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Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Chris Snow
Reading	Jason Vandergriff
	Matthew 14:26-29
	Norman Sain
Sermon	Derrick Stiles
Dismiss	Tim Fisher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Jacob Graves
Scripture	2 Peter 1:20-21
Lord's Table	Tim Gann
	Tucker Gann
Sermon	Gary McDade
Dismiss	Tony Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	VBS
First Prayer	
Reading	VBS
Invitation	
Dismiss	VBS

Record for the Week...

A.M.Worship	177
Bible Study	130
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	83
Contribution	\$6814

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093

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Assist Baptisms:	•
Pantry Item:	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Check Pantry:	Stephanie McColloch
Check Kitchen:	Marsha Collins
Check Workroom:	Kara Fuston
Video	Caleb Graves
Elder Closing Remarks	Leonard Clemons

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Sunday AM & PM	Danny Duncan
Wednesday PM	Stan Hillis

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Bruce Pryor

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Jeff Flatt

Tim Gann

Josue Castorena (Hispanic)

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Sick

Surgery:

Corretta Lawrence - July 9th St. Thomas Rutherford Susan Pryor - July 10 St. Thomas West

At Home:

Goodie Webb (Susan Pryor's aunt) Maggie Hurst Lottie Ward Glenda Ferrell

Hospital/Nursing Home:

Daniel Schilinger - Willow Branch #308

Upcoming Area Events

Spencer church of Christ will host their VBS on July 13-16.

Hebron church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on July 13-17. Guest Speaker Jonathan Burns.

New Union church of Christ will host a Friday night singing on July 18.

Mt. Leo church of Christ will host their one day VBS on July 19. Derrick Stiles and Cody Boston will presided over a one day forum style lectureship.

Rock Island church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on July 20-23. Guest Speaker Carey Terry.

Arlington church of Christ will host their VBS on July 20-23.

lvy Bluff church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on July 20-24. Guest Speaker Ben Bailey.

Browntown church of Christ will host a ladies day on August 9th. Guest Speaker Gina Alexander Greenlee. Findlay church of Christ will host a Christian Conference on August 8-10. Derrick Stiles to speak at the 10am session on Saturday morning.

East End church of Christ will host a Summer Series each Sunday night from July 6th through August 17. Theme: 'Armor of God.'

Our Deepest Sympathy...

To the family of Serese Brock. Sister Brock passed away on July 5th at NHC. She was a member of the Piney church of Christ. Her services were held at Layne funeral home in Spencer, Tn. on Thursday July 10.

THANK YOU!

The annual Ice Cream Fellowship was a huge success. Thank you to all who prepared ice cream and snacks. As well as those who made preparations for the fellowship. Your hard work and devotion does not go unnoticed!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is rapidly coming on July 14-16 with the theme Great Characters of the Old Testament. A planning meeting has taken place and preparation is in motion. Anyone who is willing to teach or assist can still volunteer. See Brandon Fuston or Derrick Stiles.

Summer Series: Gary McDade

This Sunday evening is the seventh night of our Summer Series with the theme: "Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth." The seventh lesson will be presented by brother Gary McDade on 'Interpreting Prophecy.' Brother McDade comes to us from Browns Ferry Road church of Christ in Chattanooga, Tn.

"All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Can You Know?

"Who really knows what the Bible means? Everybody has his own interpretation of it." If this is true, then why don't we see this as a big problem in the New Testament?

The first Christians had no trouble understanding baptism. They knew they were baptized to be saved. When Peter said to repent and be baptized to be forgiven of sins (Acts 2:38), the Jews didn't argue, "That's not how we've heard it. We believe we are baptized to show we've already been saved." We read of no such misinterpretation because the people just accepted the Word for what it said.

The early churches had no problem understanding their duty to assemble for worship on the first day of the week. This "assembly" was a given for James' readers. He didn't have to prove it was necessary or explain what it was (James 2:2). When the writer said not to forsake this assembly like some (Heb. 10:25), his readers knew what he meant. Paul wrote about the Corinthians "coming together" (I Cor. 5:4; 11:17-34; 14:23-26), but they didn't ask, "What kind of gathering is he talking about?" They knew what their duty was.

Members of the church in the first century had no difficulty understanding the observance of the Lord's Supper. They knew which foods were to be used. They realized how and when and why it was given even though they sometimes abused it through their selfish pride (I Cor. 11:17-34). When Paul wrote Ephesians, Colossians, and other epistles he made no mention of the Lord's Supper. Why? They understood it. How was that possible if the Bible is so open to various interpretations that they couldn't know what it meant?

Someone may say, "Yes, but those Christians did misinterpret the word of God sometimes. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and they misapplied what he said according to I Corinthians 5:9-11." That is true, but Paul cleared up their misunderstanding in those verses and the church at Corinth got the message and did what Paul told them to do (I Cor. 5:10-11; II Cor. 2:1-10). Those people were human just like us. They didn't always understand perfectly what they read the first time, but with patience and effort they did.

When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he said, "When ye read, ye may understand" (Eph. 3:3-4). How could the Christians there have understood this letter if it could have been interpreted in different ways and no one could be sure what it taught? Notice also that Paul said they could understand the words he wrote by *reading* them. They didn't have to get a priest, a bishop, or a pope to tell them what it said. They could read it for themselves and know what it meant.

Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth." (John 8:32). His promise is true for us today. We should be humble as we read the Bible, but we should not let people confuse us.

Derrick Stiles

The Great Inheritance

(1 John 3:1; Romans 8:14-16)

Oh what a wonderful blessing, To have the Lord's love on me and you! To be called the children of God. And to this we know it is true. All being led by the Spirit, Then the sons of God are we. We did not receive the spirit of bondage, But by adoption we have been set free. We cry out, "Abba Father!" The Spirit then bears witness indeed. We are no longer children of the world, But off-spring of the Lord's good seed. If then we are God's children. Then heirs of the Lord are we. As heirs then joint heirs with Christ Jesus, And the glory of heaven we'll see!

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