

Southside Church of Christ
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October 17, 2021

Those To Serve

Sunday, October 17, 2021

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Robert Foster

Closing: Butch Minyard

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Chester Tate

Closing: Chris Ball

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Devotional: Bill Cline

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, October 10, 2021

AM 72 PM 44

[Average for the Year]

AM [58] PM [43]

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

32

[Average for the Year] [44]

Contribution:

Sunday, October 10, 2021

\$ 2,236.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 99,781.00

[Average] \$ 2,433.68

Sermon Topics for October 17, 2021

A.M.—Will Your Anchor Hold?

P.M.—Facing Life with the Risen Lord

Scripture Reading: John 6:16-20; Matt. 8:23-26; Heb. 6:19-20

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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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Thoughts from Bill:

Will Your Anchor Hold?

The title of this article is also the title of a song written by Priscilla J. Owens, a public-school teacher of Scotch and Welsh descent who lived from 1829 until 1907. Even though many of her songs were written for children's services, this song speaks to everyone who has navigated the "storms" of life. In our songbooks, this song has five verses, but its older versions, which this article is based on, has only four, and the words are slightly different. However, the chorus and the message are the same: we have an anchor that will hold; our anchor is what God and Christ offer.

The first verse of the song asks, "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?" Life is full of storms like sudden or prolonged illness, sudden financial catastrophe, or perhaps the most devastating, the sudden loss of life. The question about the storms is not if they will come, but when they come and will our anchor hold? The apostles on two occasions were on the sea of Galilee when sudden storms arose (See John 6:16-20; Matt. 8:23-26). What caused them not to sink? You see, it is not a matter of what, but who, because Jesus made the difference on both occasions. Jesus in a sense was their anchor, and this is what the Hebrew

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writer is trying to stress in Hebrews 6:19. Is Jesus your anchor during the storms of life? If so, be assured that your anchor will hold.

The second verse of this song asks, "Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear, when the breakers roar and the reef is near? While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow, shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?" Fear can be a powerful, crippling thing, especially during the storms of life, but those who have God and Christ as their anchor do not need to be afraid (Isa. 41:10; Psa. 56:3; Phil. 4:6-7; John 14:27; Joshua 1:9). Do you have God and Christ as your anchor in life? If so, then your anchor will hold during times of fear.

The third verse of the song asks, "Will your anchor hold in the floods of death, when the waters cold chill your latest breath?" This verse offers a vivid reminder of what awaits all of humanity, with the exception of the saints that are alive at His coming (1 Thess. 4:13-20), and that is death. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, they began their journey towards death. Perhaps this is why Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 7:2, "Better to go to the house of mourning Than to go to the house of feasting, For that is the end of all men; And the living will take it to heart." The writer of the Hebrew letter said in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment . . ." Unless Jesus comes in our lifetime, we all are going to keep our appointment with death. Will our anchor hold when death comes?

The final verse of this song says, "Will your eyes behold through the morning light the city of gold and the harbour bright? Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore, when life's storms are past for evermore?" Once death comes, eternity awaits. There are only two places, as described in Matthew 25, where we can spend eternity. One is heaven, and the other is hell. Our destination will be determined by how we have lived our lives before God and whether or not we obeyed His will. Where will you spend eternity? Will your anchor hold on the eternal shore of heaven?

Today, do you have an anchor as described in the chorus of the song we have discussed? The words are, "We have an

anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!"

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **LaKrista Knabe** will have her tonsils removed on October 20 in Searcy. **Steve, Shelia, and Stacy Millikin** have covid. They received infusions on Tuesday. **Isabelle Swing** has been sick with a stomach bug.

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

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

Children's Home Shopping List: Grape Juice (Bottled)

Reason to Rejoice: Billy Hogan was baptized into Christ on Saturday, October 2. We rejoice with Billy! Let us be an encouragement to him as he begins his walk with Christ.

That Little Extra

At 211 degrees, water is hot. At 212 degrees, it boils. And with boiling comes steam. Steam when channeled correctly can remove stains, kill weeds, disinfect, and can even power an engine. One degree makes all the difference. In the Bible Jesus states, (Matt. 5:40-41), "If someone wants to sue you in order to take your shirt, let him have your coat too. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles."

In this passage Christ is teaching us to yield to service and double it rather than refuse it. If you are called on today to serve, could you do some extra work, give some extra time, or maybe even give an extra smile? It can make a difference. We cannot begin to imagine all God can do when we give that little extra.

Mark T. Tonkery via Bulletin Digest