

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead SingingJeff McVey
 First PrayerTim Gann
 ReadingDavid Chilton
 ScriptureI Samuel 20:18
 Lord's Table (N).....*Willard Dunlap
 (S).....*Herb Rowland
 (N).....Dwight Barrett
 (N).....David Roberts
 (N).....Steve Smith
 (S).....Jeff Templeton
 (S).....Jason Vandagriff
 (S).....Garrett Woodside
 Sermon*The Empty Seat* Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead SingingJeff McVey
 First PrayerAllen Hughes
 ReadingTommy Crouch
 ScriptureHosea 7:8
 Lord's Table*Doug Hendrixson
*Rodney Reynolds
 Sermon.....*A Cake Not Turned* Tony Lawrence
 DismissWillie Newby

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsKelly Thaxton
 Lead SingingJared Mullican
 First PrayerDavid Keele
 Reading.....Larry Flatt
 InvitationJamie Brock
 DismissEddie Palmer

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Chris Snow Family
 P.M.Bruce & Susan Pryor
 Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

If you cannot serve, please contact David Keele (273-5566)

Ushers:Rickey Hurst, Gordon Mayfield, Marc Martin
 Attend Nursery:.....Amy Prince
 Un/Lock Building:.....Jeff Templeton & Don Griffith
 Prepare Communion:Andrews Family
 Assist Baptisms: Jean Ware & Kara Fuston

Pantry Item:Green Beans

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M.Worship.....309
 Bible Study264
 P.M.Worship203
 Wednesday Bible Study.....* Snow * 95
 Contribution.....\$6,683

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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

At Home:

Jack Keele
Susan Pryor
Willie Holmes
Dennis Gann (requests no visitors at this time)
Ella Mae Holloway (Maggie's mother)

In The Hospital:

Deborah Gann - surgery Monday at St. Thomas Rutherford
Clara Scott - NHC #118 for rehab
Bill Brown - NHC #105
Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father) - to have pacemaker implanted on Tuesday at St. Thomas Rutherford
Dorothy Solomon (Zollie's sister) - St Thomas West
Ann Bennett (sister of Mary Ashford) - surgery at St. Thomas Rutherford

Proposed New Deacons

This past Sunday morning the elders placed the names of three men before the congregation to serve as deacons. They are: Randall Gann, Herb Rowland, and David McColloch. If you have a Scriptural reason why you believe any one of these men may not serve then you are asked to submit that in writing to one of the elders by February 3. If no Scriptural objections are presented they will be installed on Sunday, February 4.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- January 28 - Home Devotional @ Templeton's
- January 31 - Birthday Wednesday
- February 4 - Bible Bowl Matthew 21-24
- February 11 - Pew Packers
- February 18 - Home Devotional @ Paul & Kara's
- February 23-25 - YES Weekend Valdosta, Ga (Please Sign Up On Bulletin Board)

NHC Devotional & Singing:

January 25th at 7 pm. Please join us for a short devotional and song service.

Youth News

Fire Station Lunch:

We had a GREAT turnout for this event. After learning about being a servant the youth provided lunch to our local fire departments. We had over 50 people show up to show their support and to show thanks to our first responders. A special thanks to everyone that contributed food and drinks and desserts. We were also able to invite them to services and leave them DVD's and other information about the Lord's Church. The elders also allowed us to give each station a Bible. I want to say thank you to all the youth and parents that participated in this event!

YES Weekend February 23-25 in Valdosta, Ga:

This is your LAST week to sign up for YES weekend. This is a great youth rally for middle schoolers, high schoolers, college, and even adults. I need to make arrangements for our hotel rooms and for our travel. Please see me on how to pay for this trip. I highly encourage anyone to go, you will benefit spiritually. I will be registering us on January 29th. Please see me for any questions that you might have.

Spring Youth Retreat March 16-18:

Please sign up if you want to come, I also need to know what size shirt you wear. Please invite one of your friends to come and make sure to put them down on the sign up sheet. I hope you are making arrangements and plan on attending. I have to place my food order and t-shirt order 3 weeks in advance to be able to have them done in time for our Retreat. That is why I need you to sign up and pay before February 18.

