

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(473-8760) Dale Bennett
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Harold Cook
 Reading.....Cory Prince
 Scripture.....Colossians 2:4-10
 Lord's Table (N).....*David Chilton
 (S).....*Rodney Reynolds
 (N).....Tim Gann
 (N).....Jacob Griffin
 (N).....Jason Vandagriff
 (S).....Sam Gillies
 (S).....Shannon Griffin
 (S).....Aiden McVey
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(473-8760) Dale Bennett
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Harold Cook
 Reading.....Tommy Turner
 Scripture.....Acts 20:17-21
 Lord's Table*David Chilton
*Bob Cantrell
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Philip Brock

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsW.C. Chilton
 Lead Singing.....John David Keele
 First Prayer.....Charles Gillies
 Reading.....Allen Hughes
 Invitation.....Harold Cook
 DismissRonnie Prince

Welcome Committee

A.M.Bruce Pryor Family
 P.M.Steve Hillis Family

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers:Brian Moody & Willie Newby
Attend Nursery:.....Denise Prince
Un/Lock Building: .Rodney Maynard/Randy Griffith
Prepare Communion:David & Iona King
Assist with Baptisms:Elaine Hoover & Gail Crouch

Pantry Item:Cake Mix

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....275
 Bible Study211
 P.M. Worship179
 Wednesday Bible Study.....210
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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister)
Herb Rowland
Mildred Kirby
Linda Fults
Stefanie McColloch

In The Hospital:

None known

Sermons For Sunday

AM.....Persuasive Philosophers

PM.....Humility In Service

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of James E. Hines, uncle to our Calvin Rogers and David King. He passed away this past Sunday.

A Cure for Hiccups

The story is told of a lady who walked into a pharmacy and asked the pharmacist if he had a cure for the hiccups. The pharmacist said, "I sure do," and immediately and unexpectedly yelled, "boo!" at the top of his lungs. Well, this nearly scared the lady half to death! She looked at the pharmacist and asked, "Why in the world did you do that?" The pharmacist said, "Because a good scare will rid a person of hiccups." The lady then said, "But I don't have the hiccups. My husband does and he's out in the car!"

Oops! Now there's an illustration of how assumptions can be costly. However, the greatest cost regarding assumptions occur in the spiritual realm. How many people assume they are believing and practicing the things that please God? How many people believe things that they have never bothered to read and study for themselves? How many times do you think God will hear someone say in the day of judgment, "But I thought."

The Bible says to "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:22)

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

Youth News

The **BBYG** is going "home" so to speak. Our **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT** (13th Annual) will be back at *Camp Hy-Lake*. We have so many wonderful memories of SYR at Hy-Lake, especially of those that involve young souls making a decision to be converted or renewed. Our theme for this year is "Passion." Our keynotes will center on the events concerning Jesus betrayed at Gethsemane to Him on the cross. Breakout sessions, however, will take a separate approach, as campers will be taught that having passion is natural, but comes with a huge responsibility. Chapel time will focus on Psalms that show passion for God's Word. Besides all this will be great meals, lights-out singing, The Hy-Lake Games, Kev & the Prince Wake-up Show, and of course the Talent Show (and so much more!) The sign-up sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board. Please read carefully before signing names to the list. An important meeting is scheduled for this Sunday following services.

The next **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** will be February 27th. Please make plans to stick around after services and celebrate our youth with February birthdays.

"REVEREND"

The word "reverend" appears in the KJV and ASV in Psalm 111:9 where it is applied to God. The Psalm says, "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name." The only time the word "reverend" is found in the Bible is in Psalm 111:9. According to Brown-Driver-Brigg's Hebrew Lexicon "reverend" translates the Hebrew word *yare'* and may be defined "to fear, to revere, to be afraid." The one whose name is "reverend" is identified in the text as the same one who sent redemption to his people and commanded his covenant forever, and that one is God.

A very common abuse of this word among religious people is to apply it as a title to mere men (and even women in some cases). Ten reasons are given showing the practice to be wrong.

One, it is wrong to "think of men above that which is written" (1 Cor. 4:6). The apostle said it would constitute being "puffed up one against another."

Two, it is wrong for Christians to "exercise dominion" over other Christians. Jesus said, "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matt. 20:25-27). The word here is *katakuriuo* meaning to "try to show one's authority over" (Barclay M. Newman, p. 94). Students of the organization of the New Testament church will also recognize the practice prohibited in relation to the role of elders who have authority over a local congregation as shepherds but who are not "lords over" God's heritage (1 Pet. 5:3; Heb. 13:7, 17). "Lord's over" translates *katakuriuo*. Christians do not "exercise dominion" or "lord it over" other Christians.

Three, it is wrong for men to assign and wear religious titles even when the motivation for doing so is esteem and respect because Jesus said, "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matt. 23:8-10).

Four, it is wrong for man to call himself God and that is precisely what those taking God's name, "reverend," are guilty of doing. II Thessalonians 2:4 reads, "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Five, it is wrong to refuse to "speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). Those calling themselves by a name applied only to God are guilty of doing just that.

Six, it is wrong for men to set anything into the

church not authorized by the head of the church, Jesus Christ. Paul taught that God set some in the church: Apostles, prophets, and teachers but no "reverend's" (1 Cor. 12:28; cf. also Eph. 4:11).

Seven, it is wrong for men to elevate their doctrines in general and the assigning and wearing of religious titles in particular to the level of God's commandments. Jesus taught, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9).

Eight, it is wrong to refuse to abide in the doctrine of Christ by using the title "reverend." The disciple whom Jesus loved wrote, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (II John 9).

Nine, it is wrong to forsake the apostles' doctrine by wearing the title "reverend." Christians are to "continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42). The apostles' doctrine nowhere authorizes the use of the title "reverend."

Ten, it is wrong to add wearing the title "reverend" to the scriptures because the Bible warns, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18).

He sent redemption unto his people:

He hath commanded his covenant for ever:

Holy and reverend is his name. Psalm 111:9.

~ Gary McDade ~

Brother McDade will be conducting our Gospel Meeting on April 21-24. Look for more articles from him over the next several weeks. The theme of the Gospel Meeting will be: Prepare to Meet Thy God! (Amos 4:12)—that will also be the title of the Sunday morning lesson. Sunday night: "The Man Who Dugged Deep" (Luke 6:46-49); Monday night: The Ark of Safety (1 Peter 3:20-22); Tuesday night: The Man Who Fought Against God (Exodus 5:1-2), and Wednesday night: Things You Wouldn't Expect God to Do (Isaiah 55:8-11).