

Those To Serve

Sunday, October 22, 2023

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Johnny Knabe

Closing: Ray England

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Robert Foster

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Devotional: Randy Harris

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, October 15, 2023

AM 49 PM 43

[Average for the Year]

AM [58] PM [37]

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

36 *[Average for the Year]* [39]

Contribution:

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Actual \$ 2,160.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 98,618.00

[Average] \$ 2,348.05

[+/- Budget] \$ (13.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (6,208.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

Win the Christian R-A-C-E

Hebrews 12:1-2

One of my favorite passages and analogies concerning the Christian life is found in Hebrews 12:1-2 where the writer compares living the Christian life to running a race. In this lesson, we want to use each letter of the word "race" and discuss four necessary things we must do to win the Christian race.

First, we need to **reach forward with persistence**. The apostle Paul knew the importance of reaching forward and leaving the past in the past. He would write in Philippians 3:13, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead." Many

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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 October 22, 2023

A.M.—Win the Christian R-A-C-E

P.M.—A Study of

2nd Thessalonians—

Will You Be Found Worthy

When Jesus Comes—Chapter 1

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

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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Christians want to live in the past, dwell in the past, and sometimes rest on past accomplishments, instead of putting the past behind them and reaching forward with persistence. Christians who win the Christian race will persistently reach forward toward the prize before them while looking to Jesus.

The next thing one must do to win the Christian race is to **apply themselves with purpose**. Paul in Philippians 3:14 writes, "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Many people find themselves at a standstill because they simply lack purpose in life. Unfortunately, this is the same place in which many Christians find themselves, who just drift aimlessly and fail to grow as Christians. Those in Christ need to constantly take inventory of their spiritual life, identifying their weaknesses and constantly striving to be the kind of Christian that God wants them to be.

Thirdly, to win the Christian race, one must strive to **conquer evil with God's power**. Paul reminded the Romans that they could be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37). The world we live in today is full of sin, and Christians face the obstacles that Satan hurls at them. Satan places temptations in their path, and sometimes they feel overwhelmed and often feel they cannot win against Satan's snares. However, they can with God's help and power, as Paul reminded the church at Corinth that with every temptation there is a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13).

Finally, to win the Christian race, one must **endure hardness with patience**. Paul also likened the Christian life to warfare. He wrote to Timothy and told him to "endure hardship, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3). Christians need to realize who their enemy is and what lengths he, Satan, would go to have them in hell with him (Eph. 6:10-13). Those who win the Christian race are those who will endure to the end (Matt. 24:13).

Christians who win the race will never take their eyes off Jesus, who is standing at the finish line waiting for them.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Bill Coles** will start chemo soon. **Sherry Rounds** will have cataract surgery on her right eye on October 23 and on her left eye on November 6. **Joe Foster**, nephew of Robert and Frances Foster, has colon cancer. It has not spread, but it is advanced. He will have surgery in Batesville on November 3. **Alice Fugett** has breast cancer.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Ed Hager, Shirley Harris, LaKrista Knabe, Paula Millikin, Butch Minyard, Cindy Perkey, David White, and Melissa Wood

Guest Speaker: On November 5, Mike Brooks will be speaking to us.

Elders and Deacons Meeting: The Elders and Deacons Meeting in November will be on November 5 at 3:30 p.m. If you have anything that needs to be discussed with them, please let them know.

Children's Home Shopping List: Tissues (i.e. Kleenex)

Area Ladies Day: Bay Church of Christ will have a Ladies Day on October 28. Laquita Isaacs Williamson will be speaking about Galatians 6:9. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. See the bulletin board for more details.

The Greatest Man

He had no earthly servants, yet they called Him Master.

He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives.