

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First PrayerKane Maynard
 Reading.....Chris Snow
 Scripture.....Luke 19:9-10
 Lord's Table (N)*Gordon Mayfield
 (S).....*Paul Hurst
 (N).....Jacob Griffin
 (N).....Justin Griffin
 (N).....Steve Hillis
 (S).....Caleb Hughes
 (S).....Jack Keele
 (S).....John David Keele
 SermonTony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Young People Conduct Services

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRodney Reynolds
 Lead SingingJared Mullican
 First PrayerRicky Prince
 Reading.....Keith Chilcutt
 InvitationSteve Hillis
 Dismiss.....Noel Pepper

Welcome Committee

A.M.Tim & Cindy Fisher
 P.M.Youth Group

Bus Driver:Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Ronnie Hoover & Rodney Maynard
 Attend Nursery:Sharon Boles
 Un/Lock Building:Randy Griffith/David Keele
 Prepare Communion:Doris Smith/Missy Biles
 Assist Baptisms:Mary Flatt & Barbara Witt

Pantry Item:Canned diced potatoes

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....335
 Bible Study.....264
 P.M. Worship226
 Wednesday Bible Study.....217
 Contribution.....\$7,963

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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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Sick

At Home:

Jeff Elam
Flossie Warren
Evelyn Northcutt
Bruce Pryor
Marva Hughes (Allen's mother)

In The Hospital:

Carol Barrett - St. Thomas Rutherford
Dennis Eller - Good Samaritan Rehab, 500
Hickory Hollow Terrace, Antioch, TN 37013
Eugene Wilcher - tests Monday at Vanderbilt
Melinda Martin - surgery Thursday
Jerry Cathey (Don's brother) - pacemaker on
Monday at Vanderbilt

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMZacchaeus
Sunday PM.Young Men Conduct Services

Gospel Meeting

Leoni church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on November 13-15 services at 7:00 pm with Ronnie Whittemore on the topic of Premillennialism.

Fall Festival — Thanks!

A special "Thank You" to all those who helped make the Fall Festival a success: Brandon Fuston, Caleb Graves, Marty Boles, Jeff Flatt, Olivia Newby, Willie Newby and the great leader: Dale Bennett.

Youth News

TABS will be at Bybee Branch this Sunday night. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who can help with sandwiches, chips, and/or desserts. Our young men will be conducting services, which means our "younger" young men will have a chance to lead after worship.

The next BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY is November 18th.

Eulogy For Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr. Common Sense

Mr. Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge.)

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well-intentioned and overbearing regulations were set in place: Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Mr. Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. Two stepbrothers, My Rights and Ima Whiner survive him. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

~anonymous~ from bulletingold.com

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Strength

This past week I saw a video of Derrick Henry, running back for the Alabama football team doing squats with 500 pounds of weights. Impressive, to say the least. Then I learned that Leonard Fournette, of the Louisiana State football team was doing squats with 600 pounds of weights. No wonder these two men can run over defenders and drag would be tacklers another 5-10 yards. Of course, these men did not get this strength overnight but the result of hours spent in strength conditioning. The Bible frequently uses athletic metaphors that remind us that the Christian life must be achieved by the same sort of discipline and conditioning (cf. I Corinthians 9:24-26; Hebrews 12:1).

This thought in mind also should remind us of the difference between physical and spiritual strength. A perfect example of this can be seen in the life of Samson. Its difficult to imagine a man with such strength that he could tear apart a lion with his bare hands (Judges 14:6) or killing 1000 men with a jawbone of a donkey (Judges 15:15). Of course, everyone knows that he possessed a great spiritual weakness. He commanded his parent to get him a Philistine woman of Timnah and when they tried to reason with him he responded, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well." (Judges 14:3). Later he again fell prey to the wiles of the wicked woman, Delilah. She was able to coax from him the source of his strength. This provides another valuable lesson for the Christian. Even strong people have areas of vulnerability. The writer of the book of Hebrews expressed it as: "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us..." (Hebrews 12:1). One would be wise to recognize his vulnerabilities and make provision to be on guard in those areas.

God warns against one placing too much confidence in one's physical abilities. "Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord." (Jeremiah 9:23-24). Too often man has learned the hard way that he is not as strong as he believes himself to be. "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." (I Corinthians 10:12). "If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small." (Proverbs 24:10). David spoke of such a one when he wrote, "Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness." (Psalms 52:7).

True strength is derived from God. "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." (Psalms 46:1). "Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, ..." (Psalms 84:5). "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13). What is even more ironic is that God provides the strength to the weak. The Apostle Paul suffered from a "thorn in the flesh" and sought deliverance from it. God's response was: "And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

Imagine again, if you will, the impressive strength and power of these young men. Then consider the frail older gentleman whose body is bent and crippled. Paul said, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16). This one has strength in the "inner man." "that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man," (Ephesians 3:16). As Delilah asked, "Please tell me where your great strength lies..." (Judges 16:6).

~Tony Lawrence ~
