

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
 Lead SingingJeff McVey
 First Prayer.....Willie Newby
 Reading.....Leonard Clemons
 ScriptureJohn 8:32
 Lord's Table (N)*Steve Hillis
 (S).....*Allen Hughes
 (N)Stephen Felty
 (N).....Jacob Griffin
 (N).....Keith Chilcutt
 (S).....Dwight Barrett
 (S).....Micah Lawrence
 (S).....Joe Maynard
 Sermon.... *The Truth Will Set You Free* Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Norman Sain

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
 Lead SingingJeff McVey
 First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard
 Reading.....Ethan Duncan
 Scripture.....Matthew 27:1-2
 Lord's Table*Gordon Mayfield
*Shannon Griffin
 Sermon..... *In Pilate's Hall* Tony Lawrence
 DismissRay Weddington

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsAiden McVey
 Lead SingingJohn David Keele
 First PrayerBobby Ashford
 Reading.....Tim Gann
 InvitationDavid Keele
 Dismiss.....Stanley Clendenon

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Allen & Glenda Hughes
 P.M.....David McColloch Family

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

Ushers:Ken Martin, Justin Randolph, Marc Martin
 Attend Nursery:Vickie Griffith
 Un/Lock Building:Jimmy Cunningham/Dwight Barrett
 Prepare Communion:Rickey & Maggie Hurst
 Assist Baptisms: Elaine Hoover & Gail Crouch

Pantry Item:Instant Potatoes

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....305
 Bible Study250
 P.M. Worship182
 Wednesday Bible Study208
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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	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Sick & Shut-in

At Home:

Doyle Pryor
Juanita Oliver
June Crouch
Bill Brown
Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother) at home with cancer
Lillie Rutledge (following surgery)
Farris Young (following surgery)
Rachel Pepper (Frankie Hobbs granddaughter) - following surgery
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister) - at son's home

In The Hospital:

Randall Fuston (Brandon's father) - St. Thomas West with the flu
Ronnie Hamilton - moved to River Park Rehab #256
Morris Newby (Willie's father) - Raintree
Jacob Connor (friend of Matthew Woodside) - St. Thomas West following stroke

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of June Roberts, sister of our Gail Crouch and Joe Maynard. Her funeral was this past Thursday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Buell Warren, long time member at Bybee Branch. His funeral was this past Saturday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tommy Bonner, good friend of our Zollie Settles. His services are scheduled for this Saturday.

Sermon Topics

Sunday AM.....The Truth Will Set You Free
Sunday PM.In Pilate's Hall

As for me and my
House
we will serve the
Lord

Youth News

H.E.Y. and **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** are this Wednesday night (2/22.)

The next **NHC DEVOTIONAL** is this Thursday (2/23.) We will begin at 6:30 and finish around 7:00. Please come join us.

The keynote addresses will incorporate Biblical principles from the lives of Superman, Batman, and Captain America. The Bible classes will teach on Superhero characteristics such as courage, a strong moral code, a high tolerance for pain, a sense of responsibility, a willingness to fight, and extraordinary (supernatural) powers by looking at the lives of Biblical people that exemplified these traits. (Taught by Alumni!) The chapel talks will center on Spiderman and Daredevil. (Given by BBYG seniors!) The singing will be inspirational (especially the Light's Out Singing!) as we sing all the favorites. Yes, certain kids will be escorted to a "box." Games of various challenges and skills will be played. The food will be soooooo delicious and filling! Oh, and let's not forget the Talent Show. These activities and events are but some of the amazing things that will be taking place from March 17 to 19 at Camp Hy-Lake for **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT**. The lodge will house 30 boys and 30 girls and truly is starting to fill-up. Please don't wait to register. Remember: Everyone that plans to spend the weekend MUST complete a Registration Form (youth group & friends, Alumni, or any other chaperones/adults.) March 5th is the cut-off, but you do NOT have to wait till then. Register now!!!!

Don't forget that our **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** is April 27-30 and we are headed to Charlotte, NC. Among the many things we will be doing is hiking at Chimney Rock Park, white water rafting at the United States White Water Rafting Center (where the Olympians train!), and some of the best roller coasters you will ever ride at Paramount Carowinds. The trip is for high school youth and friends. This will be a most excellent 4 days and 3 nights of adventure. See me for registration.

"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:

Wed. 3/1 Combined Bible Class
Sun. 3/5 Bible Bowl
Sun. 3/12 Pew Packers
Sun. 3/12 Home Devotional
Wed. 3/15 SYR Fire-Up!

The Christian's Self-Image

Addressing His disciples, Jesus declared: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24 NKJV). Although our Lord's words are not hard to understand, genuine application is rarely found in a culture where individuals seek to draw rather than divert attention. This failure is easily explained, for many live with a sense of entitlement. Instead of appreciating the need to be selfless and subsequently devoted to following Jesus, individuals openly emphasize (and perhaps embellish) their accomplishments, abilities and status in an effort to gain a following. Sadly, this is just the opposite of what Jesus desires. He did not embrace the self-important; but He did proclaim: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).

Developing the humility required to be counted among the "poor in spirit," or the resolve to deny one's selfish desires and interests in favor of following Jesus, is a requirement for Christians. Even so, this is easier said than done in a culture increasingly given to self-promotion. In part, this is because priorities are misaligned. Being the recipient of service is valued over serving; obtaining what one wants is glamorized, especially if those things somehow make the person appear superior to others. Attention, or more appropriately, the acceptance and validation mass attention brings, is the goal, regardless of the price.

Self-promotion is a ubiquitous tool in the quest for acceptance on social media platforms. Individuals tend to post only things that draw rave reviews and secure many "likes." If virtual approval does not come as quickly (or as broadly) as anticipated, the individual wonders why. This potentially leads to the creation of a new, hopefully more popular, persona. But rather than bringing satisfaction, such only cements the process of self-absorption.

Authenticity is replaced by fantasy, or at the very least, an edited and dressed-up version of reality. Lies are promoted in order to gain likes. This

quest for approval never ends. Like the wise man, who looked for meaning in life in a variety of physical pursuits (cf. Ecclesiastes 2:11), the one who constantly requires affirmation from others will ultimately experience only emptiness and frustration. All the while, jealousy and loneliness lurk near by.

Only when one adheres to the instructions of Jesus in Matthew 16:24 will true satisfaction result. We must join Augustine (354-430 A.D.), who in his *Confessions* famously acknowledged to God: "Our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you." A biblical self-image is only developed by following the advice of the wise man: "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

~ Chad Ramsey ~

Chad will be conducting our Gospel Meeting this year on April 9-12

"Getting Through the Valleys of Life"

We find ourselves sometimes close to God and at other times distant, sometimes disciplined and at other times lax, sometimes taking our faith seriously and other times unaware that there is a battle, and sometimes fighting temptation and at other times giving in. In those low times we may even forget our own souls and that there is a lost and dying world out there that needs the gospel of love and grace.

We must be careful not to be lulled into spiritual sleep, to allow our souls to drift from the message we have heard (Hebrews 2:1). The gospel is a message of good news that refreshes the heart and life. Let us not grow weary in doing good, for we know that we shall reap in due season, if we faint not (Galatians 6:9).

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