

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead SingingPaul Hurst
 First PrayerStanley Clendenon
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff
 Scripture.....Colossians 3:16-17
 Lord's Table (N)*Don Sullivan
 (S)*Bobby Ashford
 (N)Robert Elam
 (N)Rodney Maynard
 (N)Mitchell Ferrell
 (S).....Caleb Graves
 (S)Justin Griffin
 (S)Clent Kesey
 Sermon..... *Music To God's Ears* Tony Lawrence
 DismissLarry Flatt

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead SingingPaul Hurst
 First PrayerRandy Griffith
 Reading.....Danny Duncan
 Scripture.....Ephesians 6:14-20
 Lord's Table*Shannon Griffin
*Jeff McVey
 Sermon*Christian Warrior* Tony Lawrence
 DismissKane Maynard

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsDavid Keele
 Lead SingingJared Mullican
 First PrayerKurt Maynard
 Reading.....Norman Sain
 Invitation.....Tim Fisher
 DismissBrandon Fuston

Welcome Committee

A.M.Jimmy & Iva Cunningham
 P.M.Norman & Barbara Sain
 Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

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

Ushers: ..David McColloch, Eddie Palmer, Herb Rowland
 Attend Nursery:Delanie Sullivan
 Un/Lock Building:Jamie Brock/Kane Maynard
 Prepare Communion:Sarah King
 Assist Baptisms: Susan Pryor & Almetia Jones

Pantry Item:Pancake Mix

Elder Closing Remarks: Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship295
 Bible Study.....211
 P.M. Worship.....204
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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:

Anna Lee Blair (Bruce Pryor's aunt)
Penny Keele - outpatient surgery was on Monday
Roberta Parmley
Clifford Markum (father of Tina Lance)

In The Hospital:

Ricky Prince - surgery Thursday at Erlanger
Heather Gann - St. Thomas Midtown
Kathy Bouldin (Glenda Hughes' sister) - St. Thomas West ICU
Jerry Cathey (Don's brother) - NHC????
Dennis Eller - Parkwest Medical Center-Knoxville
Carolyn Cantrell - River Park

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Marilyn Ayers, sister of our Stanley Clendenon. She passed away on Sunday morning. Arrangements are incomplete but her body is at Highs.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Heather & Lynn Gann on the birth of a baby girl, Stella Mae Gann, born Sunday evening at 10:38. She weighed 2 pounds 5 ounces. 14 inches. Being born at 29 weeks she is expected to be in the NICU for approximately 5-6 more weeks.

VBS Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting on Sunday, May 20, following the evening services for VBS. The date for our VBS this year will be July 9-11 with the theme Great Characters of the New Testament.

Gospel Meetings.

- Old Philadelphia, May 6-11, different speakers
- Findlay, May 6-9, with Don Blackwell
- Mount View, May 13-16, with David Lipe
- New Union May 13-16, with Gary Hampton
- Oak Grove, May 20-24, with Bill Boyd

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events:

- May 12 - Service Project for Law Enforcement Officers
- May 13 - Pew Packers Class
- May 20 - Home Devotional @ Jeff & Dachele McVey's House

Service Project for our Sheriff's Officers

We will meet at the building at 11:00am on May 12 to draw the officers a picture or write a note of encouragement. Then around 11:30 we will head to the Sheriff's office. I am hoping that an officer with the K9 will be available that day. If he is we will get to meet the dog and see how they train the dog and possibly see the inside of a sheriff's car.

Pew Packers Class:

We will meet this Sunday at 5pm. We will study the book of Exodus this month.

Home Devotional:

Please make plans to attend the Home Devotional at the McVey's house. I have heard that Dachele can make some pretty and tasty desserts. Maybe we can convince her to make some for the devotional wink wink...

Short Mountain Bible Camp:

We have decided to go July 15-20. So please make sure to sign your children up. I am going to try and come and visit a few times while our kids are at camp. Your child must be 9 years old in order to attend camp.



The Scourge Of Secularism

What is "secularism"? Collins English Dictionary defines it as "a system of social organization and education where religion is not allowed to play a part in civil affairs." The American Heritage Dictionary defines it as "the view that religious consideration should be excluded from civil affairs and public education." "Secularism" is impacting America! We know that there are powers, overtly and covertly, working to remove all references to and influences of "religion" from our society. The Bible is not allowed in our schools. Evolution is touted; creation is mocked. Every form of immorality is promoted; morality is belittled. Situation ethic reigns supreme; biblical morality is called "a thing of the past." "You have your truth and I have my truth." "There are no absolutes!" "Everyone is right; no one is wrong." "Everything is right; nothing is wrong." Therefore, "every man does what is right in his own eyes" (Deuteronomy 12:8).

The toxicity of "secularism" is destroying the America we love. Our society is becoming more "secular" all of the time. Many now call our country "a Post-Christian Nation." Most religious organizations (churches) are in decline. Membership, attendance and involvement are down. How bad is it? The Barna Group recently published these facts:

- 1) "Nearly two-fifths of the nation's adult population (38%) now qualifies as post-Christian..."
- 2) "In other words, in spite of our 'Christian' self-descriptions, more than one-third of America's adults are essentially secular in belief and practice."
- 3) "Twenty years ago two-thirds of churchless Americans (65%) were open to being invited to church by a friend. Today, that percentage has slipped to less than half (47%)."
- 4) "Church-going is slowly but incontrovertibly losing its role as a normative part of American life."
- 5) "When the unchurched were asked to describe what they believe are the positive and negative contributions in America, almost half (49%) could not identify a single favorable impact of the Christian community..."
- 6) "The younger the generation, the more post-Christian it is. Nearly half of the Millennials (48%) qualify as post-Christian..." (www.barna.com/research/five-trends-among-the-unchurched/)

How is the "secularization" of America affecting the Lord's church? Many of our congregations are admittedly in decline, in membership and attendance. Church growth is more than a challenging in a society saturated with religious indifference. While we are alarmed, we must stay the course! We must hold to the truth, faithfully proclaim and live it!

One of the most troubling things is how "secular" many members of the church have become. For example, when given the choice between attending a ball game, a concert, a family reunion or a recital instead of being at worship, it is "no problem" for those who are "secular." Tell them that they are "secular," not "spiritual," and they will become angry! But it is true! Merriam-Webster defines "secularism" as "indifference to or rejection or exclusion of religion and religious consideration." When one is indifferent to, rejects and/or excludes the will of God things of the world, he or she is secular! "Secular" is just another name for "worldly." Are you seeking "first" the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33)? We need to stifle this terrible scourge!

~ Dwight Fuqua ~