

Sick

At Home:

Georgia Brooks
Mary Davis
Dorothy Adcock (Jane Crouch's mother)
Amy Matheny (Martha Pepper's niece)-surgery in Ohio
Lola Barrett
Steve Smith
Drucilla Crouch

In The Hospital:

Preslie Slatton (granddaughter of Jim & June Slatton)-Vanderbilt Children's Hospital
Martha Bouldin (Avie Clemons mother)-Riverpark
Betty Lane-Erlanger-following serious car accident

Sympathy

The congregation continues to suffer sadness due to the passing of members of the congregation and family members of the congregation. Please pray for these families.

We express our sympathy to the following families:

Sarah Pennington, a long-time member at Bybee Branch. Her funeral was Friday.

Nettie Clemons, Leonard's mother. Her funeral was this past Friday.

Christine Lefevers, sister to our Essie Hillis. Her funeral was this past Saturday.

James Eaton, brother to our Sarah Kell. His funeral was also this past Saturday.

Hugh Wiseman, uncle to our Noel Pepper. His funeral was on Monday.

Sermons Topics

Sunday AM The Bank Of Heaven
 Sunday PM Conversions In Acts #6

Ladies' Brunch

Sept 22nd from 9:30 - 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating Christian Women as Examples and our honored guests will be our Widows and Ladies over the age of 65.

A Fifty Year Old Decision

People do not "accidentally" attend every worship service for twenty years without ever missing. They must have planned always to attend. Soon after I obeyed the gospel in the fall of 1909, I read of an old brother who had not missed going to worship a single Sunday in 41 years. That story caused me to resolve and to purpose in my heart that I would never miss attending a worship assembly on a single Lord's Day for as long as I lived, if at all possible. I have missed four Sundays in over 50 years and then it was because of illness.

Once I made that decision, the question has not come up as to whether or not I would attend a worship service. In fact, I did not decide last Lord's Day to go to worship, or the Sunday before that. That decision was made more than fifty years ago.

It is a sin for any member of the church to miss the worship assembly unless he or she is unable to attend. The very nature of our religion is such that those who feel that attending every service is a burden need to be converted

~Gus Nichols~

THINK IT OVER:

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

~Author unknown~

Preparing To Live By Preparing To Worship

When one studies God and eternal life, it becomes obvious that He is a God to be worshiped. While on earth, Jesus placed emphasis on the essentiality of worship, and the importance of worshiping God. While teaching a woman in Samaria, this woman wanted to talk about Jacob, his well, and obtaining physical water, but Jesus wanted to talk about living water and the only way to please God in worship. She wanted to talk about the Samaritan's worship on Mount Gerizim, but Jesus was more interested in HOW and the WAY God must be worshiped. He said to the woman: "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23,24).

Therefore, to prepare for life, it is not enough just to attend a place of worship, but to please God. We must worship Him in "spirit and truth." In fact, Jesus taught that these two words are "musts" to worship God! What did Jesus mean by these two words: "Worship in spirit" and "Worship in truth?"

In the context of "Worship in spirit," Jesus is referring to the feelings and the attitude of the heart when worshiping God. To "Worship in truth" means to worship as God's truth has specified! For example, His word specifies praying, singing with melody in the heart (Eph. 5:19), giving as one has purposed and prospered (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7), and remembering the death of Jesus by observing the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:24). Remember, both of these requirements (spirit and truth) must be present to successfully worship God. It is not enough just to go through the acts of worship based on truth, but these acts must be accompanied by one's heart and feelings. It is not enough just to have one's heart and feelings involved, but one's heart

and feelings must be joined with truth-the way God's word teaches to worship!

Paul gives an example of the acceptable way to worship: "What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding" (1 Cor. 14:15).

Also, preparing to worship involves looking forward to worship in heaven. When John saw the many things recorded in the book of Revelation, he saw a beautiful place of worship. How impressed John must have been when he visited the throne room and saw all its beauty and power, and heard the expressions of worship directed toward God! Therefore, our worship to God while on earth, prepares us to live and worship Him there.

Benny Bristow

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Gospel Meetings & More

The **West Sparta church of Christ** will host a Ladies Day on September 15, from 8:30-Noon. Speaker will be Pama Fuqua.

The **Science Hill church of Christ** will host a Lectureship on Revival on September 22, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Speakers: David Shannon, Joshua Pappas, Tim Mitchell, Carl Simms, and Phil Sanders.

The **Centertown church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 21-23, with services at 7 pm. Jerry Davidson will be preaching.

The **Corinth church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 23-25, with services at 7 pm. Rickey Burks, Greg Rains, Larry Vinson, Steve Hillis and Eugene Adkins will be preaching.

The **Morrison church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 23-26, with services at 7 pm. Garland Elkins will be preaching.