Would You Be Interested?:

With all the craziness in the world today, I (Aaron) was thinking of starting up a daily/weekly encouragement text. It would be something encouraging, inspirational, or a good scripture to get you through the week. If you would be interested in getting these messages please send/give me your cell phone number and I will add you to the group. (678-882-2455) Aaron's number

Mission Trip:

Please consider supporting our mission trip this year to Nicaragua. Please give your money to Aaron or one of the Elders. We are still in need of funds. Thank You!

Stop Complaining

The story is told of a circus owner walking into a restaurant and seeing everyone crowded around a table. On the table was an upside down pot that had a duck tap dancing on top of it. The circus owner was so impressed that he offered to buy the duck from its owner and after some negotiations he agreed to pay \$10,000 for the duck and the pot.

Three days later the circus owner returned to the restaurant in anger demanding his money be returned. He told the restaurant owner that his duck was a rip off because he had put him on that pot before an audience and he had not danced one bit. It was then that the duck's former owner asked him if he had remembered to light the candle under the pot.

While that may be one reason someone would put a lighted candle under a pot; that is not really what candles are for. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that candles are meant to be used to provide light to all who are in the house. That is what a light source is for, to provide illumination in the dark.

In like manner, our lives as Christians were intended not to be hidden under a pot, but rather to shine before all men so that they may see clearly the way to our heavenly Father. We are supposed to be a positive influence on all those around us—Mt.5:13-16. The problem is that at times we spend too much time complaining and grumbling about life's circumstances that our lives are anything but a shining light to those around us.

In an appropriate text for this time of year, the Apostle Paul exhorts us "to do ALL things without complaining/grumbling and disputing." (Ph.2:14). It is the complaining part that I want to focus on today. Paul says to "do all things without complaining" so that we might become blameless and without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse world. And to "do all things without complaining" so that our lives might serve as a shining light to those living in darkness.

Jesus said, "We are the salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Thus, all of us whether we realize it or not, have a degree of influence in the lives of others. We are all being watched by others who see what we do and hear what we say, especially if they know we are professing Christians. The question then

is not are we influencing others; it is how are we influencing others? How is the way I live life, specifically when it comes to how I deal with less than pleasant circumstances, affecting those around me?

What Paul says in essence is that our light or influence is enhanced or diminished by the way we deal with life's circumstances. How do you react to daily life and living? Life has its share of difficulties and hardships for all men; do we grumble, complain and look to find fault? Or do we, as Paul elsewhere exhorts, "rejoice always", "giving thanks in all things"—Phil.4:4, 1 Thess. 5:18. The manner in which we influence others depend upon how we answer this question.

What does it say to an unbelieving world when Christians are no better at handling the challenges of life without complaining than they are? It says that our relationship with God through His Son doesn't really have the positive effect in our lives that we claim it does. So regardless of what life throws at you "do all things without complaining" and you just might be the light that leads some lost soul out of the darkness.

~ Brian Mitchell ~

Try Harder

I'm convinced that many of us may not resist the temptation to sin as we should. It's not that we want to sin, for we don't. It's just that when temptation crosses our path, we don't fight it as though we were in a life or death struggle. We may resist, but the resistance is only token.

Not long ago, a friend of mine gave a lecture in which he raised the question, "What if every time we sinned, an ugly scar appeared upon our face? How much harder would we resist sin? Good question. None of us would like to have our faces scarred. Scars to our faces would be embarrassing, affecting our relationships and our behavior. I'm sure we would tenaciously fight the temptation of sin if succumbing meant a big scar on our faces.

You see where I'm going, right? Why should we fight harder to preserve our temporal flesh than we would to preserve our eternal soul? The fact that we can't see the scars sin leaves upon us doesn't mean they're not there. Friends, resist the temptation to sin, using not just a token resistance before you succumb, but a persistence that reflects a life and death struggle.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~