

### 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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2:00 p.m. **Trinity** Care Home Worship Service
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 6:30 a.m. **Men's Bible Study** on Leadership –Ranch House Restaurant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday **Neighborhood Bible Study** on James 6:00 p.m. (TBA)
- **Young Bible Scholars** monthly meeting (TBA)
- \*\*\***Oct. 7-12, Gospel Meeting with Gary Henry\*\*\***
- **Oct. 2,9,16,23,30 at 7:00 p.m. a Gospel Meeting series with different speakers each night at Sturgis Church of Christ.**

### News and Notes

- **Home Bound Members:** Mike Butler, Eula Mae Harless, Joyce Manasco.
- **Limited Health:** Willena Woods, Wade & Doris McCrary..
- **Prayer Requests:** The Jerry Green family. Mike Butler is battling lung disease. Jimmy Logan, Elbert Logan's brother, has late stage cancer. Leo Briggs, grandson of Dan and Carol Briggs, recovering from cranial surgery. Janette Clements continues to recover from an ankle injury. Virginia Logan is battling heart and lung problems and is still under skilled care. Joyce Manasco is homebound with lung and heart issues. Doris McCrary is awaiting heart surgery in
- **Others to remember:** Marion Butler, Steve Coburn, ,Marilyn Lavender, Jim Ratcliff, David Allen Williams, Eldon Barham, Elbert and Virginia Logan, Michael Villamor, deployed in the Middle East.

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### Come and See

*John 1:38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"*

*39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day ..."*

We hope you will have the same interest in hearing the word of the Lord. Plan on attending all the scheduled meeting times of our Gospel Meeting with Gary Henry October 7-12. We meet at the regular hours on Sunday, 7:00 each day Monday through Friday, and 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. You will be blessed.

### Truth Does Not Fear Investigation

There's a good saying that brethren have used over the years to show our sincerity in what we practice and preach: "truth does not fear investigation." The idea is that if one is genuinely concerned about doing right, he'll not be afraid of someone else questioning what he does. By frequent examinations and regular defenses one is constantly kept "in check." If by an "investigation" one's preaching and/or practice is proven true, great. If however it is proven to be false, there's a sense in which this is also great, for now the sincere individual can make the

necessary changes to get back on track and be right.

Unfortunately, not everyone is interested in truth. Some are content to go on in their error hoping no one will ever challenge them. If they are questioned, too many write it off as being "bothered" and ignore the "investigator." How sad!

Those fearful of investigation need reminding of what Peter wrote, "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you..." (1 Peter 3:15). When a person gets to the point where they cannot defend or give an answer for what they're doing, it's time to do something else. While error may clam up, get aggravated and run from it - truth does not fear investigation. What about you?!

**The Beacon (Columbia, TN), 8-21-18**

## Great Parents

I am thankful for seeing great parents in this perverse generation. They are concerned about what goes into the hearts of their children, and they labor to direct them to heaven. They believe in giving them good tools for living by faith in Jesus Christ, and they want to encourage them to build their own faith in Jesus. They not only take them to church regularly, but they show them that the Lord's church is the most important partnership on earth. They do not stab brethren in the back and expect their children to have a positive attitude toward the Lord's church. They pray to God with their children, and study the Bible with them. They guide them in godly language, dress, and behavior, and point them to the eternal life they want them to have more than anything in this world. Great parents love their children's souls above all else. They are discerning about what might rob them of the chance to go to heaven. They love their children and want to spend time with them. In a world of terrible parenting, I am so encouraged to see examples of great parents. God bless the godly parents, and may their kind increase!

**Terry Wane Benton**

## Deceit in Giving

Ananias and Sapphira (see Acts 5) did not die because they gave too little, but because they tried to lie to God. Peter said, "Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much" and she said, "Yea, for so much." And she died!

Please think with me just a minute: what would happen today if all those who lie to God about their contributions would die immediately? All of us know we are to give as we have been prospered (1 Corinthians 16:2) and that we are to do so purposefully (2 Corinthians 9:7). But it is obvious that many purposefully give much less than would be a reasonable offering in proportion to their prosperity.

So, when you make your plans to give, answer this question: "Were you prospered so much?" And when you say, "Yea, so much," be sure your thoughts and plans include all your prosperity—the necessities of life, the luxuries, the fringe benefits, the securities—and that your giving is generous in proportion to the total prosperity.

You may get by with a lie today, for God won't take our life immediately, but you'll know you lied, God will know it, and the whole account will be settled in judgment day. And if the church where you worship isn't challenging you to give more by using the money scripturally and fruitfully in spiritual pursuits, then plead with them to see the truth and to use it well, and if they won't do it, find another congregation that will! Each of us is not only responsible to give, but to know that it is used right!

**Leslie Diestelkamp, Think on These Things, May-June 1975**