

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Larry Flatt
 Reading Tom McColloch
 Scripture 1 Peter 2:17
 Lord's Table (N) *Ronnie Prince
 (S) *Rodney Reynolds
 (N) Harold McGinness
 (N) Joe Maynard
 (N) David McColloch
 (S) Dickie Kesey
 (S) Micah Lawrence
 (S) Eugene Wilcher
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Steve Boyd
 Reading Derek Vinson
 Scripture Mark 2:1-2
 Lord's Table *Willie Newby
 *Mike Driver
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan
 Lead Singing Jeremy Burks
 First Prayer Chuck Boles
 Reading Steve Hillis
 Invitation Rodney Reynolds
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M. Asa & Sarah Kell
 P.M. Joe & Becky Maynard

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Rodney Maynard & Kelly Hillis

Attend Nursery: Dana Roller

Lock Building: Tom McColloch

Prepare Communion:

Ken & Nona Martin

Assist with Baptisms:

Jane Flatt & Doris Smith

Pantry Item: Chicken Noodle Soup

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship..... 292
 Bible Study 218
 P.M. Worship 170
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 228
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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Radio Programs</i>	91.3 FM WCPI
A.M. Worship	9:00 a.m.		
Bible Study	10:15 a.m.	<i>Sunday</i>	
P.M. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Tony Lawrence	8:00 a.m.
		Winford Claiborne	8:30 a.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>			
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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Sick

At Home:

Gerry Waddell-following surgery
 Louise Driver (Mike's mother)
 Shirley Parker
 Robert Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)
 Greg Grizzell
 June Keaton (grandmother of Sandra Holt)
 Michael Brasher (Mary Flatt's brother)
 Sam Woodlee (cousin of Doris Smith & Wanda Hendrixson)

In The Hospital:

Charles Campbell-Riverpark (hopes to go home this week)
 Wayne Turner (brother-in law of Barbara Northcutt)-Baptist Hospital
 Rosie Rogers (Calvin's mother)-Riverpark after a fall
 Nettie Clemons (Leonard's mother)-Riverpark
 Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)-Baptist-Golden Triangle, Columbus, MS

Be sure to call the church office or the announcer when you know of someone who is sick. We don't want to overlook anyone.

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Arlene Pennington. She passed away last Wednesday. She was the aunt of our Derek Pennington

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Lorene Pendergraph. She passed away last Thursday. She was the sister of our Clara Roller.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M..... Four Basic Commands
 P.M..... The Controversial Christ

Lessons from Steve

"As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes all things" (Ecclesiastes 11:5.) For obvious reasons, I cannot control the weather. I cannot force the wind to go in a direction it does not want to. I cannot make bone, much less make them grow. I can study meteorology or the various fields of medicine and science, but there are certain things that neither I nor anyone else will ever know. The Preacher of Ecclesiastes has pounded this point home time and time again throughout his writings. With all the great wisdom, wealth, power, and pleasure man holds dear and seemingly conquers, we still do not know all the answers.

Does this not point us in a direction that should clearly indicate that there is a greater power that exists? Twice in the Psalms (14:1 and 53:1) the writers stated, *"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'"* What does this mean? Does it mean the fool cannot understand or is it that the fool is one who refuses to understand? Notice, the fool is saying in "his heart" that God does not exist. The indication is the latter explanation, that for one to say this they simply refuse to accept the abundance of evidence, which again points to a Creator.

But why do some still refuse to accept the evidence? Because for one to admit there is a God, would mean that the writings we call The Bible are truly God's revelations to man. From this one would understand that obedience is a prerequisite to eternal life and to avoid eternal condemnation. Therefore it is easier for one to foolishly condition the heart to believe there is no God, than to live within the rules of the game.

No, we do not know all the answers to life, but one thing is clear. God is real, alive, and the final

judge of the heart. Don't be a fool and let God's Word melt your unbelieving heart.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

This Wednesday night starts a monthly series of lessons for grades 7 to 12. The theme will center on Evangelism. We encourage all in these grades and regular teachers of the various classes to attend.

KID'S RALLY

Several Pew Packer's and parents will be traveling to Ethridge, TN this weekend for the annual Kid's Rally. Please keep us in your prayers that we will have a safe trip to and from Ethridge.

TABS

TeenAge Bible Study will be held at Central Church of Christ on Sunday, February 27th. We WILL NOT meet at our church building to take the bus. Please make arrangements to be at Central by worship time, which begins at 6:00 PM. The topic for this month is "The Shield of Faith."

SENIOR SAINTS CLASS

Our next class time is Monday, February 28th beginning at 9:00 AM in Room 1. Please, mark off this time on your calendar to join us for great Bible study and fellowship.

Longing For Home

Longing for home. We all know the feeling. We plan a vacation for months, excitedly detailing each day's activities. We can't sleep the night before we leave because we are so anxious to get started. We are having a wonderful time, but invariably somewhere along the way our thoughts begin to turn toward home. Vacations are fun, but it's not home. It's nice to go camping or stay in a motel, but it's not home. How often have you said and heard, "It's great to get away, but it's sure good

to be back home." Why? Because home is where we belong, where life is real and fulfilling.

It's great to have company over the holidays. It's great to have family visit for several days. But I've often thought, "It was sure great to see them come, but it's also great to see them go." Why? Longing for home as it is meant to be.

I believe the Apostle Paul was in that frame of mind when he wrote 2 Corinthians 5. In a sense, our life on earth can be compared to going on a vacation. We live in temporary housing. There is much to do, much to experience and enjoy, but it's not like being home. The older we get, the nearer we come to ending our vacation here on earth, the more we long for home. At least that's the way Paul describes it for Christians.

In 2 Corinthians 5:1-9 Paul speaks of life as being in an "earthly tent." Yet, while in this tent, we "long to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling." ... "Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord." ... "Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

Sometimes we are enjoying our vacation so much that we don't want to go home. We don't even want to think of home. Instead, we long to stay another day or two. We may even wish for our vacation to be permanent. That's what Satan is wanting us to believe about vacation here on earth. He wants us to long for a few more days here than to be at home with the Lord.

That's why we are to walk by faith, not by sight. Do you "prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord"? Does your faith allow you to see that the heavenly dwelling is so much better than this present tent? Are you longing for home? Then make it your goal to be pleasing to Him.

~Joe Chesser~