

## Those To Serve

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Robert Foster

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bobby Smithee

Closing: Chris Ball

Singing: Randy Harris

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Devotional: Chris Ball

## The Record:

### Attendance:

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

AM 57 PM 34

[Average for the Year]

AM [55] PM [36]

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

45 [Average for the Year] [38]

### Contribution:

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

Actual \$ 2,438.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 21,564.00

[Average] \$ 2,396.00

[+/- Budget] \$ (62.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (936.00)

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## Thoughts from Bill:

*Striving to Please God*

*2 Corinthians 5:9-11; 1 Thess. 3:11-4:2*

Everyone seeks to please someone. It is just human nature, but for God's people it is a necessity that they seek to be pleasing to the Father as indicated in the text for this article. In this article we want to explore being pleasing to God.

Martin Manser in the *Dictionary of Bible Themes* writes the following about being pleasing to God: "An essential aspect of the life of believers that is more than a matter of external observance, but a total heartfelt commitment to God." It is important for Christians to realize this, especially as they go about living the Christian life. External observances, including the acts of

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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 March 10, 2024

**A.M.—Striving to Please God**

**P.M.—A Study of Philippians—**

**I Chose to Live and Suffer for**

**Christ—Phil. 1:19-30**

**Scripture: 2 Cor. 5:9-11;**

**1 Thess. 3:11-4:2**

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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corporate worship, mean little if the participant's heart is not right with God or if they are not totally committed to God.

Let us now turn our consideration to *what is involved in pleasing God*. First, one must realize that *pleasing God is a command*. The word *acceptable* in Romans 12:1,2 means *pleasing* and, in this case, it means pleasing to God. The same is true in Ephesians 5:10 where Paul says Christians are to find out what is pleasing or acceptable to the Lord. Paul again teaches the necessity of pleasing God in 2 Corinthians 2:9; Colossians 1:10; and 1 Thessalonians 4:1. Second, it *is more important to please God than to please people*. Christians, like Paul, have been entrusted with the gospel and are to speak not to please men, but God (Gal. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:4). Third, as stressed earlier, *pleasing God involves inward attitudes, not simply external observance*. David in Psalms 51:16,17 spoke of the importance of an attitude of a broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart as being more pleasing to God than a sacrifice. Christ pointed out that worship needs to involve both spirit and truth (Jn. 14:23-24). The word spirit in verse 23 conveys an attitude of heart that acknowledges God's sovereignty in our lives.

As we conclude this article, I leave you an example of someone who lived to please God, and this is Christ, God's only begotten Son. Christ's purpose in life was to be well-pleasing to God (Jn. 8:29). Everything He did was done to the glory of the Father and in response to His will (Jn. 5:30). What was the result? The answer is found in these verses: Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5; and 2 Peter 1:17. Do we, like Christ, live to be pleasing to God?

Remember one day we will give an account to God; will He find us pleasing to Him?

## *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Jerry Bowen** had an epidural in his neck this past Thursday. **Bill Coles'** radiation implant went well. He must stay in for a few days and not be around people. **Bill Cline's** cataract surgery went well. **Eunice Mize's** eye is still not clearing up like it should after her cataract surgery. She will see her doctor on March 14.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Haden Davis (soldier deployed to Israel), Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Paula Millikin, Lavon Rogers, and Charles Thomison (Michelle Knabe's father)

**Visitation Meeting:** This month's Visitation Meeting will be today after the evening service.

**Let's Eat:** This month's Let's Eat will be on Tuesday, March 12 at El Palenque in Southside at 5:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to attend.

**Children's Home Food Truck:** The Children's Home food truck will come on Monday, March 18. If you have any items for the Children's Home, please have them here by next Sunday.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** **Velveeta Cheese**

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

**Gospel Meeting:** Our Spring Gospel Meeting will be April 5-7. Our guest speaker will be Kenny Townsley from Cave City Church of Christ. He will be speaking on the topic of "Getting in God's Way." There are flyers on the table in the back. Please take some to invite others to our meeting.

**2 Corinthians 5:9**—Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.