

Those To Serve

Sunday, June 11, 2023

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Johnny Knabe

Closing: Ray England

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Butch Minyard

Closing: Chris Ball

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Robert Foster

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, June 4, 2023

AM 61 PM 37

[Average for the Year]

AM [54] PM [35]

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

39 [Average for the Year] [37]

Contribution:

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Actual \$ 2,206.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 55,028.00

[Average] \$ 2,392.52

[+/- Budget] \$ (294.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,472.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

Threats to a Life of Faith: Affluence

Luke 18:18-29

Has anything ever threatened your faith in God or your walk of faith as a Christian? It is possible for people to fall away from the faith or to lose their faith in God. Beginning in this week's article and continuing for the next several weeks, I want to consider some threats to a life of faith. This week we look at affluence.

Affluence is defined by the **American Heritage Dictionary** as a plentiful supply of material goods or wealth. The **Dictionary of Bible Themes** defines *affluence* as literally "flowing" with prosperity. Now I know many of you are thinking, preacher, I am certainly not affluent. Would it be a surprise to you that someone living below the poverty level

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Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for June 11, 2023

**A.M.—Threats to a Life of Faith:
Affluence**

P.M.—Paul's Walking Lessons (3)

Scripture: Luke 18:18-29

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 PM

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in the United States is far “richer” than most people in the world. Riches, or mammon as it is called in the Bible, in any amount can separate a person from God if it becomes more important than God Himself. Now it is not a sin to have money or things, but Paul warns that the love of money is the “root of all evil” (1 Tim. 6:10). Now consider these thoughts about affluence.

God wants to bless His people, sometimes with abundance. Consider what He promised the children of Israel while they were in Egypt: He would give them a land that flowed with “milk and honey” (Ex. 3:8). God in Deuteronomy 28:11 promised Israel, “And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.” Jesus taught the following about giving in Luke 6:38: “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” God wants to bless us, but things can and do sometimes come between us and God.

I would like for us to consider some dangers of affluence. First, there is a **false sense of pride** some have because of riches (1 Tim. 6:17). Second, riches **may cause one to rely upon them rather than on God**, and those who do will ultimately fail (Prov. 11:28; Mk. 4:19; Lk.12:16-21). There is also a danger of becoming **overly attached to riches** like the young ruler did in our text. Demas left this world because he loved this present world more than he did God (2 Tim. 4:10). Fourth, **greed** causes some to covet more and more, which is idolatry (Col. 3:5).

Let me share some final thoughts with you concerning affluence and the “things” of life. Affluence and things are **temporary** (1 Tim. 6:7). Affluence is sometimes **lost** and can be lost very quickly as seen in the life of Job. Finally,

earthly affluence in things cannot ever compare to the “wealth” of heaven (Matt. 6:19-20; Lk. 12:33). Heaven will surely be worth it all.

If you lost all of your material possessions today, would you still be rich toward God?

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **David White** has a ruptured disc. **Dana Barber** is in Baptist Hospital in Little Rock.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Pam Bachman, Noel Baldrige, Victoria Covington, Brenda Pollard Davidson, Patsy England, Carol Farrar, Lou Gillihan, Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin and Jane Hudson, Joy Hutson, Melissa Larson, Jane Massey, Lou Massey, Paula Millikin, Glenda Mitchell, Eunice Mize, Dalton Philips, Patsy Thomas, Marilyn Wolford, and Jacob Wright

Elders and Deacons Meeting: There will be an Elders and Deacons Meeting today at 3:30 p.m. If you have anything that needs to be discussed with them, please let them know.

Fair Booth: Thank you to all who helped with the fair booth!

CRC Day: Today is CRC Day. At the end of this morning’s service, we will take up a special collection. Donations will be used to help fund Bible department expenses, including Bible major scholarships, preacher training, Bible educational materials, Bible Lectureship expenses, Bible major field trips, the cost of furnishing multiple Bible classes for all students, and the expenses of CRC’s full-time Campus Ministry program.

Children's Home Shopping List: **HE (High Efficiency) Laundry Detergent**

Visitation Meeting: There will be a Visitation Meeting today after the evening service.

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