the local church with the teaching of Christ, much less our neighborhoods and cities. What a tragedy that so many who profess allegiance to such an urgent cause would do so little to advance it — or would give up at the slightest obstacle or discouragement! — And this in the midst of the most favorable circumstances possible. Oh we of little faith! Just think of the amazing results possible if every member in every local church would begin and just keep on doing all he knows to do for the Lord (as per 1 Corinthians 15:58)! Why, we may just keep on having good results, like in the first century. Why not resolve to put away our intermittent and sputtering efforts of the past, realizing what we could do — and then, just keep right on doing it?

Dan S. Shipley via Plain Talk, September, 1975

Committed to — ?

I wonder sometimes if people are more concerned about the consequences of being right than they are of being wrong. There are some issues faced in which we are, by Scripture and reason, forced to a conclusion that we may not like. The temptation is to give up what we see is right in favor of consequences that aren't so distasteful. The question is, is our commitment to truth or to favorable consequences?

Doy Moyer