

Those To Serve
Sunday, November 7, 2021

A.M. Prayers
Opening: Dwayne Millikin
Closing: Butch Minyard

P.M. Prayers
Opening: Chris Ball
Closing: Chip Philips
Singing: Bobby Smithee

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021

Singing: Johnny Knabe
Devotional: Gary Bridgman

The Record:

Attendance:
Sunday, October 31, 2021
AM 56 PM 45
[Average for the Year]
AM [58] PM [43]

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021
43
[Average for the Year] [44]

Contribution:
Sunday, October 31, 2021
\$ 1,963.00
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[Average] \$ 2,416.11



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Thoughts from Bill:

*Retracing Our Steps—Trying to Find Out
About the Holy Spirit*

Today as we retrace our steps, we want to study about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit like the Father and the Son is sometimes hard to comprehend simply because we are asked to believe in what we cannot see, and our knowledge of them is based upon their words found in scripture. This article will focus on a better understanding of the Holy Spirit and His attributes.

We begin by asking this question: What is the Holy Spirit? First of all, the Spirit is not a what or an it, but a who. The Holy Spirit is referred to as "He" and possesses a personality (John 16:7-14). The Holy Spirit is not a feeling that causes someone to obey the gospel or a feeling that comes over someone to prompt them to give some ecstatic, unknown utterance. The Holy Spirit also does not cause someone to teach or to do something that is not in agreement with God's will or eternal plan nor does He force someone to act without their being willing to do so.

The next question we ask is this: Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead (Gen. 1:1-2, 26; 1 John 5:7). The Holy Spirit then possesses the same qualities of God

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Sermon Topics for November 7, 2021

**A.M.—Retracing Our Steps—
Trying to Find Out about the Holy Spirit**
P.M.—Unwavering Faith—Gary Bridgman

Scripture Reading: John 16:14-17

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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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and Christ. He is eternal in nature (Heb. 9:14). He is omnipresent (Psa. 139: 7-10). The Spirit is all-powerful as seen in the fact that He provided the power behind the creation and also gave the apostles the power to perform miracles (Acts 1:8), and He was the power behind the resurrection of Christ (Rom. 8:9-11). The Spirit is all-knowing (1 Cor. 2:10; Rom. 8:27). The Holy Spirit is also everywhere or omnipresent (Psa. 139:7-10). Finally, the Holy Spirit is all-loving (Rom. 15:30).

Again the Holy Spirit is not an “it” or a “what,” but a He. He is part of the Godhead and possesses all of the characteristics of it.

Spiritual Growth

Parents are rightly concerned about the physical development of their children. They will keep a close check on the height and weight of growing children. They will encourage them to eat food that will be healthy and will help them to grow stronger.

Christians of all ages need to be concerned about our spiritual development. There is inspired exhortation for us to grow. In 1 Peter 2:2, the apostle writes, “...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby...” Then, at the end of his second letter, Peter exhorts, “...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18).

How can we make certain we continue to grow spiritually? Here are three requirements:

FOOD. The word of God is our spiritual food. Without it, we will not grow. Hebrews 5:12 pictures some who had not grown due to a spiritual diet that was lacking solid food. This might have been due to no appetite for the filling word. Being able to go for an extended time without Bible study cannot be healthy. It may also indicate a different appetite – for things that destroy rather than build.

EXERCISE. The same verse in Hebrews 5 mentions exercise as a condition of growth. Solid food is for those who have exercised themselves. No athlete would think of avoiding exercise until his muscles become useless. One of the great things about

the Lord’s church is that there is work for all. And, God’s people should all seek to find some way to exercise their abilities.

ENVIRONMENT. Growth can be stunted in the wrong surroundings. Some want clean air but allow themselves to live in a polluted environment with friends who hurt, rather than help. It is still true that: “Evil company corrupts good habits” (1 Cor. 15:33).

Are you growing? The Bible is a spiritual mirror and a way to measure. It will help you to determine if you are growing in zeal, in interest of spiritual truths, and in service.

Allen Hahn via Bulletin Digest

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: Ray England has covid. He is doing better, and his quarantine will end on November 10.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Victoria Covington, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Dalton and Jim Philips, Patsy Thomas, and Harold Wren

Veterans Information: Since Veterans Day is this month, we would like to recognize the veterans of our congregation. If you are a veteran, please let Hannah or Bill know. We would like to know when and where you served our country and in what branch you served. A picture of you in the military would also be welcome. Please have this information to us by November 10.

Elders and Deacons Meeting: There will be an Elders and Deacons Meeting this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. If you have anything to discuss with the elders and deacons, please let them know.

Children's Home Shopping List: Taco/Burrito Mixes
Phone Number Change: Shirley Harris no longer has her home phone number. She can be reached at her cell phone number, which is (870) 834-4324.

Directory Pictures: We are working on having a new directory next year and would like everyone to take new pictures for it. We plan to start taking pictures on Sunday, November 21. More details are to come.