

Those To Serve
Sunday, February 21, 2021

A.M. Prayers
Opening: Phil Fugett
Closing: Butch Minyard

P.M. Prayers
Opening: Chip Philips
Closing: Jim Case
Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021

Singing: Johnny Knabe
Devotional: Bill Cline

The Record:

Attendance:
Sunday, February 14, 2021
AM 40 PM No service
[Average for the Year]
AM [45] PM [41]

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021
No service
[Average for the Year] [39]

Contribution:
Sunday, February 14, 2021
\$ 1,997.00
[Year-to-Date] \$ 15,441.00
[Average] \$ 2,205.86



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Sermon Topics for February 21, 2021

A.M.—We Are Able
P.M.—Fear Not, I Am with You

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35-40

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday A.M. Worship: 10:00
Sunday P.M. Worship: 5:00
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 PM

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Message from Bill:

We Are Able

Sometimes we make the same mistake as James and John did in Mark 10:35-40 by thinking we are able to do some things even when we do not know what they are. They wanted to sit on the right and left hand of Christ when He came into His kingdom (Mark 10:37,40; Matt. 20:21), but they did not understand the nature of Christ's kingdom or the price they would have to pay to be faithful to it. They asked for something Christ could not give when they asked for a place on His right hand or left because it was not Christ's to give. But Christ then asked them if they could drink from the cup He would drink from, and they said, "We Are Able." History shows they indeed would be able. James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa for preaching Christ in Acts 12, and John found himself exiled on the Isle of Patmos for preaching Christ (Rev. 1:9). As Christians, we like them, can be able with the help of God and Christ.

We are able to overcome temptations and the sufferings and trials of life. All of us face temptations to sin, and we must understand the anatomy of temptation and sin found in James 1:13-15. Christians must also understand that God has always provided a way of escape from those

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temptations and trials (1 Cor. 10:13), and like He delivered Noah and Lot, He can deliver us as well (2 Peter 2:4-9). Likewise, we can, like Paul learned, overcome temptation and trials by understanding that God's grace is sufficient for us (2 Cor. 12:9). Remember the words of Peter in 1 Peter 5:7, “. . . casting all your care [anxieties] upon Him, for He cares for you.”

We are able to fulfill what God asks of us with His help.

Paul in Romans 12:3-8 taught by implication that every Christian has a role to fill in the body of Christ. As a Christian, you need to find your place in the body, and your place is more than just filling a pew. God has something for you to do. Now, we can be like the one talent man and bury our ability to serve God or fail to grow what He has given us because of the fear of failure (Matthew 25:25), or we can, like Joshua and Caleb did, rise up to the task before them with God's help (Num.13:20-31). The early Christians rose to the occasion and spread the gospel to the known world at that time (Col. 1:23). Christians today can teach the lost, regain the fallen, strengthen the faithful, but only when they give their effort, their time, their money, and themselves to the Lord and one another. Why? Because they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them (Phil. 4:13) and by the help of God (2 Cor. 9:8).

We are able to imitate God and Christ by following Their example. It is possible to imitate [mimic] God and Christ (Eph. 5:1). Paul was able to tell people to imitate him as he imitated Christ (1 Cor. 4:16; 1:1). Peter said that Christ left us an example to follow and that we should walk in the footsteps of Christ (1 Peter 2:20-22). Listen to Peter's words in 2 Peter 3:18: “. . . but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.” With the help of God and Christ, we can become like them. We are able!!

We are able to face the finality of life and the certainty of death calmly and joyfully with God's help. Death does bring great sorrow to our hearts. However, if one dies in Christ, those who remain can sorrow, but sorrow with hope (1 Thess. 4:13-14). There is hope as the old spiritual song used to say “In That Great

Gettin' Up Mornin',” when those in Christ can be reunited with those who have gone on before and with Christ Himself (1 Thess. 4:15-18). Christians are able to face death or the second coming of Christ as Paul and the early church did (Phil. 1:21-23; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Rev. 22:20). Christians do not have to face death or the coming of Christ in fear.

Can you say you are able to do things because you are in Christ? God and Christ can enable you to do what they ask you to do, if you obey them and yield your lives to them.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Gary Goodman** has pneumonia but is doing better. **Hannah Cupp's** checkup at Vanderbilt has been rescheduled for March 1.

Sympathy Extended: Scott Kelly's mom Sue Kelly passed away on Sunday, February 14. Arrangements are not known at this time. We extend our deepest sympathy to Scott and his family. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Beverly Altman, Bonita Bangs, Betty Coles, Victoria Covington, Carol and Donald Duncan, Nancy Duncan, Faellen Hill, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Joel and Lou Massey, Willene McGuffey, Caley Miller, Jim and Dalton Philips, Jennifer Sexton, Morgan Stephens, Zula Taylor, Patsy Thomas, Karen Wells, and Brenda Wren

Children's Home Shopping List: Butterscotch Chips

How Do We Answer?

God said in Isaiah 65: 1- “Here I am. Here I am.” Moses made excuses (Exodus 3 and 4). Gideon said, “Prove it” (Judges 6). Samuel responded, “Speak, for your servant hears” (1 Samuel 3:10). Many Jewish rulers believed but loved human praise more (John 12:42-43). Which brings up the question we began with: “How do we answer?”

Bill David Walker via Bulletin Digest