

Those To Serve
Sunday, July 11, 2021
A.M. Prayers
Opening: Robert Foster
Closing: Chris Ball

P.M. Prayers
Opening: Chester Tate
Closing: Butch Minyard
Singing: Bobby Smithee

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
Singing: Randy Harris
Devotional: Chip Philips

The Record:
Attendance:
Sunday, July 4, 2021
AM 63 PM 37
[Average for the Year]
AM [57] PM [44]

Wednesday, July 7, 2021
43
[Average for the Year] [45]

Contribution:
Sunday, July 4, 2021
\$ 2,473.00
[Year-to-Date] \$ 66,035.00
[Average] \$ 2,445.74



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Sermon Topics for July 11, 2021

**A.M.—What Type of Link Am I:
Missing or Connecting?**

P.M.—Followers of the Lord

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:2-5

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday A.M. Bible Class: 9:00
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:

What Type of Link Are You?

There are different types of links in a chain. There are strong links, weak links, connecting links, and sometimes missing links in a chain. It is said that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Sometimes chains cannot link up because there is a missing link. Picture, if you will, the congregation you belong to as a chain that has various things to carry out. What type of link are you in this chain? Are you a missing or a connecting link?

Are you a missing or a connecting link when it comes to worship? Christians are to assemble to worship God on the first day of the week following the pattern of the New Testament church (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). Paul pointed out that some of the Hebrew Christians were forsaking assembling together even though persecution was coming, and, by missing the assembling, they were robbing themselves of needed edification (Heb. 10:24-25). Worship is also a participatory event. Do you actively participate in every act of worship? It also should be noted that there are those who assemble on Sunday, who, during the week, are guilty of “practical” atheism because they fail to pay God homage or the honor He deserves in their daily lives. Are you a missing

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or a connecting link when it comes to worship?

Are you a missing or a connecting link when it comes to winning souls for the Lord? Jesus was the ultimate example of what a soul winner should be (Lk. 19:10), and He taught that the gospel should be preached to a lost and dying world (Mk. 16:15). Peter and the early Christians taught the gospel in spite of laws against it (Acts 5:29) and persecution (Acts 8:1). Paul wished himself accursed (Rom. 9:3) if it would help him save some and was willing to go to prison and face even death to preach the gospel. Please don't let the words of the song **"You Never Mentioned Him to Me"** become true in your life.

Are you a missing or a connecting link when it comes to helping others? Our attitude in helping others should be as Paul expressed in Ephesians 6:5-8 and Galatians 6:2, 6-10. Christ went about doing good (Acts 10:38). When Christ taught the parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25, what did He use as criteria whether they were saved or lost? Helping others.

Finally, are you a missing or a connecting link when it comes to encouraging and edifying each other? We can edify one another just by our presence in the assembly (Heb. 10:24). Christians live in a world that does not understand them, and the church should be active in encouraging one another, especially when people are going through times of discouragement and distress. We can encourage one another in Bible classes, periods of fellowship, in special events like gospel meetings and V.B.S. and in each others' homes. Christians need other Christians to love and associate with.

There may be other areas to discuss where we are either a missing or a connecting link, but please consider these areas we have discussed. If you need to become a present, connected, or stronger link in the chain of this congregation, then why not start now?

Commit to Commitment

Paul gave young Timothy some great advice concerning commitment to the Lord. It is great advice for us, as well:

Commit to Faithfulness. "This charge I commit to you...

that ...you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience" (1 Tim. 1:18).

Commit to Defending the Truth. "Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge" (1 Tim. 6:20).

Commit to All of the Scriptures. "Hold fast the pattern of sound words...That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us" (2 Tim. 1:13-14)

Commit to Teaching Others. "And the things that you have heard ...commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2)

One last thing to note concerning this commitment to commitment. Paul knew and stated this: "I...am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Tim. 1:12).

Edd Sterchi via Bulletin Digest

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Chester Tate's** surgery went well, and he is home from the hospital. **Ed Hager** fell Monday morning and hurt his back. He is in quite a bit of pain. He saw the doctor on Friday afternoon.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Bonita Bangs, Betty Coles, Victoria Covington, Chelsey DePriest, Fount Foushee, Cotton Fuller, Faellen Hill, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Dalton and Jim Philips, and Patsy Thomas

Children's Home Shopping List: Tea Bags (Decaf)

Ladies Night Out: Ladies Night Out will be at China King on Tuesday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who plan to attend.

Cave City Vacation Bible School: The Cave City Church of Christ will have Vacation Bible School on July 18-21 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. There will be classes for all ages, and Brother Bill Cline will be teaching the adult class each evening.