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## Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2918) Jeff Flatt Announcements **Lead Singing** Joe Collins **Zollie Settles** First Prayer Reading Johnny Anderson Scripture Mark 6:6 Lord's Table (N) \*Calvin Rogers \*Brett Merritt (N) J.B. Gribble (N) Dickie Kesey (N) **Bran Merritt** (S) Lee Gann Jared Mullican (S) (S) Harry Felty Sermon Tony Lawrence **Kelly Thaxton Dismiss** 

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt **Lead Singing** Joe Collins First Prayer Tim Fisher **Hoyt Crouch** Reading Matthew 25:34, 41 Scripture Lord's Table \*Don Sullivan \*Mike Driver Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Chip Cantrell

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss

(668-9581) Willie Newby
Larry Flatt
Ben Biles
Tony Lawrence
Winfrey Hennessee

## Welcome Committee

A.M. Don & Susie Griffith P.M. Winfrey Hennessee

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

**Ushers:** Rodney Maynard & Kelly Hillis

Attend Nursery: Regina Templeton

**Lock Building:** Willie Newby

Prepare Communion:

David & Stefanie McColloch

## Assist with Baptisms:

Cynthia Duncan & Corretta Lawrence

Pantry Item: Peaches

### Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	342
Bible Study	250
P.M. Worship	217
A.M. Worship Bible Study P.M. Worship Wednesday Bible Study	236
Contribution	\$4,083

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### Sick

#### At Home:

Greg Grizzell
Gina Cantrell-Mullican
Jo Leta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)
Steve Smith (Doris' son)
Ada Mayfield
Martha Maxwell
Alan Canterbury (following surgery)
Macon Jennings (Sharon Driver's mother)
Asa Kell

### In The Hospital:

Loy Watson-NHC
Ada Hensley-NHC
Gentry McGinness (Harold's father)-Riverpark
Johnny Dodson (Marsha Collins' brother-inlaw)-St. Thomas
Rodney Reynolds-surgery Thursday at
Centennial
Jill Basham (Chuck Medley's sister)-surgery on
Wednesday at MTMC in Murfreesboro

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M..... He Marveled At Their Unbelief P.M..... The Difference Between a C and a D

## Sunshine Basket

The Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class is preparing a sunshine basket for Ada Mayfield. If you would like to participate, please bring your item by Sunday night. Any questions, please see Jane Flatt or Regina Templeton.

# Annual Ice Cream Supper

The annual ice cream supper will be July 6, following the Wednesday evening services. All who can are asked to make a freezer of *homemade* ice cream. Others asked to bring desserts.

## **Opportunities For Edification**

Gospel Meeting at the *Spencer church of Christ*, June 19-23, services at 7:00 pm with Dan Jenkins preaching.

Gospel Meeting at the *Grange Hall church of Christ*, June 19-24, services at 7:00 pm with Dan Jones preaching.

VBS at the *Central church of Christ*, June 19-23, services at 7:00 pm with classes for all ages and different speakers for the adult classes.

VBS at the *Woodbury church of Christ*, June 20-24, services at 9-11 am with classes for all ages.

Don't forget that our own VBS will be in just a month, July 18-20!

## **Notes From Steve**

Webster's New World Dictionary defines the word unconditional as "without conditions or reservations." A "no strings attached" idea, if you will. When one uses the term unconditional, it usually means that there are no limitations or consequences to what one thinks, states, or practices. So when applied to religion and Christianity in general, an unconditional agenda is one that allows groups to set their own thought. For instance there exists the theory that if God is love, then He accepts anything and everything unconditionally. However, is this true? Well, not to be nonchalant with the Bible, but in actuality, not a lot of study is needed to determine this is a false notion.

Consider a short, yet concise statement Jesus made. He said, "If you love me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15.) This is not an unconditional request, but rather an if/then comment. If you love me, Jesus states, then you will conduct your life as

I desire. A certain unmistakable condition has been attached to loving Jesus.

Study yet another passage, this time from the Old Testament. "Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, and keep His charge, His statues, His judgments, and His commandments always" (Deuteronomy 11:1.) Careful study will reveal there is no "out" in this text. The Israelites were commanded (as are Christians) to obey all God has asked us to obey.

We have no problem understanding that if we take a loan from the bank, then one condition attached to that is added interest we must pay. We have no problem understanding that if we choose to drive a car, then one condition is that we must put gas in the tank. Life teaches us there are conditions attached to about everything we do. God's Word teaches us the same thing! Neither the Old Testament nor the New Testament left anything open for discussion as to whether a safe relationship with God was conditional or unconditional. Time and again we are told to follow God's ways, not man's ways. Consequences follow our actions.

Please think carefully where you stand in your relationship with God. Do not be deceived into thinking that Christianity is unconditional. *For a well-written article on this very subject go to www. acts17-11.com/cows\_unlove.html.* 

#### MID-SOUTH YOUTH CAMP

We will be attending camp from June 26th to July 1st. To register and to find out all the pertinent information go to www.fhu.edu/msyc. We will leave on Sunday (26th) from the church parking lot at 6:30 AM.

#### SENIOR SAINTS CLASS

The next class meets on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 AM in Room 1.

# A Parable on How We See People

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could. He thought little about it until he dropped one of the balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone.

Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the twenty or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe fifty or sixty of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he just threw it away.

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it. We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person by God.

There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away, and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

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